

Memo From the Director

Diocesan Youth Conference!

March 5-6, 2011 is the weekend for our annual **Diocesan Youth Conference** (DYC). This two-day event will again take place at the Gateway Center in Collinsville, Illinois. The Theme is “*Saints...BI!*” Living today presents many challenges. Finding our path to holiness is complicated by our modern reality. The weekend will immerse our youth, and adults, in our faith and provide practical guides to living as disciples of Christ. The featured presenter will be Sal Solo. Former British Rockstar SAL SOLO's songs have sold millions around the world, earning gold and silver discs. His videos are classics on MTV and VH1. He has made award winning radio shows, written regularly for various Catholic papers and published a book for teens. He has served at over 80 Diocesan Youth Rallies, countless parishes, schools, and conferences, and has sung in 37 countries. Learn more about Sal at www.salsolo.com. This annual Conference draws over 600 high school teens and their adult leaders from throughout Southern Illinois. Your parish may bring an unlimited number of high school youth. More information will be forthcoming. We hope that you will be with us this March!

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. More information will be forthcoming.

God Bless,

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