

# Youth Ministry Newsletter

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## Area Dates

**October 13:** Crossroads High School Gathering, Defiance, St. Johns, 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## Diocesan Dates

2002

October 6: Kaleidoscope/Prism HS  
13: Crossroads HS  
18: Prism JH  
20: Beacon JH

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

March 28: Kaleidoscope HS  
2: Two Rivers JH  
16: BTE/Heartland HS

April 18: Walk for Life  
June 10: Cedar Point Day

July 11-13: Youth Conference

Dear Crossroads Friends,

I pray that this newsletter finds you well and happily involved in your ministry.

Special thanks to Ginny Coker and the folks at St. Patricks of Bryan for hosting the initiative game courses. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great day. If you missed it this year, please make plans to join us next year.

Life Fest was also a nice time. Thank you to all the diocesan staff who worked so hard on this event. Ceili Rain were great, along with the local performers. Again, if you missed it, you missed a great time.

Monthly support meeting at the Newton residence, Monday, November 25, at 7:30. Please come and join us.

Sunday, October 13, is the date for High School Crossroads. We are moving it to one day. It will be held at St. Johns, Defiance. If you have Juniors, Seniors, young adults or adults that want to be part of the team, please have them call or email me. I will get back in contact with them. The team will be gathering Saturday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. to set up and then on Sunday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m. for a team training and meeting. All team members should bring a covered dish for the team potluck on Sunday.

November 30, 2002-Danielle Rose will be performing in Defiance. St. Marys, Defiance will be the sponsors for this event. Danielle is a young Christian singer who many of you heard at the National Youth Conference. There will be more to follow on this event.

Here are the TEC dates for this year: Guys-Nov 9-11, Jan. 25-27, March 1-3, and March 15-17. Girls-Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Feb1-3, March 8-10, and April 5-7. These retreat weekends are open to Juniors, Seniors and one year out of high school. Encourage your youth to attend.

May the Lord continue to bless you in your ministry.

Sincerely,

Lorrie Seiple  
Crossroads Area Coordinator

## What Gifts Have You Been Dealt?

*This is a fun activity to get youth reflecting on their gifts and how those gifts can be used.*

### Needs:

- One deck of playing cards for each team.
- A start line and an 'X' approximately 20 feet from the start line.
- A Bible
- A Prayer Space



### The Game:

Start by dividing the youth into 2 or more teams, with 7 to 10 youth on a team. Then have each team divide up their deck of cards without looking at them. Explain that this is a relay race. The object is to place the cards, ace through king, on the 'X' spot in the following order: diamonds, hearts, spades and clubs. Each team will begin behind the start line, and the teammate with the appropriate card will run and place their card on the pile on the 'X'. Once that teammate has returned across the start line, the next teammate may go. The first team to place all their cards in the correct order wins.

When everyone understands the instructions, invite the youth to look at their cards, and then begin the race. Congratulate the winner, but ask each team to finish the race.

### The Reflection:

*Lead to Prayer Space*

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

**Reflection:** Lead a reflection that includes the following points: Everyone was given cards. It did not matter what cards you were given because every card was needed to complete the game. The same is true with the gifts we are given.

Everyone has gifts. Although some gifts may seem more impressive than others, each gift is needed and of value. All gifts are needed to build up the Kingdom of God. Conclude the reflection by inviting the youth to share their gifts with each other and ask how those gifts can be used to build up the Kingdom of God.

*Steve Mason &  
Sandy Rigsby*

## Chaplain's Chatter

Greetings! I hope this note finds you all doing well and your youth ministry programs in high gear! My intention with writing this new column is to have a way of communicating with you and passing along any information that might be helpful.

### Halloween!

You may or may not know that our word "Halloween" comes from "hallows" (saints, or the hallowed ones) "eve". That is, it is just the eve of All Saints and All Souls days. Originally people dressed up as their ancestors the saints, in order to celebrate the resurrection of the dead. How might you and your youth group celebrate Halloween this year?

Of course we have the feasts and All Saints and All Souls days immediately following. Many parishes are incorporating a remembrance of those people who have died this last year into a prayer service or Eucharist. The solemn reading of names of the dead, lighting a candle for them is very moving and a good way to remember those who have passed on to eternal life.

### Area Visits!

I have set aside 3 days each month to visit a different area in our Diocese. I want to go out, live in a rectory in the area, visit with the youth ministers, pastors, and young adult leaders and see what is happening in your area. Look for a letter later this month with some ideas of what I would be available for (high school assemblies, PSR visits, Theology on Tap, etc.) and the dates I will be in your area. I look forward to seeing you!

## 2003 National Catholic Youth Conference



Get ready to cruise the River of Life! The next NCYC will be held in Houston, Texas on November 13-16, 2003. Additional information will be posted this fall.



## Zimbabwe Mission of Accompaniment

The Mission of Accompaniment (MOA) has released a 10-minute video that encourages young adults to consider serving in the diocesan mission in Zimbabwe. Patrons, Youth Ministers, Campus Ministers and others are urged to obtain a copy of the video for use with their groups. The MOA would also be happy to send a speaker along with the video to give a presentation.

The film shows what the MOA is all about and emphasizes the benefits of a 3-5 year term of service. To borrow the video at no charge, contact Rev. Bernard Boff, (419) 531-1294, or e-mail him at: [stjude@totalink.net](mailto:stjude@totalink.net)

## National Geographic's Inside the Vatican October 29th at 10 PM On WGTE

National Geographic gains unprecedented access to the hallowed halls of The Vatican to take viewers beyond the tourist attractions to reveal the complex layers of life and history inside the territorial base of the Holy See.

## 2002 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry



Join us in marking the twentieth anniversary of the NFCYM as we celebrate and Magnify the Lord! Denver awaits you! Conference planners intend to keep you inspired with keynotes, informative workshops, spirit-filled worship, and lots of fun! Best of all, this conference is by adults, for adults-strengthening our personal spirituality, our professional expertise, and our church's ministry with young people.

For more information, contact Diane Verhoff at Youth & Young Adult Ministry.

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#### Two Rivers;

Come and meet fellow ‘missionaries’ in your own areas. There will be interaction, dialogue, and discussion among peers. Share some of your experiences and hear what others are doing. Come and learn how you can help promote and practice the Words of Jesus: “Go and make disciples of all the nations.” (Matthew 28:19)

The presenters for these workshops are Deacon Richard Mishler, Fr. Ron Brickner, Sr. Muendi Munyao, Dan Shanahan, and Diane Verhoff.

Teachers will receive 2 credits for “Growing in Faith” - Religious Certification and .2 CEU’s.

**Workshop Dates**

10-1-02	7-9 PM	Ottawa, St. Peter & Paul
10-3-02	7-9 PM	Mansfield, St. Peter
10-8-02	7-9 PM	Lima, St. Charles
10-8-02	7-9 PM	Norwalk, St. Paul
10-15-02	7-9 PM	Fremont, Sacred Heart
10-19-02	9-11 AM	Rossford, All Saints
10-22-02	7-9 PM	Tiffin, St. Mary
10-22-02	7-9 PM	Defiance, St. Mary
10-24-02	7-9 PM	Toledo, Little Flower

**For more information, or to register, contact Rev. Ron Brickner at 419-244-6711, ext. 507.**



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