ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry

May 2012

ezine

A YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY E-ZINE FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

Leadership Celebration

We want to thank all youth ministers and their young leaders for a wonderful celebration at St. Louis Cathedral. Recognizing our Outstanding Parish Youth, young adult ministry leaders, and many others is always a special day on the calendar. Youth ministers are reminded to be thinking ahead to next year and your possible nominations. Often the programs you offer to the young people now and in coming months are major factors in their eligibility for the St. Timothy Award.

CLI Registration—Limited Space Remains!

Catholic Leadership Institute, a nationally recognized program, has been empowering the young church for over twenty years to become leaders in their parish and high school settings. While there are many leadership training opportunities available through other programs such as student council, CLI is unique in that leadership principles and practice are presented through the lens of Gospel teaching and values. While this is not a retreat, it involves some of the same community dynamics familiar at adolescent retreats. The five days of intense learning and training will include skills training, prayer and worship, and "learning by doing" where participants become responsible for leading others during the institute. A team of young adults and youth ministers from across the archdiocese lead this week -long leadership training.

OPEN TO ANYONE WHO HAS COMPLETED THE 8th - 11th GRADE
Date: June 11-15, 2012
Location: Baton Rouge, LA
Cost: $285.00 (SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

Visit www.cyo-no.org, go to events/programs and click on CLI to register.

Camp Abbey News

First, the retreat center office is accepting reservations well into 2014, so if you parish, school, or other group is interested in booking the facility, please contact campabbey@arch-no.or or call 985-327-7240.

Second, the new meeting room, with lobby and refreshment area is now finished and available as an additional amenity for your programs. This space can comfortably hold 120 people. Also, the Benson Dining Hall, the new meeting room, and the chapel will have permanent audio-visual systems installed this month.

Finally, preparations continue for the return of summer camp, with three one-week sessions for boys in June and the same for girls in July. Camper registrations will continue to be accepted until the week before each session, as long as space permits. Eligible campers are children finishing 2nd through 8th grades. Camper registration forms are available at www.campabbey.org. All staff positions are filled at this time.

NCCYM 2012

It's time to start thinking about the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. This national gathering of adults working in Catholic youth ministry takes place in even-numbered years and was last held in December 2010 right here in New Orleans. If you attended, then you are familiar with the inspiring keynotes, informative workshops, the networking opportunities, and an amazing resource exhibition. NCCYM 2012 will be in Orlando, Florida, at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Hotel and Conference Center. With either a full-day drive or a quick direct flight to Orlando, the destination is easier than most for us in greater New Orleans. Please see the attached flyer, mark the dates on your calendar, and start thinking about attending. The CYO Office will send information to pastors over the summer to advise them of this great opportunity. We will assist in organizing your travel and participation as well.

Relay for Life—

We are happy to report that three adults from our parish youth ministry programs have volunteered to help coordinate the event, and so planning for the American Cancer Society/CYO Relay for Life will resume. Leadership for the event will include Nicole Godfrey from St. Raymond-St. Leo Parish, Gail Adams from St. Catherine of Siena, Shawn Caballero from St. Christopher Parish, and Judi Gutierrez from St. Clement of Rome. The Relay for Life is held as a collaboration of the parish youth ministry programs; the CYO Office provides communication and logistical support.

1st Meeting—Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 7:00 PM at St. Clement of Rome. The agenda will include selecting a theme, making parish assignments, and reviewing plans for the event. Any parish youth group wishing to participate in relay this year must have an adult and preferably two teen representatives at the meeting. With new coordinators this year, it is important that participating parishes be present at the meeting.

2nd Meeting— Thursday, June 21, 2012, at 7:00 PM at St. Clement of Rome.

Registration/Bank Night—Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at 7:00 PM at St. Clement of Rome

Relay For Life— Friday, July 13, 2012 – Saturday, July 14, 2012, at St. Clement of Rome

2012-2013 Calendar

The 2012-2013 Calendar of Programs is currently being finalized. If you need specific dates before publication, please call the office so that we can assist you. A few important dates to note now…

August 18, 2012 - Annual Youth Ministers' Forum
October 28, 2012—World Youth Day New Orleans (Grades 8-12)
November 10, 2012—Junior High Rally (Grades 6-8)

Meeting/Event Reminders

5/7 - Teen Cross - 7pm (Knights of Columbus Hall in Lakeview)
05/13-Mother's Day
05/23—Happy Birthday—Laurie Neely
05/24—Cabbageball Coaches Meeting
05/28—Memorial Day—Office Closed

Youth Ministry Events

Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling and Prayer Ministry—This group gathers on the second Saturday of every month at the abortion facility at 3044 Ridgelake Drive in Metairie to march and pray the Rosary. On May 12th from 8—9:30am, the day before Mother's Day, they are sponsoring the 14th Annual Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life there.

Rubber Duck Derby

2012 Rubber Duck Derby benefitting Second Harvest Food Bank
Date & Time: Sunday, May 20th at 4:30PM
Location: Mid-City's Bayou Boogaloo at Bayou St. John (Orleans Ave & N. Jefferson Davis)

Join the fun as 15,000 Rubber Ducks race in the Rubber Duck Derby in Bayou St. John. It's $5 to adopt a duck and enter the race. Winners are eligible for exciting prizes!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Your group can join the Quack Krewe and volunteer to help sell duck adoptions to the public. Second Harvest Food Bank will be present at various events and locations throughout the city leading up to race day and volunteers are needed to assist with duck sales. We also need volunteers to dress as Quacky, wearing our big yellow duck costume. There are several ways your group can get involved, for more information, please contact Melanie Hoeman at mhoeman@secondharvest.org or 504-729-2834.

CYO CoEd Cabbageball - Rosters are due via email to dennise7706@yahoo.com by Wednesday May 9, 2012. League fees ($130/team) are due by Wednesday May 9th to CYO office. There is a mandatory coachs' meeting on Thursday May 24, 2012, at 7pm at the CYO Office. The season begins on Monday June 4, 2012.

Crimestoppers Teen Peace Summit will be Saturday, May 19 at the UNO Lakefront Arena from 1:00 PM—7:30 PM. Admission is free, but tickets are required. Visit www.crimestoppersgno.org for more information.

Catholic Charities SERVE Program

Catholic Charities will again sponsor its SERVE programs (Students Engaging in Reflective Volunteer Experiences) this summer with several program locations and durations of various length. Please see the attached flyer for complete details and share with your young people.

Come and See the Beauty of Carmel - For single women ages 16-35 interested in learning more about the religious life on Saturday, June 16, 2012, from 11am-3pm at the Carmelite Monastery, 73530 River Rd, Covington, LA. Archbishop Gregory Aymond will celebrate Mass, followed by lunch, vocation talks from the sisters, and prayer time. Those who have been to previous Come & See events are invited to attend and/or volunteer. There is no cost for the day, but please sign up by email or phone- Sr. Edith: ocdedith@aol.com or Sr. Grace: srgraceocd@yahoo.com ; (985) 898-0923.

Faith and Family Night at Zephyr Field – May 11, 2012 – 7:00pm - Watch the New Orleans Zephyrs vs. the Tucson Padres, followed by a live concert and fireworks after the game!! Tickets start at $7. For more information call Kurt Cavataio @ 504-734-5155x218.

Joshua Leadership Institute:

July 15-19, 2012, Bishop Robert Tracey Center ;1800 South Acadian Thruway , Baton Rouge, LA 70808
JLI is a week-long program that educates students on ALL life issues and gives students the chance to dialogue with new friends and some of the top pro-life leaders of the nation! Not only do the students who attend Joshua Leadership Institute become a new generation of pro-life leaders, but they also have the time of their lives! The cost of JLI is $199, and scholarships are available for students with financial need. To apply, visit the online application page at www.campjoshuala.org or to download a paper application. You can see the online video for a better idea of what goes down at JLI and also download a flyer about JLI! If you have any questions, please contact Kacie Hampton, the Youth Programs Director at Louisiana Right to Life, at 1-866-463-5433 or khampton@prolifelouisiana.org.

TEC Retreats this summer

There will be three Teens Encounter Christ retreats this summer : June 23-25, July 28-30,and September 1-3, 2012. Applications are available at www.tecneworleans.com.

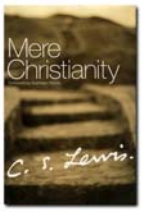
Cenacle Young Adult Morning of Reflection will be on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 10:00 am—12 Noon at the Cenacle Retreat House in Metairie. . Fr. John Restrepo, O.P., Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in New Orleans will present "God and You" For more information, please contact Vince Liberto at (504) 250-9697 or vincentliberto@aol.com.

Charis Retreat - Choosing to be Catholic Retreat, is scheduled for May 19 - 20, 2012 at the Camp Abbey Retreat Center. This retreat emphasizes the unique aspects of our Catholic faith by taking an in- depth look at our Creed and by exploring two key elements of our Catholic faith: sacramentality and community. The cost of the retreat is $75 and includes all retreat supplies, lodging, and meals. Lodging will be in the cabins at the retreat center. Each newly renovated, air-conditioned cabin has ten sets of bunk beds and restrooms. The address for the Camp Abbey Retreat Center is 77002 KC Camp Road, Covington, LA 70435. The retreat will include peer witness talks by young adults, quiet time for prayer and reflection, small group discussions, group prayer experiences, the opportunity to receive spiritual direction or the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass. For more information, please contact Rachel Longest at rlongest@arch-no.org.

Catholics on Call Young Adult Conference

Great Discernment Opportunity: This summer, from July 31 - August 4, Catholics on Call will be presenting its annual Young Adult Conference at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. This retreat-like experience is designed to help people think deeply about the possibility of ministry in the Church, and it's also a lot of fun! This is a great opportunity to meet other men and women who are on a similar path as you are on, and there is no pressure to join anything. This conference has become a great tool for creating an environment of vocations, a place where young people feel free and un-pressured to talk about their vocational journey. Do you know anyone who might benefit from this? Please help us to get the word out. Interested? Please call us at 773.371.5431 and check out the Catholics on Call website at www.catholicsoncall.org for more information.

Book Discussion—Mere Christianity



On Wednesday, May 9th a new young adult book discussion will begin, reading C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. Join us at Fair Grinds Coffeehouse as we discuss Books 1 & 2 within *Mere Christianity*. We will meet at 7:30pm on May 9, 23, and June 6. Contact Rachel Longest with questions.

Jazz N the Vines—Join the crew of Dumb Ox Productions for a trip to Jazz'N the Vines at Pontchartrain Vineyards on Saturday, May 5 as they celebrate Cinco de Mayo! The cost of the trip is $35 which includes transportation, entry, wine, cheese, chips & salsa. Food will be available for purchase at the Vineyard or you may pack your own picnic! No outside alcoholic beverages allowed. Bring a picnic blanket. This event is open to young adults ages 21 and older. The trip will leave via Hotard bus from Archbishop Rummel High School at 4:15pm and return around 10pm. To sign up, contact Dumb Ox at 504-304-1280 or email them at info@dumboxproductions.com

Celebrate National Bike Month with Tracing Our Roots

Did you know May is National Bike Month? We provide you with a great opportunity to join in two-wheeled revelry on Saturday, May 12 when we host our next Tracing Our Roots. This time we'll be on the **Southshore**! Meet at Aquinas Hall of St. Dominic Church in Lakeview at 10:30am for Bible Study. (Aquinas Hall is on Memphis St., facing the school.) After our discussion, we'll head down the road to City Park to bike/run/walk. Contact Rachel Longest at 504-227-3229 or rlongest@arch-no.org with questions.

Theology on Tap—Save the Dates!! - The NorthShore Theology on Tap Summer 2012 dates have been announced! It's all happening on the following Thursdays at 6:30pm at Abita Brewery (not the pub) at 21084 Hwy 36, Abita Springs, LA 70420.

June 28—Putting on your Armor: The Virtuous Life with Paul George
July 12—HHS Mandate: Women's Health or Religious Freedom with Rev. Jose Lavastida, S.T.D.
July 19—Pick your Poison: Vices and Virtues and Purity of Heart with Fr. Jude Isreal, O.S.B.
July 26—Hope in the Vow with Jan an Loyd Tate

Jobs, Resources, & Training

Training

The Institute for Black Catholic Studies is a school of ministry for clergy, religious and laypersons working in the Black community and Catholic church that convenes each summer at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans. The 2012 session will run June 22-July 14, 2012. The Master's Program is a three-week course of study; Certificate & Enrichment courses (for Catechists, Youth/Young Adult Ministers, Parish Leaders, Elders) are held in three one-week modules. Mr. Rawn Harbor will offer an intensive workshop for parish musicians and liturgists. A week-long seminar for priests and pastors ministering in African American parishes will be conducted by Fr. Freddy Washington, CSSp. For more information and application, check the IBCS website **www.xula.edu/ibcs** or call (504)520-7961.

Instituto Fe y Vida's eighteenth annual National Summer Program.
This year, in addition to three programs focused on formation for Pastoral Juvenil Hispana (Hispanic youth and young adult ministry), they are offering a training for ecclesial leaders and young adults. You can download the flyer with all the details and information about these exciting formation opportunities. You will see how they will help you and other leaders you work with to grow personally and as a community, and thereby to improve your ministry! The flyer contains information about partial scholarships. You can also download a Sponsors Sheet to organize the process of raising funds to participate.
http://www.feyvida.org/programs/summer.html [flyer in English]
http://www.feyvida.org/esp/programas/verano.html [flyer in Spanish]
The process, presentations, and materials are in Spanish. Participants may express themselves in English or Spanish. Some of the small communities will use Spanish, others English, and still others do their work bilingually. If you have any questions, please contact: - Walter F. Mena • Tel (209) 598-5145 • email: wmena@feyvida.org or Joe Matty • Tel (209) 951-3483 • email: jmatty@feyvida.org

Resources

Recording Artist/Speaker—Kara Klein, a local Catholic recording artist and dynamic young speaker seeks to bring the message of where authentic love, freedom and joy can be discovered: in Jesus Christ. With her original music and personal testimony, Kara proclaims to the youth that true love is found in a life of chastity, real freedom in virtue, and genuine joy in service. She is available to present her message to schools and churches of the archdiocese on a sliding scale, and may be reached at 985-373-8102 or karacklein@gmail.com.

The Sojourners Film
Ghost Rider Productions is now scheduling screenings from coast to coast in theaters, churches, school auditoriums and many other venues. If you are thinking about hosting a screening event in your parish, please visit our website www.thesojournersmovie.com and click on the "participate" link or any of the numerous "screening" links on the site. You may also contact Nancy Lococo by calling 504-329-5621 or emailing her at nancylee47@gmail.com . They are looking forward to hearing from you and will work with you to make your "Sojourners" screening an unforgettable fundraising event.

Join or Renew NACYML now!
NACYML is preparing to celebrate its tenth anniversary in 2014 with many exciting changes and developments.
In 2012 membership benefits include:

- Discounts to speakers and youth ministry resources
- Participation in the NACYML Membership Meeting
- NCCYM registration discount ($20)
- Opportunity for national certification
- Monthly member updates
- Registration discount for OnCourse Webinars and Youth Ministry Specialization Certificate

NACYML
National Association of Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders

Registration for NACYML takes place online at http://www.nacyml.org/join.

Job Openings

Coordinator of Religious Education and Youth Ministry Coordinator
St. Clement of Rome Parish is seeking to hire a Coordinator of Religious Education and a Youth Ministry Coordinator. Both are part-time positions. If an applicant has the background and desire for both positions, however, a full-time, full-benefit position combining the responsibilities of each is possible. Applications should be submitted to Fr. Luis Rodriguez at the St. Clement of Rome Parish Center (4317 Richland Ave. Metairie, LA 70002). A detailed job description of each position can be found on the website (http://www.scrparish.org/staff-positions.html).

Office Staff

John Smestad, Jr., MRE
Director
(504) 836-0551 ext. 3223
jsmestad@archdiocese-no.org

Cecilia Matherne
Administrative Assistant
(504) 836-0551 ext. 3221
cmatherne@archdiocese-no.org

Ansel Augustine, MPS
Associate Director & Black Youth Ministry
(504) 836-0551 ext. 3226
aaugustine@archdiocese-no.org

Rachel Longest
Young Adult Ministry
(504) 836-0551 ext. 3229
rlongest@archdiocese-no.org

Laurie Neely
Secretary
(504) 836-0551 ext. 3222
lneely@archdiocese-no.org

Maruchi Palomo, MPS
Hispanic Youth Ministry Director, Camp Abbey & Teen C.R.O.S.S.
CYO Office (504) 836-0551 ext. 3230
Camp Abbey Office (985) 327-7240
mpalomo@archdiocese-no.org

Courtney Jansen
Administrative Assistant, Camp Abbey
(985) 327-7240
cjansen@archdiocese-no.org

Garrett Fried
Special Projects
(504) 836-0551 ext. 3225
info@garrettfried.com

Dennise Brennan
Athletics
(504) 836-0551 ext. 3227
dennise7706@yahoo.com

1007 Airline Park Blvd
Metairie, LA 70003
Phone (504) 836-0551
Fax (504) 836-0552
cyo@arch-no.org
www.cyo-no.org