

### POINTS OF INTEREST FOR ADULTS WORKING WITH YOUTH:

**National Catholic Youth  
Conference Info Night**  
February 28, 7 PM  
O'Hara High School, Springfield

**Cluster 23, 24, 30  
Youth Ministry Meeting**  
March 5, 7 PM  
St. Gabriel, 29<sup>th</sup> & Dickerson

**Making Your Parish  
Young Adult Friendly**  
March 6, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
Corpus Christi, Lansdale  
Cost: \$39. Register by Feb. 28

**Youth Ministry Training: Sharing  
Faith with Young Adolescents**  
March 7, 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM  
St. Katherine of Sienna, Wayne  
Cost: \$39. Register by Feb. 28

**Coaches Orientation**  
March 6 & 8, 7 PM – 9:30 PM  
Archdiocesan Bldg, Phila.

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual CYO  
Hall of Fame Banquet**  
March 13, 5:30 PM  
Drexelbrook, Springfield  
Support OYYA's annual  
fundraiser!

**Cluster 21 & 33  
Youth Ministry Meeting**  
March 22, 6:30 PM  
St. Rose of Lima, 1535 N 59<sup>th</sup> St.

**Catechetical Forum: Who Do  
You Say that I AM?**  
March 24  
Archbishop Carroll, Radnor

**Save the Date**  
**Vicariate Youth Ministry Meeting**  
Wed. May. 30, 7 pm - 9 pm  
The Archdiocesan Building  
**Topic: Calendar Planning**  
Please note there will no longer be  
morning meetings.

### Event Reminders

For more information, contact Andrea, 215-965-4625.  
Visit [www.oyya.org](http://www.oyya.org) regularly for event updates.

✚ **Kujenga - March 10** - Please pray  
for the success of this leadership  
training for African American teens!

✚ **Fan the Fire – Saturday, March 10** -  
Archbishop Wood High School.  
1 PM – 9 PM. 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders.  
Cost: \$15. Register by February 28.

✚ **JrFest 2007: Keep On - Saturday,  
April 21** – Cardinal O'Hara High  
School. Noon – 6 PM. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>  
graders. Cost: \$15. Register by  
March 30.

✚ **Youth Advisory Board – Teens in**  
10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade who have  
demonstrated exceptional  
leadership ability are invited to  
apply for the 2007/08 Youth  
Advisory Board for their Vicariate.  
Applications are available at  
[www.oyya.org](http://www.oyya.org). Register by April 1.

### Monthly Eucharistic Adoration for Youth & Young Adults

**Catholic Underground – March 10**  
(Every 2nd Saturday), 7:15 PM.  
St. Gabriel, 29<sup>th</sup> & Dickerson  
This is event is for young adults.  
(Over 500 participated in February!)

**Youth for the Eucharist – March 11**  
(Every 2nd Sunday), 7:30 PM  
St. Titus, East Norriton, PA.  
Join over 100 students in praising Our Lord!

### Save the Date

Recognition Mass – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

### In the Spotlight:

A BIG thank you to the youth &  
young adults from Neumann  
Goretti HS, St. Francis de Sales &  
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament  
for participating in the Vigil for Life  
on Feb. 10.

### January Mtng Recap

**Revitalizing Prayer in Ministry**  
Presented by John Paul Kasperowicz

*A youth group that allows young people to get off  
the street for a few hours and come together in a  
safe, caring environment is good. But with what  
are the youth going home? When youth leaders  
incorporate the Gospel message and meaningful  
prayer into meetings, they send youth back to  
their complicated lives with Jesus. He can handle  
anything!*

*This sounds great, but how do we do it?*

*First and foremost, adult leaders must cultivate  
their own prayer life. When we are constantly  
growing through prayer, we can best lead youth  
closer to Jesus. As models for teens, we must pray  
often and be prepared to pray with youth in the  
way they need us to pray with them! This involves  
becoming comfortable with different forms of  
prayer (ie. contemplative, adoration, the rosary,  
scripture reflection, spontaneous).*

*Monthly prayer meetings for adult leaders prove  
especially beneficial. The prayer meetings provide  
an opportunity for adults to deepen their personal  
prayer life, explore different prayer styles with  
others and pray for the needs of their community.  
As we overcome our prayer inhibitions, praying  
effectively with teens becomes easier.*

*Leading teens to a deeper relationship with Christ  
through prayer means meeting each teen where  
they are and guiding them to the next level. The  
challenge involves creating an environment  
conducive to prayer and taking advantage of  
unplanned situations that invite prayer. To meet  
this challenge:*

1. Foster a welcoming and accepting environment  
at meetings.
2. Have fun with prayer ~ break down the idea  
that prayer is BORING!
3. Introduce prayer slowly (one decade of the  
rosary or contemplative prayer during a song)  
and build from there.
4. Use multi-media (music, movies, etc.).
5. Maintain a prayerful environment at all times:  
interject prayerful phrases & correct  
unchristian language & actions during games.
6. Identify those who are taking prayer seriously  
& invite them to the next level (Come 15 min  
early for bible study or plan opening prayer)
7. Invite youth to pray about difficult situations,  
tell them you will pray for them and ask them  
if you can pray together about it...right then!

*Intentionally infusing youth group meetings with  
prayer will lead to more fruits than you imagine.  
Having experienced communal prayer and gaining  
an appreciation of it in youth group, teens may  
even show up when you invite them to Mass!*