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DCYC at Airport

FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Marching Forth in our Lenten Journey

Anyone who knows me knows that March 4th is my absolute favorite day of the year! Celebrating "the only day that tells you to do something"--namely march forth--has been my joy for numerous years. One of these years, it will become National Do Something Day, officially.

The desert journey--continuing to march forth
March 4th almost always falls within the season of Lent, and it is a good reminder to me to continue to move forward through the "desert" with Jesus--leaning on the truths of Scripture and remembering that it really isn't about me after all. During Lent, I try to practice "EGO" reduction--you know, reducing the times that I "Edge God Out" and try to pretend that I am in control. As if I could presume to know better than my creator what is best for me! It seems so ridiculous when I write it--but how often do my actions indicate that I must, on some level,think it?

2010 is a banner year for marching!
March 4th is even more significant this year for a couple of reasons. One, this has been a particularly long and cold winter, and we are all looking forward to marching forth into spring. Two, we are marching forth into the 50th anniversary of Catholic Youth Ministry in our diocese, so keep an eye out for special celebrations. And, on a personal note, I am now marching forth toward the Sacrament of Matrimony and am looking forward to the "EGO reductions" and many blessings that married life brings.

Blessings,
Chris Edmonds

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Region 2:
Mar 6 - Spring Fest Basketball Tournament & Dance at St. Teresa's, Hutchinson. Event includes b-ball, Mass, pizza, and dance

Region 3:
Mar 7 -- Volleyball tournament Kingman 11:00 to 5:00
Mar 14 -- Region reps Sing at St. Marks 10:00 meeting after

ADULT TRAINING AND FORMATION

Hilton

April 3
Wichita Walk Against Gang Violence

April 4
Easter Sunday!!!

Click here for full calendar

TOGETHER as a Diocesan Family

On March 20-21, we will **GATHER** as a diocesan family to **LEARN** more about living our Catholic faith, and to **SERVE** others through our generous donations. These are the themes of the TOGETHER vision for the Catholic Diocese of Wichita. As the young church, we can participate in this vision in a powerful way!

Youth Service America - Global Youth Service Day

Global Youth Service Day is scheduled for **April 23-25, 2010.** Find out how you and your young people can get involved by visiting the Youth Service America website.

Summer training opportunities:

Jul 23-25 KARE Conference in Wichita
Jul 27-30 Institute for New Youth Ministers INYM in Chicago

NCCYM coming to New Orleans!!!

The National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry is scheduled for December 9-12, 2010 at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. Online registrations begin in June.

Click here to watch a promo video and download the schedule

Contact our office for details about partial scholarships.

CONFERENCE UPDATE

"Faith, if not accompanied by actions, is dead." - Js 2:17

1) Donations
Don't forget to bring your collected items for the Diocesan Service Project. Items may be dropped off at the north doors. Suggested items to bring may be found here.

2) Notification in case of an emergency
We are all praying for good weather for this year's conference. All parish contacts will be notified via a text message in case we need to make any changes.

DIRECT MINISTRY FOR YOUTH

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference - March 20-21 - Wichita
TEC #124 - June 5-7 - Hutchinson
Watch for details about the Summer Leadership Camps coming this summer!

TOTUS TUUS UPDATE

Registration for Camp Totus Tuus 2010 is now available online. Click here for complete information. Brochures will be mailed to last year's campers and distributed to parishes soon. Please contact Lisa Sharp at 316-440-1732 or by email.

Wichita Walk Against Gang Violence

Come and show your support against gang violence. Featured speakers include Rev. Jerome Spexarth from St. Patrick Church.

Saturday, April 3
9:45 am - 1:00 pm
North High School
Walking Distance: Less than 2 miles
For additional information contact Randy Wells

RESOURCES

Available online:

Lenten resources

Daily prayer for Teens

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity."
- Albert Einstein

May your Lenten journey bring you to Easter joy!

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