

Diocesan Youth Events 2016/17—Grades 9-12th

Greetings in Christ,

I am excited to send out this mailing with the many opportunities the diocese has available for the youth in our diocese to grow in their faith. The diocese seeks to offer events focused on various levels within the process of evangelization. This ranges from conversion focused events in which a youth may have an initial encounter with person of Christ, to ongoing formation events in which a youth who has already fallen in love with Christ is given the opportunity to delve deeper into that relationship with the guidance of others. You can find these events on-line at www.sfcatholic.org/youth or call 605-988-3766

Call me if you have any questions. JoLynn-589-3898

****“Going Deeper” Retreat**

Oct 7th-9th, 2016—St. Dominic Catholic Church in Canton, SD

March 3rd-5th, 2017 –St. Leo Catholic Church in Tyndall, SD

After falling in love with Jesus Christ, many youth experience great challenges in continuing to foster that relationship. This retreat is for those youth? The intent is to provide further formation for young disciples, who have already had an initial encounter with Christ, through practice of prayer, community and the Sacraments. Open to youth in grades 11-12. Youth in grades 9-10 are invited to attend with a recommendation from their pastor.

Cost \$75. Download form online.

****2016 Diocese Youth Conference—Sat. Nov 12th**

The annual youth conference is a primarily conversion based event that invites youth at every stage to come, bring friends, and have the opportunity to encounter Christ through dynamic speakers, lively atmosphere and prayer. Last year over 1800 attendees came to this event. This year Jason Evert has been invited to spend the day with us. Nic Davidson will also be speaking about the joyful truth he found in the Church.

Theme: One Thing Remains: I have loved you with an everlasting Love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness in you. Jeremiah 31:3

Location: Swiftel Center in Brookings, SD; 8:30am to 6pm

****SEARCH RETREATS WEEKENDS-2016/17** SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a Roman Catholic oriented retreat program run by lay leaders throughout the Diocese. Sophomores in high school or persons 16 years of age and older are invited to attend. Young adults and adult coordinators who have made a SEARCH will be conducting the weekend. The weekend consists of talks, skits, music, and receiving the sacraments of the church. A priest does act as Spiritual Director on the weekend. Weekend begins at 5pm on Friday and ends 5pm on Sunday.

Sioux Falls Search Weekends @ Holy Spirit Parish—Call Amy Nightingale at 605-371-2320.

\$65.00/person. There is a cheaper early-bird price if registration is done one month prior to retreat.

Weekend Dates: Oct 21-23, 2016; February 10-12, 2017; May 5-7, 2017

****March for Life Pilgrimage—January 25-29, 2017**

The 44th Annual March for Life will take place on Friday, Jan 27, 2017. The Diocese of Sioux Falls will be participating in the march and invites you to come along. The pilgrimage will include participation in the March, the Catholic youth rally and some free time to visit sites at our Nation's Capital. Total Cost: \$500 (includes \$50 deposit, non-refundable)
Includes hotel room, bus fare, and ticket to Life Is Good Rally.

****Summer Discipleship Camps—Broomtree Retreat Center-Irene, SD**

D-Camp (Discipleship Camp) is our Diocesan summer youth camp. Junior High and High School youth come together for four days of faith and fun. During the day you will hear talks to help you grow in your faith, bond with a small group of other teens, compete in all-camp Olympic games, have the chance to go to Mass, Confessions, and Adoration, and meet lots of new friends! Scholarships are available through the diocese. Cost is \$300.

Dates are not available at this time. Check website frequently to find dates.

****Disciples in Action—Sioux Falls**

This summer the diocese piloted Disciples in Action, a local mission program focused on being the hands and feet of Jesus in our very own communities. The experience was simple and profound, a clear revelation of God's hand at work. More about next summer's Disciples in Action will be available in October. Call Emily at 988-3776 if you'd like to learn more or get your parish involved.

LOCAL & NATIONAL EVENTS:

****TOTUS TUUS--**Meaning "Totally Yours", Totus Tuus is a summer program where young adults lead summer bible camps throughout the Diocese. They come in to the parish and minister to the youth. We have not received our reserved date at this time! FREE for all K-12th grade St.Leo/Vincent members.

****STEUBENVILLE Youth Conference.**

***Last year 20 youth attended the Steubenville conference in Springfield, MO.**

In 1976, Franciscan University hosted its first Steubenville Youth Conference when 1,000 youth and young adults gathered on our campus in Steubenville, Ohio, for a weekend of prayer, praise, and reflection. This past summer, more than 40,000 teens will participate in 18 different youth conferences across North America, discovering the richness of the Catholic Church and encountering the truth of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. This has been a life-changing experience for many youth. They make the choice to change their life and follow Jesus. Go to www.steubenville.org for more information about the conferences.

July of 2017—We will move forward with fundraising and planning for our next conference.

Adult are encouraged to attend and experience a conference as a volunteer. Approximate Cost is \$350-\$380 depending on site and extra events planned.

Possible weekends: July 14-16 in Rochester, MN or July 28-30 in St. Paul, MN