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A YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY E-ZINE FOR

Revival: Souled Out Praise

Sunday, March 04, 2012, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church (4700 Pineda Street St. NOLA 70126). This event is open to **ALL** Children of God, the cost is free, but a collection will be taken. For more information, please contact Ansel Augustine at 504-836-0551 ext. 3226 or at aaugustine@archdiocese-no.org.

Abbey Youth Fest 2012—"Restless, My Soul Rests in God Alone"

Make plans now to attend on March 10, 2012! Featured speakers will be Mark Hart, Mother Adela, Ayleron, & Archbishop Gregory Aymond! The headline band for AYF 2012 will be the Cajun band, L'Angelus!

Here are a few Last Minute Updates we have received:
Awesome Pre-Event: We don't want you to miss out on the amazing plans scheduled for Friday, March 9, from 7:00-9:45pm at the AYF PRE-event: Abbey Night Live! This interactive night with fun entertainment, kickin' music, heartfelt worship, wise encouragement, and communal prayer is sure to be the perfect tune-up for our great day at AYF on March 10.It's only $5.00 per person. Don't miss it! To register or get more info, call 985-867-2233!

NEW Online Registration for Abbey Church Tours: **THERE WILL NOT BE ONSITE REGISTRATION FOR THE ABBEY CHURCH TOURS THIS YEAR.** Registration for this year's tours will ONLY happen online, and began on Monday, February 27 at 1:00pm Central Standard Time on our website at www.AbbeyYouthFest.com <http://www.abbeyyouthfest.com/> There will be an easy online form for you to fill out. Spaces will be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis and will close when we have reached our capacity.

Although online registration is closed, you may register on site. Also, if your group is interested in staying overnight on Friday before AYF or Saturday night after AYF, there is still space available at Camp Abbey Retreat Center. Call 985-327-7240 to inquire.

Summer at Camp Abbey: counselor applications and camper registration available now!

Please note that the Camp Abbey Retreat Center office is now open and all inquiries about reservations, summer camp, etc. should be directed to that office.
Phone: 985-327-7240
Fax: 985-809-3590
E-mail: campabbey@arch-no.org

Archdiocese of New Orleans
Camp Abbey

Both camper registration forms and summer camp staff applications are now available by contacting campabbey@arch-no.org. or by visiting www.campabbey.org

As the camp is a ministry of the CYO Office, you may also call the CYO Office for assistance or information.

CLI Registration Open

Catholic Leadership Institute, a nationally recognized program, has been empowering the young church for over twenty years to become leaders in their parish and high school settings. While there are many leadership training opportunities available through other programs such as student council, CLI is unique in that leadership principles and practice are presented through the lens of Gospel teaching and values. While this is not a retreat, it involves some of the same community dynamics familiar at adolescent retreats. The five days of intense learning and training will include skills training, prayer and worship, and "learning by doing" where participants become responsible for leading others during the institute. A team of young adults and youth ministers from across the archdiocese lead this week -long leadership training.

OPEN TO ANYONE WHO HAS COMPLETED THE 8th - 11th GRADE
Date: June 11-15, 2012
Location: Baton Rouge, LA
Cost: $285.00

Visit www.cyo-no.org, go to events/programs and click on CLI to register.

Leadership Celebration nominations due

Nominations for the annual Youth Leadership Celebration are due March 1, 2012, to the CYO Office. This includes nominations for Outstanding Parish Youth, the St. Timothy Award, the Matt Hill Award, and Adult Service Awards. Please contact Cecilia Matherne with questions. Foms are available at www.cyo-no.org.

Summer Trip 2012 Update

The office has receive enough interest in a summer trip that we will move to the next planning step. The preferred destination of the vast majority of interested parishes is Walt Disney World. A registration flier will be made available to the parishes that expressed interest in such a trip. We will need a minimum of 45 people (all parishes combined) to charter the motor coach and proceed with further planning. Stay tuned for more information.

Meeting/Event Reminders

3/1 - Leadership Celebration Nominations Due to the CYO Office
3/3—Walk for the Hungry
3/4 - Youth & Young Adult Revival/Gospel Concert (3pm at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church)
3/5 - Habari Gani Team Meeting (6:30pm at CYO Office)
3/8—CoEd Volleyball Coaches/Athletic Council Meeting—7 pm at CYO Office
3/10—Abbey Youth Fest—St. Joseph's Abbey
3/13—CMD Workshop—*Mobilizing Volunteers for Ministry*
3/19—Volleyball Begins
3/20 - Youth Ministry Resource Session - Technology and Trips (6pm at Camp Abbey)
3/22 - Habari Gani Reunion Registrations due to the CYO Office
3/25 - CLI TEAM MEETING (following 12pm mass at St. Maria Goretti)
3/26-27—St. Timothy Interviews
3/27—CYO-ACS Relay for Life Planning Meeting (7pm at St. Clement of Rome)
3/31—Slam N Jam Volleyball Tournament
4/6—Good Friday—Office Closed

Youth Ministry Events

Camp Joshua

Louisiana Right to Life will hold two Camp Joshua programs during the spring in Baton Rouge at the Bishop Tracy Conference Center. Camp Joshua is a weekend workshop that prepares young people to be leaders in the pro-life movement. Upcoming workshops are March 16-18 and April 13-15, 2012. Visit www.prolifelouisiana.org for more information and to register.

Archdiocesan Sidewalk Counseling and Prayer Ministry—This group gathers on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the abortion facility at 3044 Ridgelake Drive in Metairie to march and pray the Rosary. On May 12th from 8—9:30am, the day before Mother's Day, they are sponsoring the 14th Annual Mother's Day Rosary Crusade for Life. The next Rosary Novenas for Life at Midtown Medical Clinic at 3500 St. Charles Avenue in N.O. will be on Sat. Mar. 31st. All 4 decades will be recited followed by Mass at 11:30 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor at Ursuline High School at 2701 State Street in N.O. For more information about any of these events, please call Pam Richard at 504-460-9360 or 985-809-0773.

CCRNO Regional Conference with Youth Workshop

The annual Southern Regional Conference for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal at the Pontchartrain Center will include a youth workshop on March 23-24, 2012, including a late night worship session from 10 PM—12 midnight. Visit www.ccrno.org for more details and to register.

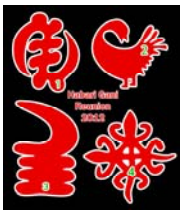
10th Annual CYO Bowling Tournament—Sunday March 25, 2012 @ Colonial Bowling Lanes in Harahan, LA. Registration is $15 per person which includes 3 games of bowling & shoe rental. Acceptance of bowlers on the day of the tournament is dependent upon space available. The commitment information is attached in this e-zine. Please complete and submit to Dennise Brennan @ dennise7706@yahoo.com as soon as possible. To expedite registration, please email a list of participants by Wednesday March 21st. Early registration is advised because space is limited.

Catholic Youth Night at Hornets Game

After the challenging year for the Hornets with the NBA lock-out, player trades, and the search for a new owner, we were uncertain about a date for a Catholic Youth Night at a game. We received word this week that the Hornets have invited us to enjoy the Friday, April 13th Hornets game at the New Orleans Arena for Catholic Youth Night. A flier with details is attached; tickets will be purchased directly from the Hornets, not through the CYO Office.

"Come, My Beloved" - A Day of Reflection on Vocations— Hosted by St. Pius X Parish on Saturday, April 14, 10am-4pm for 7th – 12th grade girls. This is offered in response to requests by some teens after seeing how many girls went up to the altar call at the end of Abbey Youth Fest last year – they wanted more support for vocations for girls. We will have sisters from at least 8 different religious orders helping lead this one-day retreat. You can register via email: gmrose-youth@arch-no.org or calling: 504-331-2693. This event will be held at the St. Pius X Multi-purpose Room.

Habari Gani Retreat Reunion—April 21, 2012—10am—5pm at Camp Abbey Retreat Center— Cost: $25/person
Registration forms and money are due to the CYO Office by March 22, 2012; **FOOD, FUN, SWIMMING, GAMES & MORE!!!!** Reconnect with your former Habari Gani Retreat participants and with those that attended other Habari Gani Retreats. Help plan and shape the future of Habari Gani Retreats. If you have not received your registration form or are interested in attending, please contact Ansel Augustine at 504-836-0551, ext. 3226 or aaugustine@arch-no.org.



WNLC—Born to Run 2012 5K—Women's New Life Center is a Christian organization promoting the sanctity of human life, the dignity of women and the sacredness of sexuality by assisting women who are unprepared for pregnancy. They are sponsoring a 5k Run/Walk & "Birth"day Party on Saturday April 21st at 8am. Early Bird Registration is due on or before 3/23/2012. Student cost is $20/ Adults are $25. After March 23 the registration fee goes up $5. The registration fee includes a T-Shirt, Food and Entertainment. For more information or to start a team go to www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun or call Courtney at 504-496-0212.

Totus Tuus—The Archdiocese of New Orleans Vocation Office will host a TOTUS TUUS gathering March 3, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Seminary, 2901 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans. Totus Tuus is open to men, high school seniors, college age and older who are discerning the possibility of priesthood. There will be a presentation and discussion on the topic: Bringing God to the People and the People to God….Administering the Sacraments. The gathering will also include prayer, reflection, a meal and is free of charge. For more information or to sign up, contact the Vocation Office at 504-861-6298 or e-mail us at vocations@arch-no.org .

Christ in the City - Tuesday, March 6th - 7:00 pm at Notre Dame Seminary.
Christ in the City, an evening of Eucharistic Adoration for young adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s, including music, silent worship, Benediction and Confession, will be held at the Chapel at Notre Dame Seminary on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office and the Office of Eucharistic Renewal of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. We will gather afterwards at Ye Olde College Inn. Email Christ.In.City@gmail.com for more information. Other upcoming dates include Tuesdays, April 3rd and May 1st.

Taize Prayer Service for Lent

In December, we held a Taizé prayer service for Advent. Many of you came and commented on what a beautiful, prayer experience it was. We will be having another Taizé service during Lent. This form of prayer is centered around singing simple phrases. By repeating the simple, musical phrases over and over, your body and your mind slow down and enable you to listen to the voice of God that is planted deep within you. The service also includes scripture, silence, intercessory prayer and the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please bring your family and friends to this evening of prayer on Monday, March 12 at 7pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church. This event is sponsored by Young Adult Ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and University Ministry of Loyola University New Orleans. Contact Rachel Longest at 504-227-3229

Crossroads Young Adult Conference –Diocese of Alexandria

The Diocese of Alexandria will host its annual Crossroads Young Adult Conference on March 16-18, 2012, with host Paul Hood and keynote Chris Stefanick. Visit www.diocesealex.org for more information.

Cenacle Young Adult Morning of Reflection will be on Saturday, March 17th from 10:00 am—12 Noon at the Cenacle Retreat House in Metairie. Our speaker will be Fr. Charles Johnson, OP, pastor of the Catholic Center at Tulane University reflecting on the theme "God and You". For more information, please contact Vince Liberto at (504) 250-9697 or vincentliberto@aol.com.

Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, March 3, we will be volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of St. Tammany West. We will begin the day by gathering at the ReStore in Mandeville and will then be sent to our worksite. The work day will be completed no later than 4pm. Please contact Rachel Longest if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Southshore Spring Theology on Tap– Theology on Tap will continue in **March** with a four-week series to be held on the at **The Columns Hotel** on St. Charles Avenue. All sessions will be held in the **Tea Room**, which is at the end of the main hall, past the bar.

Thursday, March 1—Killing to Prove Killing is Wrong
Speaker: **Sophie Cull** is the Executive Director of the Louisiana Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty.

Thursday, March 8—Dust Yourself Off and Try Again
Speaker: **Lisa McClain** is the Associate Director of Campus Ministry at Xavier University.

Thursday, March 15—50 Years Later: Why Vatican II Should Still Matter to You
Speaker: **Tom Ryan, Ph.D.** is the Director of the Loyola Institute for Ministry.

Thursday, March 22—Dayyenu...It Means "No Worries"
Speaker: **Jeremy Thompson, Ph.D.** is a Hebrew language specialist working with Logos Bible Software and an adjunct professor of Old Testament at St. Joseph's Seminary College.

Jobs, Resources, & Training

NACYML OnCourse Webinars 2011-2012

The 2011-2012 OnCourse Webinars provide participants with new tools and ideas to chart a course through Catholic youth ministry. Sponsored by the National Association for Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders and Ministry Training Source, the webinars can be used to acquire competence in many of the National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers. Unlike free webinars offered by many publishers and ministry organizations, NACYLM's OnCourse webinars offer live interaction with the presenter and other participants along with time for dialogue and questions.

2011-2012 Webinar Offerings

Date **Topic and Presenter**

03/08/12 "Don' Worry, Be Happy" - *Presented by: Rich Rasmussen, Director of Youth and Family Ministry Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, New York*

04/12/12 "Leadership as Ministry—The Dance of Professionalism" *Presented by: Dr. Robert McCarty, National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry*

Mobilizing Volunteers for Your Ministry– New Orleans

CENTER for MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

The Center for Ministry Development invites you to participate in our 2012 Workshop Series – **"Mobilizing Volunteers for Your Ministry"**. This workshop is being held in **New Orleans on March 13th** at Notre Dame Seminary and will provide ideas to help you discover the treasure of volunteers within your parish. Parish leaders rely on the rich resource of volunteers to accomplish their ministry, yet recruiting and sustaining volunteers is often a challenging part of parish ministry. For more information about the content of the event, go to www.cmdnet.org , or email joanweber@cmdnet.org.

Archdiocesan Training Opportunities

Youth Ministry Resource Session: Using Technology, presented by the CYO Office on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM at the Camp Abbey Retreat Center on the Northshore. (Daylight savings time will have already begun.)

Youth Ministry Resource Session: Management in Youth Ministry, presented by the CYO Office on Thursday, April 19, 2012, from 10:00 AM – 12 Noon – Westbank location TBA.

Volunteer Opportunity—Notre Dame Hospice, a ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is looking for volunteers. Volunteers can provide caregiver relief, run errands, or help in the office. If you are interested or if you would like more information please contact: Janine Bonner, Volunteer Coordinator at (504)418-1049. Volunteers are needed to serve in all church parishes, especially in the Covington-Mandeville-Abita Springs areas.

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