

April 15, 2010

Dear Friends:

This letter is being sent to invite you to help us in supplying an attendance prize for our annual Hispanic Youth Day. This event will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010, at the Pastoral Center, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, in Belleville. We hope this springtime gathering of youth, ages 11 to 21 will give messages of hope and encouragement to the Hispanic teens attending from our twenty-eight southern counties of Illinois. The theme of our day will be **“The Good Earth and the Circle of Life”**. Along with fun, food and prayer, the activities of the day will focus on the gift of life on Planet Earth and the responsibility we have to nurture each other and all of life.

To add special enjoyment, we are inviting various stores, agencies and parishes to send an attendance prize suitable for youth. **Would you please consider contributing a prize (a basket or bag of youth-preferred items, a gift card --\$10, \$15 or \$20, snack food basket, music/CD, a book, or an earth-related gift)?** If you are able to honor this request in some way, please call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at **618-235-9601 ext. 129 before June 5th** or send a response by mail or e-mail. Please include the name of the contact person so that we can arrange to pick up what you wish to donate at the appropriate time. If you include a business card, it will be attached to the prize and a list of the stores, agencies and parish groups will be distributed to the group of youth and to the adult workers attending.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for all your efforts in support of youth.

Sincerely,

Sr. Cecilia M. Hellmann, ASC

S. Joan Hornick, ASC

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If you prefer, you may deliver your gift to the Office of Hispanic Ministry, Pastoral Center Bldg. 6, at any time between 8:15 and 4:30. If our office is not open, please leave your donation at the Office of Education which is just around the corner.