

Memo

To: Pastors, Administrators and Parish Life Coordinators
From: Colette A. Kennett/Office of Youth Ministry
Date: 8/24/2009
Re: Office of Youth Ministry Parish Opportunities

Greetings! The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry is happy to provide you with information that can assist you in your parish youth ministry to junior high students (6th, 7th, 8th grades), as well as senior high students. Enclosed you will find detailed information but we would like to ask if you can place the following bulletin inserts into your parish bulletin to assist us with getting this information to your local faith community. These opportunities provide a remarkable venue to allow your youth to strengthen their Catholic identity through participation in Diocesan-sponsored programs. Thank you!

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

We invite YOU and your adult chaperones to join us at the Gateway Center in Collinsville IL on March 13-14, 2010, for the annual Diocesan Youth Conference. The Theme for this two-day Conference is "Based in Faith" and our Featured Speaker will be Mr. Jesse Manibusan. For registration details, please contact the Office of Youth Ministry at 618-235-9601, or e-mail: oym@diobelle.org

A FIRST TIME EVENT FOR JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry is excited to announce that we will sponsor our First Diocesan Junior High Rally targeting your 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their adult chaperones. This Rally will take place at the Holiday Inn located in Mt. Vernon on Sunday, April 25th, 2010. Featured presenters are "OddWalk Ministries" and the goal of the day is to strengthen Catholic Identity among our Junior High youth. Cost for the day is 30.00 per person which includes lunch and other amenities. For registration information, contact the Office of Youth Ministry at 618-235-9601, or e-mail: oym@diobelle.org.

NOTE: PLEASE RUN THIS BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT IMMEDIATELY AS IT HAS AN OCTOBER 15TH TIMELINE. THANK YOU!

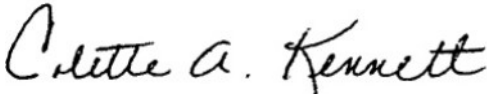
CALLING ALL OLDER ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

We are excited to sponsor a pilgrimage to join with the Holy Father in Madrid, Spain, on August 11-22, 2011. We will participate in a global adventure known as the International World Youth Day Events. The package cost is approximately \$3,650.00 per person and includes an opportunity to participate in "Days in the Diocese" where we will be hosted by local families to share in a true cultural experience. Cost also includes airfare, hotel lodging, registration fees and more. This event targets older adolescents and young adults from ages 18 to 35. An initial deposit of \$200.00 is requested by

October 15th of this year to hold your place. A follow on payment plan will be developed. To indicate your interest, please contact the Office of Youth Ministry at 618-235-9601 or e-mail: oym@diobelle.org.

Here in the Office of Youth Ministry, we truly appreciate your support of these Diocesan-sponsored opportunities designed to serve our parishes and build the Youth Catholic Church here in Southern Illinois. To learn more about the services provided by our Office, please visit our website at: www.diobelleoym.catholicweb.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colette A. Kennett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

COLETTE A. KENNETT

Director of Youth Ministry