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**Youth &
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"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**

September 2011



"Where everybody knows your name"

*"The content of our message will be heard only when it is lived
in our relationships and community life." RTV**

Let's hear it for community! Without it we would all be very lonely people. We are meant to be social beings, and teens can be off-the-charts in terms of socializing. Programming for "Community" may seem like a no-brainer-- just plan fun stuff and include food. But look a little deeper.

Community life in Catholic Youth Ministry helps create a place where young people are evangelized, in other words where they hear the Good News of our faith. Putting more thought into how we plan community life activities will help insure that as many young people as possible are open to growing in their faith. Let's make sure that our community life is "not only what we do (activity), but who we are (identity) and how we interact (relationships.)"+

For more information and ideas on intentional community building, please contact our office. And in this issue check out the new event for middle school youth to help build up that young community.

Blessings,
Christine Edmonds

*+ *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*, USCCB

Direct Ministry to Youth

Diocesan events

There is still time! You can sign up your parish youth for the UPSIDE DOWN Leadership Camp experience to "pump" them up in their service as Christian leaders. [Registration Form](#) Remaining dates:

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

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Around the Diocese Regional Activities

Region 1:

For more info contact [Jennifer](#)

Region 2:

Sep 10 - Fall 4 Christ Event at Holy Family, Pilsen from 4:30-10:30. \$5 + permission + snacks (girls-snacks; guys-drink) includes Mass; hayrack ride; bonfire & dance
Contact [Raschelle](#)

Region 3:

Sep 18 - Upside Down Camp at St. Teresa, Hutchinson; 1-5:30 pm
Sep 24-25 --Region Rep Leaders Lock-in at St. Patrick, Kingman (includes singing at 10 am Mass in Kingman); 7pm Saturday- 11:00 am Sunday
For more info, contact [Gil](#).

Region 4:

For more info contact [Jay](#)

Region 5:

For more info contact [Jen](#)

NCYC--Big Church Experience

The National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, **November 17-19, 2011** is the second largest gathering for US Catholics after World Youth Day, and much more affordable. A few seats on the bus remain, but time is running out to register. Don't miss out! Follow this [link](#) for info and forms.

[Christ's Light in All Youth \(CLAY\)](#)



--the one day diocesan retreat for high school freshmen and sophomores is scheduled for **September 24** in Goddard. Contact our office for space availability.

[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.

March for Life 2012 - [Registration](#) now OPEN

Registration information for the 2012 pilgrimage to Washington DC to participate in the Annual March for Life on January 19-24 may be found on the diocesan website. Registration deadline is **November 4**.

Middle School Rally

[New this autumn!](#)

Mark the date of November 6 for the diocesan rally "[What We Believe](#)" for 6-8th grade youth to be held at the Church of the Resurrection from 1-5 pm. Ten dollars per youth includes music, adoration and confessions, great speakers, snacks, games and t-shirt. Download flyer [here](#).

Adult Training and Formation

[Leadership Development in Catholic Youth Ministry](#)

[Live & Local: Faith Formation in your backyard!](#)

Join us for three hours of fellowship, prayer, food and fun as we explore how to share the Third Translation of the Roman Missal with our children and teens. Cost is \$5 per person. All sessions are from 9 am - 12:30 pm, unless where noted.

Sep 17: Sacred Heart, Colwich - register by Sep 9

Oct 02: Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg 1-4:30 pm on Sunday (register by Sep 23)

Oct 15: St. Michael, Mulvane - register by Oct 07

Oct 22: St. Teresa, Hutchinson - register by Oct 14

Oct 29: Church of the Magdalen - register by Oct 21

Save the Date! New Adult Leaders' Workshop on January 08, 2012

The annual New Adult Leaders' Workshop is designed for those new to the world of Catholic Youth Ministry but open to all levels of experience. This is an ideal event for the entire adult leadership team.

New Adult Leaders' Workshop
January 08 from 1:00-4:00 pm
Spiritual Life Center
FREE admission

RESOURCES

Preparing for the Roman

Missal, Third Edition - *New Words: A Deeper Meaning, but the Same Mass*

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

Sept 11 Region 1 UpsideDown Leadership Camp - Parsons

Sept 18 Regions 2&3 Upside Down Leadership Camp - Hutch

Sept 24 CLAY retreat - Goddard

Oct 8-10 TEC retreat - Wichita

Oct 14-15 Life Boot Camp for high school

Nov 06 Diocesan Middle School Rally - Wichita

Nov 17-19 NCYC - Indianapolis

Quick Links

[Catholic Scouting](#)
[National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry](#)
[Totus Tuus of Wichita](#)
[Youth & Young Adult Ministries](#)

Quote-of-the-Month

In prayer you become one with the source of our true light, Jesus himself.

-Blessed John Paul II



About Youth & Young Adult Ministries / Catholic Diocese of Wichita

Our mission 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 in the library today?

Rediscovering Catholicism by Matthew Kelly. "Beginning with our common yearning for happiness, Kelly reveals the essence of authentic Catholic spirituality. **B 301.55**

Ten Tough Things by Rick Lawrence. Ten engaging sessions to draw teens deep into God's Word. Perfect for small groups. **Y 402.55**

For adults:

Helping Kids in Crisis by Jo Hittner, Phd. Identifies more than 30 of the most common pastoral care issues today's young people face. **P 601.10**

For ministry:

Media Mindfulness: Educating Teens About Faith and Media by Gretchen Hailer, RSHM and Rose Pacatte, FSP. Approaches media and popular culture from a perspective grounded in faith and Scripture. Helps teens in thoughtful analysis of media and its influence on attitudes, behaviors, faith and values. **P 404.18**

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

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