

Bucks County Youth Ministry Update

August 1, 2007

Office for Youth and Young Adults

Mt 13:44-46
Wed, Aug 1st Gospel

BIBLE RAP

Based on Mt 13: 45-45

There once was a merchant
looking for pearls
Thinking of them like nuts to
squirrels
But one day he found a pearl of
great price
And sold all he had, all his
merchandise
To buy the pearl he sought the
most
Which in the end would be his
boast.
There are those who seek from
place to place
What can be found only through
God's grace
The pearl of great price is Jesus
our Lord
When you find Him you'll find
that you can afford
To replace your trust in other
things
With the One from whom
eternal life springs
Excerpt from *Bible Rap* by Stephen
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Staying in Touch with Youth Ministers

Summer blessings to you and your families.

This past weekend was the **Leadership Overnight** for the Youth Advisory board and Service and Leadership Team. Approximately forty students from across the archdiocese participated in the training to prepare them to serve on the Youth Advisory Board and Service & Leadership Teams for their Vicariate or school in the upcoming school year.

Bucks County has 8 students from 5 parishes being represented. It was such a pleasure to be with the young leaders of the parishes and to be energized by their excitement to be apart of the Archdiocesan leadership board but also by their love for the Lord and desire to share this love with their peers. Bucks County has a great team!

Their 1st task will be helping with the development of the Monthly Bucks Gathering for all High School Students. This gathering will happen on the 1st Saturday of the Month:

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Location: St. Cyril of Jerusalem (Jamison)

Dates: October 6, 2007

November 3, 2007

December 1, 2007

3 o'clock Prayer

Join the Office for Youth and Young Adults in prayer each day at 3 o'clock.

"For all of the intentions and petitions of our youth and young adults in the Archdiocese and those who serve them. For our priests that they may be holy, and for all who work and serve in the Catholic Church."

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We're on the Web!

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January 5, 2007

February 2, 2007

March 1, 2007

May 3, 2007

The evening will include a speaker, Small Group Discussion, Praise & Worship, Adoration, & Reconciliation. If you are interested in helping, have suggestions for topics and/or speakers or would like more information please call (215) 965-4625 or email kbernato@adphila.org

Mark Your Calendars Now!!!!

His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali was the guest speaker at Theology on Tap last Thursday. He was given a welcomed reception by the young adults of the Archdiocese. His topic was on John Paul II and Benedict XVI: His memories of the Popes of the New Millennium. To hear some clips from his message to the young adults [click here](#) and then click on the red Theology on Tap bar. To learn more about the rest of the TOT series, [click here](#).

On **September 29, 2007**, the youth and young adults will have the opportunity to celebrate the Archdiocese's Bicentennial in a special way with the **Amazing Race for Grace**. Families, youth groups, CYO teams, Scout troops, classes (6th -12th) and young adults are invited to participate in all parts of the day. Groups wanting to participate in the Catholic Quest need to register by September 14th. For planning purposes we ask your group to RSVP for the Festival and the Closing Liturgy. [Click here](#) for more information on how to be involved and the schedule of the day..

From **November 8-11, 2007**, over 25,000 teens from the United States will converge in Columbus, Ohio for the **National Catholic Youth Conference** and Philadelphia teens can be part of it! We are very excited to announce that Bishop Joseph McFadden will be joining the young people for NCYC! This year's theme, "*Discover the Way*", will challenge young people to follow Jesus through powerful keynote speakers, workshops, music and prayer. The Office for Youth and Young Adults invites all parish youth groups and high schools to organize a group to participate in NCYC. The cost is \$425 which includes registration, hotel, transportation, breakfasts and dinner. Space is limited so please register your group before the September 7th deadline [Click here](#) for more details.

Thanks & enjoy the remainder of your Summer!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

† **Amazing Race for Grace** - September 29th - Noon to 7:30pm. Archdiocesan Bicentennial Celebration including an Opening prayer celebration, Catholic Quest, festival and closing Mass. The day will begin at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul and end at the St. Charles Seminary. [Click here](#) for more information.

† SAVE THE DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

- **National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)** - Nov 8-11, 2007- **Columbus, Ohio** "*Discover the Way*" - cost:\$425. \$100 deposit due June 29. Final Payment due: Sept. 7. [Click here](#) for flyers and registration materials.
- **World Youth Day 2008**- July 12 - 23, 2008 ~ Sydney, Australia ~ Cost: \$3629 (Optional 4 day tour of the Australian coast and reef for additional \$850; Total cost: \$4450). Register by June 1. First payment due June 15. [Click here](#) for publicity and registration materials available!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

† **Theology on Tap** – Thursdays, July 12 – August 16, 6:30 PM Finnegan’s Wake. 3rd & Spring Garden Sts. Join young adults for thirst quenching talks by dynamic Catholic speakers. Visit www.oyya.org for more info or contact Abbie at 215-965-4635.

† **Flavor of Philadelphia** – Saturday, August 25 – 8 PM – Midnight. Young Adults 21 – 40 are invited to this fundraising event at the Philo Club to toast our faith, enjoy delicacies from Philadelphia restaurants and help raise money for OYYA programs like Catholic Underground & Camp Overbrook.. Tickets: \$50 and can be purchased by calling 215-965-4635.

† Save the Dates

- **Catholic Youth Ministers Conference** - October 20th. 9am-5pm. Cost \$40. A day for the “You” in Youth Ministry. Join others ministering to youth for a day of Dynamic speakers, music, liturgy and networking. More information to come.
- **United States Catholic Catechism for Adults Seminar** - January 12, 2008 - Immaculata University. Flyer attached.

OTHER RESOURCES

- ✚ Spiderman Bible Study - for a fun way to explore scripture teachings check out this resource at <http://www.nfcym.org/resources/specialissues/index.htm>

- ✚ Ultimate Gift by John Stovall - A book about a young man's inspiring journey to discover the ultimate gift. The book does not reference God, but has so much potential as a teaching tool on the relationship between wealth and happiness. There was also a movie that was released in March 07. It wasn't out for very long but will be released on DVD in the fall. There is a faith based discussion guide on the movie that you can download for free. I highly recommend this book and if you like it, to check out the faith based group discussion packet based on movie clips. You can check out information on how to get the packet and more about the movie by going to www.theultimategift.com