

YOUTH leadership conference



CONFERENCE GOALS

TO PROVIDE YOU WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH-FILLED PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

TO PROVIDE YOU WITH LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

TO EMPOWER YOU TO LIVE AND SHARE YOUR FAITH AS A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

TO HELP YOU TO INCORPORATE AND REVEAL YOUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY TO OTHERS

JUNE 24—26, 2011
LEWIS UNIVERSITY, ROMEOVILLE

This conference is a three day, two night conference that inspires you to lead your peers in faith. It is open to all incoming high school freshman through graduating seniors. Every parish in our Diocese is represented and we expect 800 people to attend! A teen choir energizes our praise and worship and you will have the opportunity to attend both Adoration and Reconciliation. Great workshops and grade-level breakout sessions are fun and helpful. Add good food and plenty of free time and this conference is a DO NOT MISS summer event!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: **May 24**

CONFERENCE FEE: **\$150 includes**

- Dorm lodging
- Food: Fri dinner—Sun lunch
- Keynote speakers
- Workshops & breakouts
- Music and prayer
- Mass & Reconciliation
- Conference t-shirt

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**YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2011
INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM**

Please Circle One: Youth (Incoming Fresh to Graduated Senior) Chaperone College (Current Student)

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Parish Name/City: _____

School Attending in 2011-2012 (include city) _____

Gender: Male Female **Date of Birth:** _____ **Age:** _____

Please indicate any dietary restrictions: _____

Conference T-Shirt Size: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

For Youth Participants Only

Year of Graduation from High School: (circle one) 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

Workshop Choice: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ (not needed for 2011 participants)
(incoming high school freshman put an X for 1st workshop choice)

For current college-age students participants only

Year in College for 2011-2012: (circle one)

Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate Student Other / None: _____

Please indicate your roommate preference: _____

Other Information: _____



Youth Leadership Conference 2011 Youth Permission Form

GENERAL PERMISSION FORM

I request that my child, _____, be allowed to participate in the Youth Leadership Conference event, located at Lewis University, Romeoville, IL on the following day(s): from Friday, June 24, 2011 to Sunday, June 26, 2011. I hereby release and indemnify my parish, _____, its staff, volunteers, and the Diocese of Joliet from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in this event.

Videotaping and Still Photographs

Video and still photographs may be taken during this event. This authorization form constitutes permission for my child's participation in the videotape and/or still photographs, which may be used for future promotional efforts, including the Diocese of Joliet website.

Code of Behavior

You are representing Youth Ministry in our diocese during this event and we expect you will represent us well. We expect that you will display mature and responsible behavior, which for many years has been the trademark of Catholic youth and adults of our diocese.

Some Expectations:

- 1. All participants are expected to arrive on time.
2. All participants are expected to demonstrate common courtesy and respect at all times. Inappropriate language/behavior will not be tolerated.
3. Socializing should always be done in public areas.
4. Dress should reflect the value of modesty. Writing on clothing should reflect Christian values.
5. The possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage and/or possession/use of any illegal drug is not permitted.
6. Smoking is not permitted.
7. Weapons and/or drug paraphernalia are not allowed.
8. If under the age of 18, prescription drugs need to be given to an adult from your parish for storage and distribution.
9. Infraction of these rules can mean immediate dismissal with no refund. Participants will be responsible to local authorities as well.

I understand and agree to this Code of Behavior. I also understand and agree that at the time of an infraction requiring my dismissal, I am responsible for my removal from the premises and any costs involved.

If under the age of 18, I also understand and agree that my parents or guardian will be notified at the time of an infraction requiring my dismissal. My parents or guardian will be responsible for my removal from the premises and any costs involved.

Medical Permission Form

I grant permission for the administration of First Aid to my child, _____, by the people in charge of the Youth Leadership Conference event, and those transporting my child to and from the event as their judgment deems advisable, and to make the necessary referrals to qualified physicians for the treatment of illness or accidents of a more serious nature. I understand I will be promptly notified in the event of any serious illness or accident and prior to any major surgery, except when delay in such communication would endanger life. In the case of a medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian of the participant. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physicians selected by the adult staff to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery if deemed necessary for my child.

Participant's Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Parent's Home Phone: _____

Parent's Cell Phone: _____

Allergic to medication/other? NO YES (circle one)
If YES, please describe:

Medication(s) presently taking: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Policy in the name of: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Authorized Physician: _____

Phone #: _____

If parent(s) can't be reached

In case of Emergency, contact: _____

Phone #'s: _____

Teen Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

WORKSHOPS

(For incoming Freshman to incoming Seniors in High School)

A. You Are What You Eat – Come and discover a deep understanding of the Eucharist and the entire Mass. Get a better grasp of what is being said in the prayers and responses to get a full experience at Mass. Mass can become so much more than you ever knew!

B. What's Your Ringtone? - What is God calling you to do with your life? How do you know God's will for your life? Come discover an exciting process called discernment that can help you find the purpose of your life!

C. Grow Your Friend List - Looking to grow your youth ministry program? Does everyone feel they belong and are welcome at your parish or school? Discover practical strategies for doing youth ministry with people on the "fringe" of our social and church circles.

D. Are you a Warrior or a Lover? - Take the Discipleship Test and find out what kind of Christian you are. Through movie clips, discussion, and ritual, we will explore how to be a bold and courageous follower of Christ.

E. Faith Show Live - You've got a ticket to be in the audience of the "Faith Show". A dynamic host and a panel of special guests will facilitate this engaging workshop where faith meets challenging moral issues. Special guests include a priest, mother of eight children and a youth minister.

F. Be the Change - You will be challenged to be the change you want to see in the world. Enter a simulated war experience that will cause you to clarify your values and make a commitment to living out your beliefs.

G. Finding True Love in the Media - How can we know what true love is? How do we find it, how do we create it? John Paul II's Theology of the Body can help us understand God's 5 F's of True Love. In this workshop we'll look at media clips (TV, movies, ads, YouTubes, music vids, etc.) for signs of true love.

H. Sinners and saints – What are some interesting characteristics of saints throughout the history of the church and how can applying those characteristics to our lives help us to live more fully? What does it mean to be successful in light of the gospel message of Jesus? Explore lifestyle patterns that connect us to God and help us realize our best selves.

J. Seize the Day!! - Coming Alive to Sharing Your Faith with Others. Learn how we can give Jesus, share Jesus, and be like Jesus in our daily lives. This program will demonstrate practical ways to come alive to, and stay alive to our faith. You will find ways to see Christ in others and see that by giving away your talents, you will ultimately receive the love of God in return.

K. Y Catholic!! - The Many Gifts of our Faith. Join us for a reflection on a variety of topics to foster an awareness of the many gifts of being Catholic. What does it mean to be Catholic? What are some common misconceptions about our faith and teachings? Come to be encouraged and to recognize both your own gifts and the many gifts of being Catholic.

L. Who Am I? – Life can be filled with many stress and pressures that have a tendency to ruin our self esteem. What are some tools you can use to realize that you are created in the image and likeness of God, therefore you are good! Come and be excited about who you see in "God's mirror".

M. WWJDWW – What Would Jesus Do With Wi-Fi? Technology is part of our everyday language today, but what if Jesus was around today? What would he do with internet sights? Would he be your friend on a social network? How can we use technology to spread God's message?

X. Freshman Breakout: An extra grade level experience for incoming freshman to be held during the first workshop session.

(workshop sizes vary, you may not be placed in your first workshop choice)

Graduating Seniors:

Instead of workshops; you will have Sessions lead by Mike Patin



Youth Leadership Conference 2011 Financial Need Form

The Diocese of Joliet has limited funds to assist participants who take part in the Youth Leadership Conference and meet the following criteria:

- 1. Participants must be actively involved in parish youth ministry/faith formation programs.
2. Assistance will be granted on a "first come" system based on need and availability of funds.
3. Scholarships shall not exceed the cost of the Youth Leadership Conference registration fee and will be awarded to cover the cost of the registration only. No scholarships are being offered to cover the cost of transportation.

STEPS FOR APPLICATION

- 1. Complete the lower half of this document and return to address above.
2. Please return application no later than April 15, 2011.
3. Notification of Grants will be returned to the parish contact on or before April 22, 2011.

FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Parish Name: _____ Parish City: _____

Parish Leader's Signature: _____

Have you received Financial aid for YLC before? _____

I have need of financial aid for this event because: _____

Amount I can afford to pay:\$ _____