

# OYM Newsletter

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*The Year for Priests*

A Prayer for Priests by John Cardinal O'Connor,  
March 1995

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs.

We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood.

Yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses. We know too that they are tempted to sin and discouragement, as are we, needing to be ministered to, as do we, to be consoled and forgiven, as do we. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith.

We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus:

Your presence in their hearts,  
Your holiness in their souls,  
Your joy in their spirits.

And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic Bread.

We pray to You, O Lord, with Mary, the mother of priests, for Your priests and for ours. Amen.

## Mark Your Calendars!

The Office of Youth Ministry is in the process of putting together our calendar for the year. We ask you to place these dates on your calendar. You'll get more information about individual events as those dates near. Other dates will be added throughout the year!

July 30-Aug 1: Our annual **PCL/YML Retreat** at the Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat House in Holy Trinity, AL.

Aug 26: YML Meeting for Dothan Deanery

Aug 27-29: YML & Team Workshop at Children's Harbor

Aug 31: YML Meeting for Mobile/Baldwin

Sept 2: YML Meeting for Montgomery

Sept 11: Catechist Celebration Day for Dothan Deanery

Sept 12: "New Year" Kickoffs in Montgomery & Mobile. Kick off the new year with some fun and games for our parish youth groups!

Sept 18: Catechist Celebration Day for the Mobile/Baldwin Deaneries

Sept 25: Catechist Celebration Day for the Montgomery Deanery

Oct 21: YML Meeting for the Dothan Deanery

Nov 2: YML Meeting for the Mobile/Baldwin Deaneries

Nov 4: YML Meeting for the Montgomery Deanery

Dec 9-12: **National Conference for Catholic Youth Ministry** in New Orleans

Jan 11: YML Meeting for Mobile/Baldwin Deaneries

Jan 13: YML Meeting for Montgomery Deanery

Jan 13-25: NET in Archdiocese (call the Mobile office for their available dates!)

Jan 20: YML Meeting for Dothan Deanery

Feb 25-27: **Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Conference!!!**

We'll be in Orange Beach at the Perdido Beach Resort!

Mar 24: YML Meeting for the Dothan Deanery

Mar 29: YML Meeting for Mobile/Baldwin Deaneries

Mar 31: YML Meeting for Montgomery Deanery

**SEARCH dates will be announced as soon as locations are finalized! Look for a fall SEARCH retreat in the Montgomery area and a spring SEARCH retreat in Mobile/Baldwin!**

## Day Retreats for YMLs

The Offices of Religious Education and Youth Ministry are teaming up to offer day retreats for parish catechetical and youth ministry leaders.

PCLs and YMLs of the **Montgomery and Dothan Deaneries**, along with those who have worked with them, are invited to a retreat on Thursday, May 13th at The Church of the Holy Spirit on Vaughn Road in Montgomery. The retreat begins at 9:30 and ends with lunch at 12:30. Dave O'Brien will lead the retreat, "Easter Gift of

Peace". Please RSVP for this retreat by May 4th by contacting Rona in the Montgomery ORE office: 334-269-2389 or e-mail [rreder@mobilearchdiocese.org](mailto:rreder@mobilearchdiocese.org),

PCLs and YMLs of the **Mobile and Baldwin Deaneries** are invited to a retreat, "Finding Peace in the Sometimes Stormy Sea of Leadership", which will be held on Saturday, May 22nd from 10:00 until 12:30 at the Shrine of the Holy Cross Parish in Daphne. Sr. Deborah Kennedy will lead the

retreat. A picnic lunch will follow immediately after the retreat. Please RSVP no later than May 17th by contacting the Office of Religious Education at 251-433-6991 or e-mail [jhoward@mobilearchdiocese.org](mailto:jhoward@mobilearchdiocese.org).

Come spend a few hours away from the regular routine, as we finish up this school year. Please be sure to keep the RSVP dates (May 4 for Montgomery/Dothan and May 17th for Mobile/Baldwin) in mind!

**Work continues on High School Confirmation preparation!  
More information will be coming from the Office of Religious Education and from our Office soon!**

## NET Dates for 2011!

The National Evangelization Team will be directing retreats in our archdiocese in January of 2011. 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 people 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. The number of NET members to be housed and fed usually ranges from 10-14. We aren't able to finalize housing dates until about 1 or 2 months prior to the team arrives - it depends on their travel requirements within the archdiocese and if finalized by the NET staff. But, please know that you'll probably be asked to house the team either the night prior or the night after your retreat - you may be asked to house both nights!

The dates which are available as of the writing of this newsletter are: Friday, January 14; Tuesday, January 18; Wednesday, January 19; Thursday, January 20; Friday, January 21; Sunday, January 23

If you are interested in hosting NET, please call Margie in our office ( 251-433-4138) and make your reservation. Margie only works in our office part-time. Please call between 9:30am and 1:00pm to make your reservation. When you call to make your reservation, you can choose from any of the dates which are still available at the time of your call. Dates will be given out on a "first-come, first-served" basis. As dates fill up, we will need to begin to make sure that we try to limit unnecessary travel (e.g., we can't ask the team to serve in Mobile on Tuesday, then in Phenix City on Wednesday and back to Mobile on Thursday) so some of the final dates may not be open to all who call. Once you make a reservation, it will be binding unless we can find another parish to take your date.

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## Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb Service Award

This year we had twenty-five parishes nominate a high school teen for the Archbishop Oscar H. Lipscomb Service Award. For the list of award recipients and nominees, please refer to the Catholic Week article.

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## And finally,

**NCCYM** - The National Conference for Catholic Youth Ministers will be held at the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, December 9-12, 2010. NCCYM may not be this close to us again for a very long time! Make plans now to attend! Registration will open in June of 2010! If you are planning to go to NCCYM, please call Mary, Dave or Janet ASAP. We'll reserve a block of rooms at the main hotel so that we can all stay together!

**On-Line Wellsprings of Faith Courses** - Our next on-line Wellsprings courses will be in June. PCL/YML6.0 Family and Multicultural Perspective and CC7.0 Life of the Church will be offered. If you or someone who works with you would like to register for either of these courses or if you'd like more information, please e-mail the Office of Religious Education at [ore@mobilearchdiocese.org](mailto:ore@mobilearchdiocese.org). Sign up for a class soon and see how rewarding on-line learning can be!