



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**

December 2011



Happy Advent! As we embark on the journey of waiting in the midst of hustle and bustle, here are some words of wisdom for all of us to consider:

"It might be easy to run away to a monastery, away from the commercialization, the hectic hustle, the demanding family responsibilities of Christmas-time. Then we would have a holy Christmas. But we would forget the lesson of the Incarnation, of the enfleshing of God--the lesson that we who are followers of Jesus do not run from the secular; rather we try to transform it. It is our mission to make holy the secular aspects of Christmas just as the early Christians baptized the Christmas tree. And we do this by being holy people--kind, patient, generous, loving, laughing people--no matter how maddening is the Christmas rush..." - Fr. Andrew Greeley

Blessings,
Chris



Around the Diocese Regional Activities

Region 1:

For more info contact [Jennifer](#)

Region 2:

For upcoming events contact [Raschelle](#)

Region 3:

For more info contact [Gil](#).
Dec 10 - Region board singing at St. Anthony, Garden Plain at 5:30 pm followed by meeting, chili cook-off and caroling.
Dec 11 - XLT West (Praise & Worship) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 7-9 pm

Region 4:

For upcoming events contact [Jay](#)

Region 5:

For more info contact [Jen](#)
Dec 30 Eve of the Eve Dance at the new St. Mary's

Direct Ministry to Youth Diocesan events

[Teens Encounter Christ \(TEC\)](#) is a 3-day experience for high school juniors and seniors. The next TEC is scheduled for **February 18-20, 2012** at the Spiritual Life Center.



March for Life 2012

The March for Life **Send-Off Mass** will take place on Thursday, **January 19** at 6:00 pm at Church of the Magdalen. Bishop Jackels will preside. Your group is invited to attend, even if you are not able to make the pilgrimage.

RESOURCES

[Souper Bowl of Caring](#) - Feb 05
Youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty

Topeka March for Life: January 23. This is a one-day trip to the state capitol. Travel by bus for Mass, rally, rosary on the steps of the capitol and lunch for only \$35.00 Contact the Respect Life & Social Justice Office to sign up.

Save the dates:

Feb 08 - NET Junior High (7th & 8th grades) Rally, Mulvane

Feb 18 - NET Middle School (6-8th grades) Retreat, Blessed Sacrament Parish. See [flyer](#) for promotion.

Spotlight on: NET Opportunities Days in the Diocese

The **National Evangelization Team** will be in our diocese in early February and there are still two dates available for any parish or region that would like to book them for a rally or retreat day. This team of dynamic young adults will provide a spirit-filled day your teens will not soon forget! The dates available are:

Sunday, **February 12**

Tuesday, **February 14**

Contact [Rose Mary Wells](#) as soon as possible to reserve your date.

Adult Training and Formation Leadership Development in Catholic Youth Ministry



New Adult Leaders' Workshop - January 8 This FREE workshop will take place from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Spiritual Life Center and is designed for those new to or seeking a "refresher course" on Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM). Participants will discover the three keys to successful ministry and how to use those to create a meaningful plan-of-action; recruit adults and empower youth in leadership roles in the parish. *RSVPs are requested to receive free handbooks and other goodies.*

Adult Leader Winter Meetings Please plan to attend an upcoming meeting in your general area. This is a great opportunity to develop your skills as a parish CYM leader/coordinator and to learn about resources available from the Office of Faith Formation. See various dates, times and locations in the Calendar of Events in this issue.

Spotlight On: National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry Orlando 2012

The NCCYM is scheduled for **November 29 - December 02, 2012** at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in Orlando. Mark your calendars now to attend this amazing conference on all things Catholic that involve youth!

Spotlight On: New Adult Leader Luncheons Free lunch and learning begins January 2012

Beginning January 12, the Office of Faith Formation will offer a monthly luncheon from 11:30 am - 1 pm at the St. Rose Building for adults in Catholic Youth Ministry. The luncheons will include time for prayer, fellowship and learning. Please mark your calendar now and join us in

[CRS Food Fast](#) - free materials

[CMD Just5Days](#)

A Catholic Service Project for Middle Schoolers

[Catholic Heart Work Camp](#)

[Young Neighbors in Action](#)

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Spotlight on: Eve of the Eve Dance A mid-winter celebration!



For several years, the Region 5 board has hosted this event for the diocese--which draws in hundreds of youth. The event is held on **December 30** at the new St. Mary's in Derby. The dress is semi-formal and the evening includes a dance contest and yummy snacks. All of the proceeds are donated! Please support this worthwhile event. A [flyer](#) is attached.

Calendar of Events

Jan 08 New Adult Leaders' Workshop (1-4 pm) - Spiritual Life Center

Jan 12 Adult Leaders' Luncheon (11:30 am - 1pm) - St. Rose Bld.

Jan 13 TEC Grains Social (7 pm) - CSJ Magnificat Center

Jan 14 TEC Grains Planting the Seeds Part 2 (9 am - 3 pm) - CSJ Magnificat Center

January.



Jan 19 March for Life Send Off Mass (6pm)- Magdalen

Quote-of-the-Month

"Do not be afraid of presenting Christ to someone who does not yet know Him."

- Blessed John Paul II
(patron of 2011-2012 DCYB)

Jan 26 Adult Leader Winter Meeting (7-9 pm) - McPherson

Jan 28 Adult Leader Winter Meeting (9:30-11:30 am) - St. Francis, St. Paul

Quick Links

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

Jan 31 Adult Leader Winter Meeting (7-9 pm) - Magdalen

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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Feb 02 Adult Leader Winter Meeting (7-9 pm) - Wellington

Feb 3-23 NET in Diocese

Feb 07 Adult Leader Winter Meeting (10 am- noon) - Spiritual Life Center

Feb 08 NET Middle School Retreat - Mulvane

Feb 18-20 TEC 131 - Wichita

Feb 18 NET Middle School Retreat - Blessed Sacrament

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