

# Youth Ministry Newsletter

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### Area Dates

**August 14:** Youth Mass Kickoff/  
Cookout, Christ the King Parish,  
6:30 p.m. (note time change)

**August 21:** Youth Minister's Day  
Away in Amish Country, 10:00 a.m.

**September 8:** Life Fest, Shrine  
Park, Carey, 1:00 - 6:30 p.m.

### Diocesan Dates

2002

September	8 :Life Fest
October	6: Kaleidoscope/Prism HS 13:Crossroads HS 18:Prism JH 20:Beacon HS 27:Two Rivers HS
November	3:Hearthstone HS 10:Heartland HS
December	30:Winter Fun Day

2003

January	19:Back to Earth HS 26:Hearthstone JH
February	8:Crossroads JH 16:Beacon HS 28:Kaleidoscope HS
March	2:Two Rivers JH 16:BTE/Heartland HS
April	18:Walk for Life\
June	10:Cedar Point Day
July	11-13:Youth Conference

Dear Kaleidoscope Friends,

My oh my, what a summer it has been! Between Y.E.S., Youth Conference, Youth Mass and World Youth Day, the Kaleidoscope area has been hopping! We still have Youth Leadership Week and the Youth Minister's Day Away this month, so we're not done yet.

I want to thank Renee Billmaier, Andrea Faust, and what seemed like a cast of thousands for the work they put in to coordinate the Y.E.S. project in June. This was my first experience. I had the pleasure of cooking in the kitchen with Dolores Trausch and Linda and Bob Gutierrez. It was a great weekend for all of us. What good work you do!

Speaking of great weekends, I think the Youth Conference this year was awesome. Congratulations and hearty pats on the back go out to our award winners this year from the Kaleidoscope area. Katie Cornell and Henry Schworm received the For God and Youth award, Kristy Lager, from St. Pat's Heatherdowns, was honored with the Eagle of the Cross award, and our own Spiritual Director for the weekend, Fr. Mark Davis, from Maumee St. Joseph, was the St. Aloysius award winner. We also welcome Jordan Mocek to the Diocesan Youth Council. Jordan, you will do a wonderful job representing the Kaleidoscope area! The women of Kaleidoscope had quite the little campout in our dorm, but being the resilient people we are, we certainly made the best of it. Jesse Manibusan has such energy, and Fr. Mark, how DID you get that dollar bill into the lemon?

I have heard story after story of wonderful experiences in Toronto at World Youth Day. This was a once-in-a-lifetime event for many people. I'm glad you all had safe travels, and I look forward to hearing more about your time away. Welcome back!

I'm happy to report that our Youth Mass continues to be alive and well, and will be at Christ the King Parish this year. We will kick off the year with Mass on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King. We will also have a cookout and games following Mass. Note the time change. There is no cost for the cookout. Please encourage your youth to attend and bring a friend. This is a great night for Mass and fellowship. To raise funds for this, we will chaperone a junior high dance at Christ the King, August 30. Please let me know if you are available to help chaperone this dance. This will offset the cost of our music and the food after Mass.

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Nothing like hitting the ground running with my new ministry! The first day as Youth and Young Adult Chaplain was on the first day of Youth Conference. I then had a couple of days in the office then it was off to World Youth Day. Wow! It has been an awesome beginning!

They've told me to write a little bit about myself and so here it goes. I was raised on a farm between Bucyrus and Upper Sandusky. Yes, another farmer! I am the oldest of 3 boys (my poor mother) and my parents still live at the homestead. My youngest brother, Brian, just began the novitiate for the Oblates of St. Francis De Sales as he discerns his vocation. My other brother, Tim, is married to Dee and has a daughter, Brooke, and they live in Virginia. Tim produces commercials and training videos. All three of us are creative and slightly artistic, but he is the artist of the family.

I had the great joy of graduating from Ohio State University with a degree in landscape architecture and city planning. I worked for a while in Columbus for a de

sign firm and remained restless about what I was really going to do with my life. Ultimately, I had a sense that I needed to look into seminary and discern my vocation.

I was ordained 4 years ago with Fr Mark Bowers and Fr. Randy Giesege. My first and only other assignment was as Associate Pastor of St. Paul, Norwalk. While there I worked a great deal with the high school and in youth ministry programs like Heartland, TEC, Y.E.S., and Youth Leadership Week. Through these experiences and others like them, I developed a great interest in youth and young adult ministry.

I asked to be considered for this ministry and am very excited about being the chaplain for so many great things that happen in our Diocese. Along with this I have begun to work on a masters degree from the University of Dayton. It has been good to open some books again and study (that is something I never thought I would say). It will involve being gone some during the coming summers and an evening class here and there, but otherwise you will not notice. I am living at

St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns and enjoying being there. I live with 2 fine priests, and will slowly be getting to know the people of that community.

I want to thank Fr. Ron for all he has done these last four years. He is a gifted, kind, fun, and committed priest. I consider him a friend and it is a privilege to follow him in the Youth and Young Adult Office.

Finally, just a word about Life Fest! World Youth Day reminded all of those present of how great it is to be Catholic and how many people are enthusiastic about their faith. Life Fest, held on Sept. 8 at the Shrine Park in Carey, is a way for the people of this Diocese to come together and celebrate. Christian bands, food, dancing, and Eucharist draw people young to old to memorialize 9/11, celebrate the life we have, and give us strength for the many school and church activities ahead of us. I look forward to seeing you there!

## **Fr. Dave Reinhart is the Chaplain for Youth for the Diocese of Toledo**



## Youth Conference News

Bluffton College was the setting for the 35th Annual Diocesan Youth Conference that was held July 12-14, 2002. Over 450 youth and adult leaders from around the Diocese gathered to share their faith.

The theme for the weekend was, "Footsteps of the Lord", with a focus on the Sacraments. This theme was weaved into activities and prayer throughout the weekend.

Fr. Mark Davis did a wonderful job as Spiritual Director for the weekend. His gift of using magic to share the message of Christ was inspiring to all. Thank you, Fr. Mark, for all your hard work!

Saturday night, Jesse Manibusan captivated the crowd during a concert in which he weaved fun music and Christian music for a very entertaining evening. The evening ended with a powerful prayer service in which we had Adoration.

Sunday morning was a time for celebration! We began the day with an Awards Ceremony. The For God and Youth Award is presented to adults in recognition of loyal persevering service to or active leadership in Catholic Youth Programs. Those presented with this award this year were:

<b>Katie Cornell</b>	<b>Susan McFarland</b>
<b>Pam Lester</b>	<b>Jeff Weber</b>
<b>Henry Schworm</b>	<b>Frank Phillips</b>

The Eagle of the Cross Award is presented to youth who best exemplify the spirit of Catholic youth as an individual; as a member of their parish and community; and as a participant on the Diocesan level. Those presented with this award this year were:

<b>Amy Jo VonSossan</b>	<b>Ashley Gabel</b>
<b>Jessica Prunty</b>	<b>Jessica Adams</b>
<b>Doug McCollum</b>	<b>Kristy Lager</b>

The St. Aloysius Award is presented to either a Priest, Sister, Brother or Deacon who has shown leadership and dedication in the area of Youth Programs: Parish, Area, and Diocesan wide. This award is given to a person who has gone beyond the call to minister to youth. This year's award was presented to **Fr. Mark Davis**.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 35th Annual Diocesan Youth Conference a success! To see Christ in the lives of so many youth is a true blessing.

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Back to Earth-	Nicole Knabe	Kaleidoscope-	Jordan Mocek
Beacon -	Kayla Bowser	Prism -	Katie Ramirez
Crossroads -	Marcy Dominique	Two Rivers -	LindseyLeibfarth
Heartland -	Stacy Niedermeier		

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The Youth Minister's Day Away in Amish country will be Wednesday, August 21. We will trek to Willard, St. Francis Xavier for 10:00 Mass, and then mosey on down to Amish country. If anyone wants to carpool, give me a call or drop me a note via e-mail at [vfitts@toledodiocese.org](mailto:vfitts@toledodiocese.org). This is a nice day away; one you all deserve.

We're getting directors and gearing up for the Kaleidoscope/Prism II High School Gathering. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 6, at Central Catholic High School. If you would like to be on team, or know any young adult that would like to be a part of team, please let me know.

Welcome to Fr. Dave Reinhart, our new Diocesan Chaplain for Youth. I know he is excited about being with Youth & Young Adult Ministry, and I think he will enjoy getting to know all of you. Feel free to drop him an e-mail to say "howdy" at [dreinhart@toledodiocese.org](mailto:dreinhart@toledodiocese.org).

Enjoy these last days of summer. I'm not complaining about the heat. I vowed last January that I would never complain about sunny, hot days again. Stay cool!

Peace,

Vicki Fitts  
Kaleidoscope Area Coordinator



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