

Memo From the Director

Diocesan Youth Conference!

March 5-6, 2011 is the weekend is fast approaching and registration has begun. The early registration deadline has been extended to Monday, February 7, 2011 due to in climate weather. Please make special note that we are requesting the registration information for chaperones include the dates of completion for each requirement of Child Protection. This assists office staff greatly!

Also, now is the time for affirmation ads of the DYC booklet. Each pastor and pastoral leader should have received and email with information. Please contact me if you did not receive the email.

National Catholic Youth Conference! (NCYC)

November 17-19, 2011 will be the biennial **National Catholic Youth Conference** to be held in Indianapolis, IN. Our diocese has a strong tradition of participation by sending 200+ youth to this national youth celebration of faith. The NCYC is three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The [schedule](#) includes keynote addresses, prayer, workshops, liturgy, opportunities for youth to participate in reconciliation and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recreational activities, concerts, exhibits, and an interactive thematic park. For planning purposes, the fee will be \$420 per participant. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

An Early FYI on Next Year's March for Life:

The Office of Youth Ministry, in collaboration with the Respect Life Office, will be expanding the pilgrimage to the **March for Life** next January. The goal will be to increase youth participation from ALL parts of the diocese. Planning is in the very early stages so more information will be forthcoming. Along with many good things that can be said about the event, one that stands out is the consistent message that ALL life must be respected and cared for. What a great opportunity to immerse youth in an essential mission of the Church.