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OYM Newsletter

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Save the Date!!!

Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference

February 25-27

Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach

More info coming soon!

Welcome & Welcome Back!

Ready or not, the new school year is almost upon us! Like you, Mary, Dave and I have been working hard to prepare for the new year. As usual, we have some new faces among us! And, some of our veterans have popped up in new places! Please welcome:

Josh Malone - the new parish catechetical leader and youth minister at Holy Name of Jesus in Semmes, **Zeny Bokenfohr** - the new YML at St. John's in Enterprise, **Carole Rathle Grant** - new YML for Little Flower in Mobile, **Dan**

Johnson - new YML for St. Ignatius in Mobile, **Colleen DeVoe & Brenda Martens Kavula** - the new YMLs for Corpus Christi in Mobile and **Donna Sharpe** - new YML for St. Joseph in Prattville.

Youth Ministry Leader Meetings

Please try your best to attend our upcoming YML meetings. These are great times to get to know other YMLs (no one knows your challenges like a fellow YML!) and also to talk about archdiocesan-wide topics. Our first meetings will include (among many other things!) discussions about Confirmation preparation plans and also

we'd like to hear your thoughts about Leadership Training programs for your teens.

Dothan Deanery—
Thursday, August 26th at 11:00am at St. John's in Enterprise

Mobile & Baldwin Deaneries—
Tuesday, August 31st at 7:00pm at the OYM

Conference Room (308 S. Dearborn St). Please call the Mobile OYM to let us know you plan to come.

Montgomery Deanery—
Thursday, September 2nd at 10am at Holy Spirit or at 6pm at Mary's home.

Please call Mary if you plan to attend the Dothan or Montgomery meetings!

Kick-Off Events!

Let's get our parish youth groups together for a little bit of fun!

Have you seen "Minute To Win It" on TV? Well, the OYM will be doing our own versions of "MTWI" for our teens! Watch the show or get on NBC's website to

get a feel for the types of games we'll be playing.

Montgomery/Dothan Deaneries—Sunday, September 12th at St. Bede's in Montgomery, from 1:30 until 5:00. The event will conclude with 5:00 Mass at St. Bede.

Mobile/Baldwin Deaneries—Sunday, September 19th at Our Savior Church from 1:30 until 4:30.

Please check out the enclosed flyer for more details!

NCCYM in New Orleans!!!

Registration for the National Conference for Catholic Youth Ministers is now open!!!

Make plans now to join thousands of other parish youth ministers and other adults interested in Catholic Youth Ministry! NCCYM includes inspiring keynote speakers, educational workshops, awesome musicians, and tremendous resources—please don't miss it! NCCYM is held every "even" year (NCCYM is held every "odd" year) by the

National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. This year's conference will be held in New Orleans—it may be decades before it's this close again!

A flyer for NCCYM is enclosed. You can register for NCCYM through NFCYM's website: www.nfcym.org.

Registration and hotel reservations should be made by each individual wanting to attend. Our offices can help YMLs find roommates or help arrange car-pooling

opportunities. If you'd like help with either of these and you are in the Montgomery or Dothan Deaneries, please call or e-mail Mary (see contact info to left). If you are in the Mobile or Baldwin Deaneries and you'd like help, please call Dave or Janet.

If you do plan to attend, please let someone from the OYM know—we'll let you know about archdiocesan and regional gatherings! Let's bring a big delegation from the Archdiocese of Mobile!

Adolescent Catechesis and Confirmation Workshops

The Offices of Youth Ministry and Religious Education are working to prepare for the implementation of 11th grade Confirmation, as requested by Archbishop Rodi. In order to help parishes implement this change, our offices will offer workshops for Pastors, Parish Catechetical Leaders, Youth Ministry Leaders, Parish Adolescent Catechesis Coordinators, Parish Confirmation Coordinators and any parish team members in these areas.

Adolescent Catechesis (Religious Education) Workshops:

Montgomery/Dothan—Saturday, November 6, 2010 at Holy Spirit in Montgomery

Mobile/Baldwin—Saturday, November 13, 2010 at St. Dominic in Mobile

Time: 10am until 3pm

Format: Lecture, discussion, practical application with guidance

Description: The Adolescent Catechesis Workshop will cover Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization, Program Design and Resources. During the workshop, parish groups will be given time to take what they have learned and begin to develop or revise their high school catechetical program so that it will best serve their parish. The staffs of the ORE and OYM will work one-on-one with the parishes to help guide their decisions.

Confirmation Preparation (Parish Formation) Workshops:

Montgomery/Dothan—Saturday, March 26, 2011 at St. Bede in Montgomery

Mobile/Baldwin—Saturday, April 9, 2011 at St. Dominic in Mobile

Time: 10am until 4:30pm

Format: Lecture, discussion, practical application with guidance

Description: The Confirmation Preparation Workshop will cover Confirmation Curriculum and Program Design, Sacraments of Initiation, and Designing Retreats & Prayer Experiences with Adolescents. Throughout the workshop, parish groups will be given time to use the information to develop or revise their Confirmation program so that it works for their individual parish. Again, the staffs of the ORE and OYM will work one-on-one with the parishes to help guide their decisions.

SEARCH Retreats

The newest SEARCH Team members will begin their training in mid-August. Currently, we have two SEARCH Retreats scheduled: October 8-10 at Children's Harbor near Montgomery and April 1-3 at Camp Dixie near Elberta. More information about these retreats coming soon!

August & September On-Line Courses

PCL/YML 17.0 Catholic Social Teaching will be offered in an on-line format in August. This course explores Catholic social justice teaching and how to integrate it in designing educational and service opportunities. The actual course runs from August 9-29, with the ice breaker week running from Aug 2-8. If you're interested in this course, please e-mail the ORE (ore@mobilearchdiocese.org) by July 30th with the following information: 1—the name of the course; your name, address, city, zip, home & work phones; and your ministry (YML, PCL, teacher, etc.)

CC 5.1 Role of the Church will be offered in September. This course examines Catholic dogma, doctrine and tradition, how they developed, the role of the Church's teaching authority, and infallibility. This course will run for two weeks and also has a week-long ice breaker before the course begins.

Remaining NET Retreat Dates

NET (The National Evangelization Team) will be returning to our archdiocese in January! We have just a few days left on their schedule—January 18, 19 and 20! NET is an organization based in St. Paul, MN, which ministers to 7th-12th graders through retreat ministry. NET trains teams of 18-30 year olds to travel across the country and direct retreats (ranging in length from 4 hours to 3 days) in parishes and schools. These young adults do a tremendous job—I've seen them assist the Holy Spirit in changing hearts in just an evening retreat. If you've never hosted NET, please consider hosting them this year.

We are now taking reservations for NET retreats. If you agree to host NET, you are responsible for the fee paid to NET (this year, fees started at \$675 for a 4-6 hour retreat and fees increase for longer retreats) and you are also responsible for housing the team for at least one night and you are responsible for feeding the team for at least 3 meals. Please call Margie (251-433-4138) if you are interested or if you need more information!

Fundraiser for ACYC!

Looking for a fundraiser to help defray costs for ACYC? Consider having your teens sell ads in our Conference program. For each ad sold, 50% of the ad price will go towards printing the program, 25% of the ad price will go to the OYM, and 25% of the ad price will go back to the parish of the teen who sold the ad. Encourage your senior parents to take out senior ads! More information about this fundraiser will go out in early fall.

Catechist Celebration Days!

Don't miss these awesome opportunities for you and your youth ministry team! Sept 11 at St. John's in Enterprise; Sept 18 at Christ the King in Daphne, Sept 25 at St. Joseph's in Prattville! Information flyers from the ORE will be coming out soon!