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Dates to Remember

FROM THE DIRECTOR...

"Patience People"

I LOVE Christmastime! I love Christmas music, and I love Christmas lights, and I even love some of those cheesy Christmas movies!

Yes, Christmas brings joy to my heart, but **Advent** is what my soul really needs. I need to be patient. I need to learn how to wait on the Lord.

I celebrated the first Sunday of Advent in a different location this year, and when the priest greeted us at the door with "Happy New Year", my first thought was that he was rushing things a bit--until I remembered that Advent *does* mark the beginning of our year.

So, in this new year, I am reminded once again to practice patience. Opportunities for this abound in my world...ill-timed stop lights... long lines at the post office...sluggish computers. And that was just today!

Advent invites me to slow down and pray, when all the world around me is bustling with activity. It is a contradiction that I welcome.

I pray that you will find both patience and anticipation during this Advent season as together we celebrate with renewed joy the unfathomable blessing of the Incarnation our God!

with Advent peace,
Chris Edmonds

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Region 1:

Dec 05 - Caroling and fun hosted by St. John, Iola

Jan 30-31 - Winter Lock-in hosted by St. Francis, St. Paul

Feb 21 - Volleyball hosted by St. Michael's, Girard

Region 2:

Dec 06 - Christmas carolling and party hosted by Holy Cross, Hutchinson (3:00-7:00 pm)

Dec 12-13 - Region II Lock-In at St. Joseph, McPherson (5:30 pm - 7:00 am)

Region 3:

Dec 31
DCYB apps due

Jan 19-24
March for Life
Pilgrimage

Jan 29
DCYC youth
nominations due

Feb 12
All DCYC forms &
payments due

Feb 20-22
TEC # 123

Mar 20-21
DCYC at Airport
Hilton

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calendar](#)

Dec 13 - Youth board sings at Kingman Mass (10:00 am
w/carolling in the afternoon)
Jan 16-17 - Leadership lock-in at Danville
Jan 31 - Volleyball league begins

Region 4:

Dec 12 - [Winter Wonderland Dance](#) at Blessed Sacrament,
Wichita

Dec 13 - "The Beatles Had It Right" with Phil Baneweicz hosted
by St. Vincent dePaul, Andover (\$5 includes dinner)

- Region 5:

Dec 30 - Eve of the Eve Dance at St. Mary's, Derby

"Faith, if not accompanied by actions, is dead."

James 2: 17

Help your youth put their faith into action by participating in
the **Diocesan Service Project** on March 20 during DCYC. A
prestigious award will be given to the region who has the most
parishes per capita contributing items for Catholic Charities.
Details may be found [here](#).

Other worthy service ideas:

[Souperbowl](#) of Caring on February 7, 2010

[FoodFast](#)

[H2O project](#)

[Heifer Project](#)

[Operation Smile](#)

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the USCCB
Virtual Advent
Calendar

DCYC dates to
note!

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DCYB apps due

Jan 29
Youth Awards Due

Feb 12
Registration forms
due

Mar 20-21
DCYC at Wichita
Airport Hilton

All forms may be
found on our

ADULT TRAINING AND FORMATION

Orientation to Catholic Youth Ministry

Sunday, January 10

1:00-4:00 pm

Spiritual Life Center

FREE admission

RSVPs accepted through **January 4, 2010**

DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

- [March for Life 2010](#) - January 19-24, 2010
- [TEC #123](#) - February 20-22, 2010 in Wichita
- [Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference](#) - March 20-21 at the
Wichita Airport Hilton

**Blessed Advent and a very merry Christmas to you and
your family,**

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