



OFFICE OF
**Youth &
Young
Adult
Ministries**

"Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

**GoFish News: for Youth Ministry Leaders
in the Catholic Diocese of Wichita**

August 2011



"Just keep pedaling!"

"Life is like riding a bicycle-in order to keep your balance, you must keep moving." Albert Einstein

This quote could easily be a reminder for us to exercise-use it or lose it-but it may also inspire us to continue on the path of providing quality ministerial opportunities for the young people in our parishes. Catholic Youth Ministry works if it always moving forward. It takes work, and it takes time, but it is ultimately worth it. Young people's needs are always evolving, so be sure to keep your ministry timely. And, as with any good bike ride, it helps to know where you are heading. Be sure to focus on goals for your ministry.

Jeff Hedglen, a youth ministry from Ft. Worth, puts his goals this way:

- 1) Give youth a positive experience at church
- 2) Offer a real encounter with the living Christ
- 3) Allow youth to put down roots in the Catholic faith

Jeff's principles are echoed in the U.S. bishops' goals for Catholic Youth Ministry. (If you would like to learn more about these goals, check out *Renewing the Vision* from our office.)

So, wherever you are on your journey in Catholic Youth Ministry-just starting out, in the midst of building, or sustaining a program for quite a while, please keep pedaling. Don't let yourself get stuck in a rut, or discouraged by what you lack (participation, support, attendance.) Focus instead on your blessings and where you are going.

If you are looking for some inspiration and rejuvenation for your journey, I recommend the Upside Down Leadership Days being offered in August and September. They will be a real boost for you and your youth!

Blessings,
Christine Edmonds

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**Around the
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Regional Activities**

Region 1:

For more info contact [Jennifer](#)

Region 2:

For more info contact [Raschelle](#)

Region 3:

August 27 - Region 3 Adult dinner

For more info, contact [Gil](#).

Region 4:

For more info contact [Jay](#)

Region 5:

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RESOURCES

**Now is the Time to Prepare for
the Roman Missal, Third
Edition - *New Words: A Deeper
Meaning, but the Same Mass***

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Direct Ministry to Youth

Diocesan events

UPSIDE DOWN Leadership Camp is designed for high school youth in parish or regional leadership positions and their adult leaders. A fun-filled 4 1/2 hour day with practical take-home applications. Mark your calendars now to bring your teens! If unable to make it on the date scheduled for your region you are welcome to attend another one. [Registration Form](#)



Coming soon to a region near you:

Aug. 28: Upside Down Leadership Camp - [Regions 4 & 5](#)
St. Mary, Derby | 1:00-5:30 pm | \$7

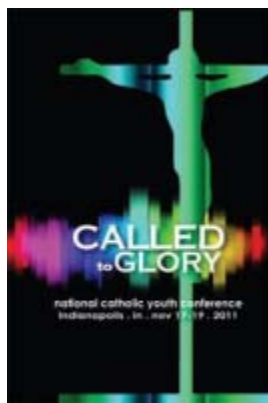
Sept. 11: Upside Down Leadership Camp - [Region 1](#)
St. Patrick, Parsons | 1:00-5:30 pm | \$7

Sept. 18: Upside Down Leadership Camp - [Regions 2 & 3](#)
St. Teresa, Hutchinson | 1:00-5:30 pm | \$7

Don't miss the NCYC bus!

There is still space available for the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, **November 17-19, 2011**. This year's theme is: Called to Glory. Follow this [link](#) for info and forms.

[Christ's Light in All Youth](#) (CLAY) is a one day retreat for high school freshmen and sophomores. Registrations are being accepted for the September 24 retreat to be held at Holy Spirit Goddard.



[Teens Encounter Christ](#) (TEC) is a weekend experience for high school juniors and seniors. Registrations are being accepted for the **October 8-10** weekend to be held at the Spiritual Life Center.

Life Boot Camp will be an intense pro-life training experience. Oct. 14-15 for high school age campers and Oct. 22 for middle school age campers. Look for more information in the next GoFish.

Adult Training and Formation

Leadership Development in Catholic Youth Ministry

August 1-4: [Institute for New Youth Ministers](#) in Chicago

The INYM helps you focus on developing the right vision, the right lifestyle, the right relationships, and the right practical methodologies for growing a disciple-making youth ministry. Partial scholarships available through the Diocese of Wichita YYAM office.

August 26-28: [I Have Called You Friends](#) This weekend retreat, with Fr. Jarrod Lies, will explore the meaning and purpose of Christian friendship. Retreatants will learn how Christian friendship is the proper arena of human moral formation, what role friendship plays in marriage and romance, and how our

The Roman Missal, Third Edition, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass, is now being prepared for publication. Follow this [link](#) to the USCCB's website for information.

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Youth & Young Adult Ministries fan page includes resources, quotes and tips!

Calendar of Events

Aug 28 UpsideDown Leadership Camp for Regions 4 & 5 - Derby

Sept 11 UpsideDown Leadership Camp for Region1 - Parsons

Sept 18 UpsideDown Leadership Camp for Regions 2 & 3 - Hutchinson

Sept 24 CLAY retreat

Oct 8-10 TEC retreat

Oct 14-15 Life Boot Camp for high school

Oct 22 Life Boot Camp for middle school

Quick Links

[Catholic Scouting](#)
[National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry](#)
[Totus Tuus of Wichita](#)
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Quote-of-the-Month

The best gift you have to offer may not be your theological knowledge but yourself. You are your best ammunition in terms of proclaiming the gospel. People can argue with your theology; they cannot argue with your personal experience.

-John Paul II and the New Evangelization

relationship with God can be seen in terms of friendship.

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies in Omaha

The entire program includes eight courses over the course of two years.

the courses for this upcoming year are:

Principles of Youth Ministry, Sept. 10-11, 2011

Practices of Youth Ministry, Nov. 5-6, 2011

Foundations for Ministry Leadership, Feb. 25-26, 2012

Skills for Ministry Leadership, April 14-15, 2012

For information on these classes beginning in September, check out their

[brochure](#).

Online Certificate in Youth Ministry

Offered through the University of Dayton Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, this program is designed for adults in parish youth ministry wishing to develop skills for effectively engaging young people in parish settings. As a partner diocese, participants pay only \$15 for enrollment, and only \$40 per course! Register [online](#) and click on "Certificate Programs"

All parish adult youth leaders are encouraged to pursue their basic certification in Catholic Youth Ministry.

About Youth & Young Adult Ministries / Catholic Diocese of Wichita

The mission of our office is to support parishes in responding to the needs of youth and young adults, empowering them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the Catholic faith.

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What's new in the library?

For adults:

The Catholic Virtues : Seven Pillars of Good Life by Mitch Finley. Here is a unique and insightful book that examines the virtues and offers them as a blueprint that demonstrate how to embrace the seven virtues as pillars of behavior and belief. The Catholic Virtues shows how the seven virtues are interconnected and are, quite, simply, the keys to becoming more Christlike. **Y 602.07**

For ministry:

Lift Up Your Hearts : 50 Blessings and Prayers for Parish Meetings and Ministries - Includes opening and closing prayers, a Scripture reading, time for reflection of the Word, and intercessions. There are blessings for committees, catechumens, planning teams, eucharistic ministers, lectors, choir members, altar servers, for stewardship and evangelization, and for multicultural parishes. There are church year services for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ordinary Time, and ten prayers for overall parish meetings and gatherings. **Y 603.66**

Contact our office to check out these library resources FREE of charge

[Forward email to an interested friend](#)