

# Diocese of Sioux City Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Youth Ministry News



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## What's Out There...

**From Jessica La Fleur, Director**

It has been a crazy Fall, as always, but I have had many opportunities to give thanks to God for the people of our diocese.

As I look ahead, I would like to invite you to share your insights regarding diocesan youth ministry at a gathering on November 18. This will be an opportunity for youth AND adults to talk about our future.

You will be receiving information about a workshop on the National Study of Youth and Religion that will be held here in our Diocese. The Archdiocese of Dubuque is joining us in an effort to understand the Study: what is going on with Catholic youth in the United States. This workshop will be held at four sites on four days in the month of February. It is our hope that you will consider this as being most helpful in your ministry and education of youth.

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## CAYOCA 2007

The dates for CAYOCA 2007 are out! Mark your calendars now! Please note a bit of a change in the sessions. While there won't be a "service camp" this summer, the 7th & 8th grade youth will still be a part of summer camp! TLCC will be offering their own service camp, and that information will be shared with those interested.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Grades/Session</u>
June 1-4 (Team training May 31-June 1)	Grades 3-5 A
June 5-8 (Team training June 4-5)	Grades 6-8
June 9-12 (Team training June 8-9)	Grades 3-5 B
June 13-16 (Team training June 12-13)	Grades 5-6

We will begin recruiting for CAYOCA volunteers this winter, so if you are interested in being on leadership team or a small group leader, please contact Jessica with your camp preference today!

## Totus Tuus

There are only TWO weeks open for this summer's Totus Tuus catechetical program. If your parish would like to sign up, please contact the Youth Ministry Office!

# exodus

The FIRST diocesan middle school youth rally was held on Saturday, October 7 at the Nativity Parish Center in Sioux City. There were over 350 youth in attendance from across the diocese. The theme was commitment, community, and courage. The day included Bob Perron as the keynote speaker, SevenGlory and Heath McNease for the concert, and closed with liturgy.

A very special thanks goes to Sam Hacker, Sue Hrasky, Julie Tebbe, Angie Lutter, Fr. Matt Hewitt, and all those who helped make this day awesome!

Any comments or suggestions for the rally can be emailed to Jessica at [JessicaL@scdiocese.org](mailto:JessicaL@scdiocese.org).

## NCYC 2007

Registration packets will be sent to all parishes and schools in the diocese for NCYC 2007 (November 8-11) as soon as costs are final (hopefully in December). The FIRST DEPOSIT of \$75 will be due December 15, 2006. This deposit is non-refundable, but transferable. Please note that if you have individuals who sign up after December 15, they will need to pay the deposit plus any other payments that the other participants have made. Please contact the youth ministry office for more information.



CATHOLIC TO THE

# CORE

Catholic to the Core, this year's high school youth rally was held on Sunday, October 31 at Gehlen High School in Le Mars. There were over 800 who attended the rally.


The rally began with liturgy with Bishop Nickless and several other diocesan priests, followed by lunch and the keynote presentation by OddWalk Ministries.

Youth and adults attended two workshops and the day closed with a concert from SevenGlory and Heath McNease.

The contributions at Mass were \$359.37, which will go towards scholarships for diocesan youth ministry events, as well as teens in need.

The Rally Planning team deserve great thanks: Lisa Sitzmann, Janet Klein, Angie Lutter, & Vickie Ryan. Also, the Gehlen community pulled through another year! Thanks to all!

**THE NCYC PROMOTIONAL VIDEO  
IS AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT  
FROM THE DIOCESAN YOUTH  
MINISTRY OFFICE**



ANYONE and EVERYONE is invited to discuss the future of youth ministry in the Diocese of Sioux City!

# **Share YOUR Vision of Youth Ministry!!**

Whether you are a teen or an adult, this is your opportunity to share your thoughts, reflections, hopes, and stories.

**November 18, 2006**

10:00 am—3:00 pm

**Harvest Hall, Twin Lakes Christian Center**

7718 Twin Lakes Road

Manson, IA 50563

*Lunch will be provided*

If you are interested in coming, call or e-mail at 712.233.7561 or [JessicaL@scdiocese.org](mailto:JessicaL@scdiocese.org)

## Virtus Sessions

Don't forget to have your adults trained with Virtus if they are going to be working in religious education or youth ministry this year. These are the current sessions available:

**November 13, 2006; 1:00 pm**  
Mental Health Institute (Cherokee)

**February 5, 2007; 6:30 pm**  
Sacred Heart (Spencer)

**March 27, 2007; 6:30 pm**  
Sacred Heart (Spencer)

**May 30, 2007; 6:30 pm**  
Sacred Heart (Spencer)

## Search and Discover Retreat Teams

We need retreat leaders!! If you are a previous retreat participant is interested in helping with Discover or Search Retreats, please contact the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry as soon as possible!

### **Search Weekends:**

December 8-10, 2006 (Ft. Dodge)  
February 16-18, 2007 (Remsen)

### **Discover Retreats:**

January 13-14, 2007 (Early)  
March 31-April 1, 2007 (Spencer)



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