



Youth Ministry

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"We become fully alive when we root everything we are and do in the person of Christ and live our lives out of that relationship." - Bishop Ricken

November 2014

Youth Ministry Calendar

November 21, 2014

Retreat with Bishop Ricken

November 24, 2014

High School Curriculum Day at the Diocese led by Maria and Sr. Jackie.

December 17, 2014

ValLimar Jansen coming to Holy Spirit, Darboy for Middle/High Schoolers. Open invitation!

Jan 2-4, 2015

TEC Weekend Retreat

Jan 15, 2015

Grant Applications Due

Jan 20-25, 2015

March for Life, Washington DC

March 21-22nd

Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally

June 13-21, 2015

Diocesan Mississippi Mission Trip

July 8-14, 2015

Steubenville St. Louis, MO

July 24-26, 2015

Steubenville North - St. Paul, MN

March for Life 2015

We have over 80 students registered thus far for the 2015 pilgrimage! [Click HERE](#) for registration and information! Liability form

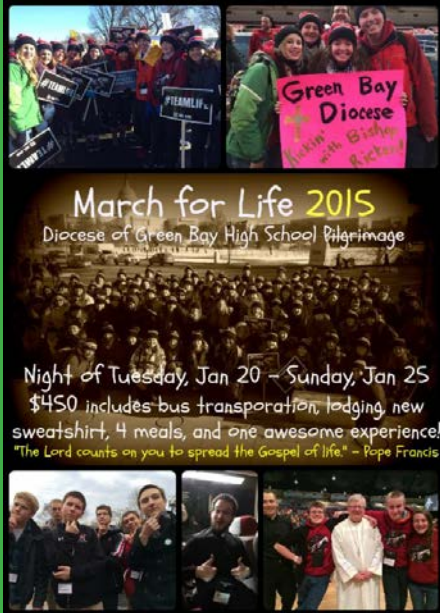
Youth Ministry



In college, on my way to class - rather, **power** walking to catch my 8:30am class with sleepy eyes and a cup of hot chocolate or tea in hand, I often encountered an elderly Jesuit priest on campus who was well known by many of us students. He was blind and had been since his childhood. One of the

most hilarious men I had ever encountered (he was the king of one liners that would leave your insides hurting), Father would often be seen sitting on a bench on the main square taking in the campus and its students. I remember as the world was rushing around him (myself included), there was a peace about him. He was **radically available** to students and because of that, Father rarely found himself alone on the bench. Students would look forward to sitting next to him, taking a load off, and encountering that peace that throughout the day, was being replaced by other "necessary" chores, projects, research, work study, and quick lunches that wouldn't interfere with afternoon classes. Father knew radical availability. He lived it, and I often come back to him as the model for youth ministry. When was the last time I was available to anyone - having no alternative agendas, places to be, or projects to do? Have I really been truly open to the "**encuentros**" that occur

and a \$100 deposit are due to the diocese to register!
Priests come free!



Diocesan Mission Trip 2015

Join us for our mission experience to Hancock County, Mississippi totaling \$690 from June 13-21st. All parishes who come on board are able to help us plan this from the ground up! Registration and information can be found online at www.gbdioc.org/yevents

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP



between God, myself, and the teenagers I work with? No time to be radically available, you say? Then as Bishop Ricken says, "**What do we need to stop doing? What do we need to start doing? What do we need to continue doing?**" God touches us in the "encuentro" moments - the encounter moments. How can we learn the art of being? Maybe it's by being who God calls us to be in our daily life choices, chores, time management, and work rather than being someone we are not and that is a big challenge set for all of us. However, it's something that our teens are yearning for - our attention and love that reflect the love of the Father.

Bishop wrote a prayer to help us with just that:

"Lord, help me to do your will.
Nothing more, nothing less.
Lord, help me to do your will.
Not a moment sooner.
Not a moment later.
Than You will it."

All for God's Greater Glory,
Maria

www.gbdioc.org/youth-ministry

Retreat with Bishop Ricken

Join us for a retreat day with Bishop Ricken!
Friday, November 21st
Diocesan Campus

Join us for 7:45am Mass with Fr. Felton followed by two reflections by Bishop, time for prayer and quiet, lunch (recently changed - now provided by the diocese on site), and afternoon sessions on prayer, discerning God's will, and the Divine Mercy. Sign up is free, just email youthministry@gbdioc.org to sign up! This is open to anyone who would like to come for a day of retreat. Day will end at 3pm. [Click here to preview the schedule!](#)



Steubenville Youth Conferences

Join us for either of the summer pilgrimages to Steubenville North (St. Paul, MN) or to Steubenville Mid-America (St. Louis/Springfield, MO). Sign up is now open!

www.gbdioc.org/ymevents



Handy Resources - Youth Ministry Resource Portal

Remember to check out our resource site here for videos, catechetical readings, small group recommendations, free books, and more!



Quick Resources



[More Friends than you can Count: Praying with the Saints](#)

[What is Advent? Gangnam Style](#)

[Making Advent a More Holy Season](#)

[Missionaries of the Word now have a website!](#)

Teach My People to Pray

What is your parish/school doing in their religious education and youth ministry programs to focus more intently on prayer? Please share what you are doing in your own parish to center your own students, staff, and families more intently on prayer. [Click HERE to share with our offices!](#)

Grants Available

[Click here for more information on grants provided by the Catholic Foundation for Catechesis, Evangelization, and Leadership Development. Deadline is January 15th.](#)

High School Curriculum Day

*How are we supposed to teach this much?
I don't know what to include for each grade level.
Where do I get more resources?
My high schoolers are bored out of their minds in class.
What textbooks are we using and what can we use to supplement?
What about Confirmation?
Where is Theology of the Body supposed to fit in?
How many times are we supposed to meet?
How does youth ministry fit in?
What about small groups v. large group teaching?*

Join us for a day of high school planning. You don't want to miss this very practical day of planning, lesson planning, and visioning if your religious education classes are making true disciples. To sign up, email Carol Fountain at cfountain@gbdioc.org.

Nov 29th Begins the Year of the Consecrated Life!

Pope Francis named Nov 29, 2014-Feb 2, 2016 the year of consecrated life. Have you ever thought of inviting consecrated religious into your religious education classes or youth group nights? [Click here for resources from the USCCB!](#)

Thank You!

A special thanks to all who have come out for our fall sponsored events and collaborative events offered by some awesome youth ministers! Shout

Pope Francis: It's Difficult to Listen to God's Voice When we are Self Centered (November Homily)

"All Christians, he continued, have this fear of God's generosity toward us, because many times, "we feel safer in our sins, in our limitations, but feel at home."

This fear, he noted, brings Christians to not answer God's invitation in order to not leave that safety net.

"Catholics, but not too Catholic," the Pope said. "Trusting in the Lord, but not too much. This 'but not too much' marks our lives, it belittles us."...

"Today, the Church asks us not to be afraid of the gratuitousness of God," he said. "Instead we must open our hearts, do our part as much as we can, because He will prepare the banquet."

[Read the rest of the article here!](#)

out to all the speakers for the local LifeTeen sponsored Empower Training, those who bused down to Holy Hill Youth Day, Youth Advisory Committee for spearheading GBYC High School Made for More Conference on October 18th, and the Youth Jam committee for organizing the Middle School Youth Jam on November 2nd. [Click HERE for photos from the fall events!](#)

The Northeast Wisconsin
PASSION PLAY

Wednesday, March 25, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Witness the story of Jesus coming to life through a stirring contemporary Christian score, dance and dramatic scenes. Your journey will include scenes from His teachings, the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, His crucifixion and glorious Resurrection.

The performance is suitable for all age groups.

Cost is just \$3 per ticket, a savings of up to \$10 per ticket.

Special Invitation to Religious Education Leaders!

You and your students are cordially invited to attend a special ninety-minute performance of our dramatic Easter musical, the Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play, at a discounted price. To reserve tickets for your group of ten or more, contact our group sales coordinator:

Suzanne: svanenkevort@xaviercatholicshools.org

or [\(920\) 733-8840](tel:(920)733-8840).

Join us for our Power Hour for Youth

Join others from around the diocese in prayer from 2-3pm on Tuesdays! Feel free to join us anytime or for any length during that time frame. Pray at your desk, in your parish Church, chapel, in the kitchen, or wherever you are - our youth depend on our prayers - a simple Rosary, sacrifice, spontaneous prayer, Lectio Divina, adoration hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet, etc. To be put on our reminder email list for an email every Tuesday morning, email Maria at mdemeuse@abdioc.org.



NCYC

For those who appreciate planning ahead: The Office of Youth Ministry has discerned and will be pilgrimaging to alternate sites for Fall of 2015, therefore, there will not be a coordinated diocesan pilgrimage going to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) next fall. Thank you to all of those who have supported us in the formation of our young people. Please continue to pray for the formation and growth of our teens!

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