

# YOUTH

April 2003

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Dear Hearthstone Friends,

We experienced one of those moments in our lives when we felt close to God. It happened at the Hearthstone "Senior Prom". What an intergenerational celebration of faith, family and friends! I stand in awe of the goodness of the Lord in blessing our area with such generous, caring and loving people. Five hundred senior citizens, 100 high school team and plenty of adults came to join in the celebration. The evening's "Hawaiian Paradise" included dinner, entertainment, and crowning of the king and queen. The donations of money, time, gifts and energy were awesome. Thanks to everyone who made this year's prom special.

We welcome Renee Kelch, as the new youth minister at Immaculate Conception Parish, Ottoville. Renee's excited about this new adventure in her life and we look forward to working with her. We welcome Matt Gilbert, youth minister at St. Rose, Lima. Matt will be working with the youth and promoting stewardship at St. Rose and in his spare time, making violins. Welcome, Renee and Matt.

Fr. Dave Reinhart spent three days in the Hearthstone Area. It was good to have him with us taking time to gather as a group and to meet one on one. Thanks, Fr. Dave.

I look forward to seeing many of you on the Walk for Life, April 18th. Let's have a strong representation from the Hearthstone area. Pack a lunch, bring family and friends, dress for the weather and spend Good Friday walking for all life.

If you would like to see an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation celebration for the Hearthstone Jr. high youth please consider hosting such an event in your parish. The graduation celebration usually includes mixers, a dance, pizza, and closing mass. Your high school youth are a great resource to help plan the event and I know there are plenty of high school youth from the area that would love to be on team.

Our next support meeting will be April 28th at St. Michael's Parish Center, Kalida, 7:00 p.m. In addition to the every other month support meetings, Diocesan Youth Ministers Training Sessions are being held at St. Mary's, Defiance. The next one will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Call me and we'll carpool to Defiance.

Teresa Lanwehr and the youth at Sts. Peter & Paul, Ottawa, have graciously offered to host the **Hearthstone Y.E.S. (Youth Elect Service) weekend June 12-14**. Planning meetings will be starting so invite your youth to participate. Many adults will be needed so mark your calendars and plan on being a part of this wonderful opportunity. Please give Teresa a call at 419-523-6602.

The Diocesan Youth Conference will be held July 11-13 at Bluffton. Look over your Conference Packets and make note of the new changes that have been made for this year's Conference. Who do you Say I Am, a Catholic praise & worship band and Vince Nims, the Roman Catholic Banana Guy, are on the weekend schedule. It's going to be a great Conference. The theme this year is "Imago Dei", Image of God. Please remember to take pictures of your youth and send them to Gary Landoll. Digital or regular pics will work. Look for the registration form on the web page.

The Diocesan Leadership Week is July 28-31 at the Camp Glen. The space is limited to 25, 2 from each parish, so get your youth registered early.

Experience III will be held August 8-10 at Camp Palmer. Cost will be approximately \$55 which will include use of a low ropes course, climbing wall, swimming pool, meals and T-shirt. Each parish will be asked to send 3-5 youth leaders. Space is limited to 40. Registration form is on the Diocesan web page.

Thanks for all you do for the youth of the Diocese of Toledo. Hearthstone is a Happening Place to be! Think spring!

Love and Prayers,  
Connie Cleemput, Area Coordinator

## DIOCESAN DATES

April	18, Walk For Life
June	10, Cedar Point Day
July	11-13, Youth
Conference	



# Chaplain's Chatter

**Have you ever thought of going back to school? Have you ever thought that you wanted a little more education?** We always need to be renewed and informed in our ministry. If we do not, we can become sterile and run dry. More and more we are finding quality youth ministry training, continuing education, and opportunities for the pursuit of a degree. This is the perfect time to make plans for summer or autumn.

Of course, we all have unique needs and abilities depending on our ministry and life situation. What follows are some of the immediate opportunities that have come across my desk. I will also be making these known to your pastors as a way of encouraging them to support your continuing education and formation.

### **“New Ways of Being Church”, The University of Dayton**

June 16-20, 2003

Courses of interest include: “Using Modern Media in Youth Ministry”, “Being a Leader/Fostering Leadership”, “The Spiritual Lives of Our Teenagers” , and “Spirituality& Film, Part I: Fundamentals in Integrating Film in Ministry”

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### **“Foundations of Youth Ministry”, Loyola Institute for Ministry**

Summer 2003

“This course examines the broad foundations of youth ministry with young and older adolescents. It then investigates a model for comprehensive youth ministry that incorporates developmentally sound youth programs...”

This is a part of the new Masters Degree offered in Youth Ministry through Loyola’s distance learning program. The entire program comes highly recommended and many groups in our Diocese are pursuing degrees through this program.

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**Training Sessions** – These are being offered around the Diocese for all who work with youth. It is a series of sessions developed by the Center for Ministry Development , that have been popular and continue to grow in our three locations.

**Youth Ministry Certification** - Pat Odey-Murray, Director of the Lay Ministry Formation, along with our office, are working to develop the Lay Ministry Program to include courses and certification in Youth Ministry. We will keep you posted on any developments.

**Continuing Education** - Both Defiance College and Lourdes College offer courses in Youth Ministry, Defiance in a distance learning format. For further information on either of these opportunities, check out the college website.

As our nation continues on the path toward armed conflict with the nation of Iraq, we are called as Catholics to bring “rigorous conditions of moral legitimacy” (Catechism. #2309) to bear on our decision to support such action. To help inform those who minister to youth, the following is offered to assist you in your ministry as you help youth come to terms with the events taking place in our world.

**Conditions for a “Just War” (Catechism #2309):**

1. The damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain;
2. All other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective;
3. There must be serious prospects of success;
4. The use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated.

To help apply these principles to the current events, the United States Bishops have written a statement in which they enumerate the “conviction that war is not “inevitable” and that “war is always a defeat for humanity.” The full text of the Bishop’s statement along with other resources can be found at the following web address: <http://www.nccbuscc.org/sdwp/peace/index.htm>.

Let us all pray that humankind will listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit so as to help bring about the kingdom of God.

**Quotes:**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Mt. 5:9)

“If we are to reach real peace in this world and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children...until at last all the corners of the world are covered with

**2003-2004 Logo WINNER!!**



The winner of this year’s logo contest is Nicole Knabe! She is a member of Resurrection Parish in Lexington. Congratulations Nicole! Enjoy those 2 free Cedar Point tickets!

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**Theology on Tap**

**Mansfield Deanery**

April 23  
April 30  
May 7

**Tiffin Deanery**

May 1  
May 8  
May 15

**Toledo Deaneries**

May 8  
May 15  
May 22

**Sandusky Deanery**

May 19

**Principles and Practices  
of Ministry with  
Young Adults**

This program, sponsored by the Center for Ministry Development, is a training for those involved with young adult ministry in a Parish or Diocesan setting. This program is a 4-weekend commitment and will be hosted by the Diocese of Columbus.

For more information, please contact Gary Landoll at the Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry office.

Check the Young  
Adult Website  
for more  
information

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