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FROM THE DIRECTOR...

If your youth ministry were a rollercoaster, where are you on the ride?

1) Standing in Line
This can be the most boring part of the ride--but it is also necessary. Use this time to PREPARE your parish and youth for the "ride": Build your leadership team (adults and youth); host a youth summit; plan a 3 or 9 month calendar; raise some money. Make time your friend!

2) Climbing to the top of the first big hill
The key word here is ANTICIPATION. Once you've taken care of the prep work, hopefully all will be anxious to get things going. Use this time to PROMOTE your ministry and build MOMENTUM and excitement. This is a great time to offer a BIG event to kick-off several months of plans. Once you hit the top of the hill, there is no turning back!

3) Down and Up and Down again
This can be the most fun, if you remember that there will be ups and downs and turns along the way. Don't be too influenced by successes or failures. Your ministry "ride" will contain both elements. You are there to enjoy it *with* the youth, and to BUILD RELATIONSHIPS in our Lord, Jesus Christ. (If the Spirit moves you, you can throw your arms in the air and scream with delight!)

Blessings,
Chris Edmonds

PLEASE NOTE:

The Adult Youth Ministry Leaders' Retreat scheduled for June 12-13 has been CANCELLED due to lack of response.

In the near future, a survey will be sent to you via email for input on the best time to offer this retreat in the future. Thank you in advance for your feedback!

June 27
Christian Concert in Kingman

July 11-13
TEC in St. Paul

July 19
TEC Summer Bash

July 24-26
YABE in Wichita

click here for full calendar

ONLINE RESOURCES

The Pallotti Center has resources for long and short term volunteering and preparing for a mission trip.

Preparing for Your Mission Trip Journey: A Practical & Spiritual Guide from **Glenmary Home Missions**

Catholic Climate Covenant
Download the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor

THERE IS A BALM...

Separation
Divorce
Death

These are challenging and painful experiences for

MUSIC FOR LIFE!

Saturday, June 27

Christian Concert
6-10 pm in the ball field behind the school
St. Patrick's Church, Kingman
Bring lawn chairs, baseball gloves. Concession stand money goes to March for Life trip. Free-will donations accepted for the concert. Youth groups are especially welcome! Contact Jackie Arnold (316.734.8104) if you have additional questions.

ADULT TRAINING AND FORMATION

In the Diocese/State:
Jul 12-20 - **Individually Directed Retreat** with various spiritual directors at the Spiritual Life Center. Choose between 5 or 8 days.

Jul 24-26 - **KARE conference** in Salina General Sessions:

- Telling the Great Story: The Five-Act Drama of Salvation History (Fr. Bob Barron)
- Eucharist as Source and Summit (Fr. Frank Coady)
- Embracing the Vision: Leading People to Sacraments (Sr. Linda Gaupin, CDP)
- If You Build It Intentionally and Creatively, They Will Come (Sr. Linda Gaupin, CPD)
- Adolescent Catechesis: The Pain and the Promise! (Bob McCarty)
- The Mass is Never Ending: We are Called to Be Prophets and Poets (Bob McCarty)

Don't miss this great line-up of nationally-known speakers. Bring your family to enjoy the Holiday Inn Holidome! Registration Deadline is **July 8**. Download form today!

August 23 - **Orientation to Catholic Youth Ministry** will be held at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita from 1:00-4:00 pm. This is a FREE seminar for all adults interested in parish youth ministry. **NEW** adult youth ministry leaders are advised to attend.

Outside of the Diocese:
Jul 28-31 - **Institute for New Youth Ministers** - Chicago, IL. Registrations are due no later than July 15, 2009. Register online

For information on the **Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies** held in Omaha beginning in September, refer to their brochure.

DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

- A Summer's Eve Dance - June 13, 2009, Schulte

adults, and also for their children.

Young Adult Beginning Experience (YABE) offers a weekend retreat for teens and young adults designed to assist in dealing with these losses.

The remaining date for 2009 is **July 24-26** at the Magnificat Center in Wichita.

Download brochure and pass it on to whomever may need it.

- TEC weekend - July 11-13, 2009, St. Paul
- TEC Summer Bash - July 19, 2009, Wichita
- YABE weekend - July 24-26, 2009, Wichita
- Upside Down Leadership Camp - Aug 02, Wichita; Aug 16, Hutchinson; Sep 13, Cherryvale.

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 19-24, 2010
Washington, D.C.
$300 per person
Registration opens June 22, 2009

Peace be with you always,

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