



January 11, 2010

Dear Parents,

Our parish is attending the Diocesan Youth Day on Saturday February 27, 2010. We would like to have your son or daughter join us.

This is a complete day event sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry that brings teens together from all over the diocese to share a day of faith, learning, fun, contemporary music, games, Catholic devotions, and Liturgy. It starts at 11AM and ends at 7PM, please have your child there and picked up on time. The event will give teens the opportunity to go to confession and attend Mass which will satisfy their Sunday obligation. We will have chaperones throughout the day at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung.

Price for teens: \$25 on or before February 8, 2010. \$35 after February 8.

Price for adults: \$25 on or before February 8, 2010. \$35 after February 8.

This event is partially subsidized by the Bishop's Annual Appeal

Price includes lunch, afternoon snack, dinner, DYD T-shirt & more! (T-shirt guaranteed for those who advance register)

Please fill out, sign the permission slips by February 8th 2009.

Thank you, as always for your support for religious education and the faith development of your teens!

God bless you and your family!

Sincerely,

Frank Cacace

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What to Bring: Any special food required by special needs people in your group are to be provided by the attendee themselves. Pre-registered groups will receive their DYD T-shirts already packaged. Please wear your DYD2010 T-shirt. Small snacks are permitted.

Layout of Facilities: Mount Saint Mary Academy is located at 1645 U.S. Highway 22 West, Watchung, NJ. Please follow signs when you arrive to the location as they will guide you to the Mercy Center.

Workshops:

Each Participant will have the opportunity to personally select and attend 2 workshop of their choice if the registrations are postmarked by February 8. Every effort will be made to assign people to their first and second choices of workshops. However, due to potential classroom space limitations or other unforeseen circumstances it may be necessary to redirect people into different workshops where space exists. After February 8, unfortunately, registrants may be assigned to open workshops.

Approximate Schedule of the Day:

11AM – Welcome & Opening Activities

12- 1:00 PM - General Session

1:00 - 3:00 PM – Workshop Sessions 1 & 2

3:00 – 5:00 PM - General Session & Activities

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00 – 7:00 PM - Mass

Teen Registration Form

(Side A)

Name of Activity: **Diocesan Youth Day '10**
Location: Mount Saint Mary Academy, Watchung, NJ
Date of Activity: February 27, 2010 Time of Event: 11AM-7PM (plus travel time)

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS – REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ATTEND

I request that my son /daughter participate in Diocesan Youth Day '10 and consent to the mode of transportation indicated on side B.

I, the parent or legal guardian, specifically waive any and all claims of any nature I may have against the named parish, school, Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen, their representatives, employees, agents and assigns (including, but not limited to, staff and adult supervisors) relating to or arising out of the Diocesan Youth Day '10 including, but not limited to claims that may be derived from any accident or injury sustained by my son / daughter en route to, during, and /or returning from the Diocesan Youth Day '10 event location.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT

Should emergency medical treatment be necessary and I am unable to be contacted immediately I do hereby give permission to the delegated agents of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen, their representatives, employees, agents and assigns, including, but not limited to staff and adult supervisors to act on my behalf and approve appropriate treatment by a qualified and licensed medical doctor. I accept responsibility for any medical expenses as a result of any injury sustained. I further understand that parish and diocesan representatives are NOT permitted to dispense medication. This release form is completed and signed of my own free will with the sole purpose of authorizing medical treatment under emergency circumstances in my absence.

PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I hereby grant to the Diocese of Metuchen and its parishes, schools and assigns, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use, reproduce and publish photograph(s) or video(s) of my son/daughter, including their image and likeness for Diocesan, parish or school publications, advertising, or website(s), or any other purpose and in any manner and medium; to alter the same without restriction; and to copyright the same. I hereby release The Diocese of Metuchen and its trustees, officers, employees, agents, legal representatives, and assigns from any and all claims, actions, and liability of whatever nature and relating to the use of said photograph(s) and/or video(s).

DISCIPLINE / TRANSPORTATION OR DAMAGE COSTS

Should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary actions or otherwise, I (we) assume all responsibility and transportation costs. I (we) agree to respect the rights and property of others. I understand that neither vandalism nor stealing will be tolerated. Financial obligations that result from such behavior will be the sole responsibility of myself and my family.

DIETARY ISSUES

*Snacks and dinner will be served. However, **if my son/daughter has special dietary issues requiring special food or abstinence of certain foods I will ensure that I send their special food with him or her,** clearly labeled with their name, parish and town.

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS AND ATTENDEES PLEASE SIGN Sides A&B

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

My Son/Daughter's Name _____

My Son/Daughter's Signature: _____

Teen Registration Form

(Side B)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Parish Town: _____ Name of Parish _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Age: ___ Sex: M ___ F ___ Grade _____ School _____

During the hours of this activity I(the parent or guardian) can be reached at: _____

Mode of Transportation: _____

Medical Information

Your Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies: _____ Medications _____

Significant Medical History: _____

Emergency Contact Information (Other than parent):

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: Day _____ Phone: Evening _____

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to St. Mary's. Please do not send cash in the mail. Registration will not be processed without a completed registration form and payment! **Please return this form to Frank Cacace.**

For addition information contact Frank Cacace at Frank@stmaryswatchung.org or (732) 754-8401.

WORKSHOPS: 1st Session: 1ST choice: _____ 2nd : _____

2nd Session: 1ST choice: _____ 2nd : _____

* To make sure you get 1st choice workshops, turn in this permission slip before the due date! Otherwise, you might get assigned to a workshop you do not want.

T-SHIRT - Please reserve a free t-shirt. Circle size: S M L XL XXL

Workshops Information

Session 1 (1:00 – 1:45 pm)

(#1001) Cyber-Transformation: Technology has done great things to bring the world closer together. The web has become a major player in the sharing of ideas and information. Yet, these wonderful technological advances are often used for the wrong purpose. How can a teen in this day-in-age surf through the entire negative stuff in the web and transform it as a tool for good.

(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Alex Podchaski – Youth Minister at Immaculate Conception in Annandale

(#1002) Transforming the Meaning of Life: John Paul II warned that we currently live in a “culture of death.” Our role as Christians is to affirm Life! Come and learn what teens like you are doing to transform our culture into one of Respect for Life.

(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Mount St. Mary’s Campus Ministry Students

(#1003) Transformación de Barrio: Crips, Bloods, MS13, 18th St, Aryan brotherhood, y otras pandillas han transformado nuestros barrios y sociedad. Violencia, drogas, y muerte son parte de esta cultura que parece expandirse como una epidemia. Pero una transformación en Cristo es posible. Entérate como las Buenas Nuevas de Cristo nos puede ayudar a vencer las presiones y retos que estos presentas a nuestras comunidades.

(SPANISH workshop – Taller en Español) – Presentado por: Gary Vazquez & Roberto Lopez - - Coordinadores de Pastoral Juvenil en La Asunción y St. Mary, respectivamente, en Perth Amboy

(#1004) Transformed by Forgiveness: “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother?” That question uttered by a disciple of Jesus centuries ago still resounds in our hearts today. Whether we give or receive, forgiveness has a transformative power. For that reason, Jesus instituted the sacrament of reconciliation, so that through a simple act we can be reminded of God’s endless love and forgiveness. Come and find out how the sacrament of confession brings us closer to God and one another.

(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Fr. Kevin Kelly – Office of Evangelization in the Diocese of Metuchen

(#1005) Transforming Art – Art has been a vanguard of change through the centuries. Today, art continues to change the world around us. Come and discover how are can transform your life and become a vehicle to express your ideas and relationship with God.

(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Members of the Holy Trinity Youth Ministry in Bridgewater

(#1006) ¡Transformación de la Cultura Pop! – La cultura popular tiene muchos elementos que son positivos. La tecnología moderna ha transformado como los seres humanos nos relacionamos los unos con los otros. Este fascinante taller te mostrara como la tecnología continua a transformar nuestras relaciones y nuestra cultura, y como se pueden utilizar estas herramientas para ayudar a los demás a tener una vida con significado.

(SPANISH workshop – Taller en Español) – Presentado por: Yohans Sánchez – Líder del Ministerio Manantial de Vida y Tucristo.com

(#1007) Transforming Habit – Religious life has transformed the life of men and women for almost 2000 years. Discerning a religious vocation is both fun and challenging, as it leads a person to evaluate God’s will for our lives. In this workshop you will be able to hear from people who have been in religious life and ask them any questions about their vocations and how you can discern this special calling.

(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Panel of Priests & Religious

(#1008) We CAN Transform the World – Through the years people have said that changing the world is impossible. Yet, transformation begins in a small scale. A missionary trip can have such transformative power for those being served as well as those serving. Come and find out, how working with the poor can lead strengthen your commitment to change the world.

(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Estefany Rodriguez – Youth Minister at Holy Trinity, Perth Amboy

(#1009) Un Viejo Libro me Transformó – ¿Alguna vez te has sentido que nadie te comprende? ¿Piensas que las historias de la biblia no tienen nada que ver con lo que estas pasando? Ven y entérate, como las Sagradas Escrituras es la verdadera Palabra de Dios que nos muestra que Dios si nos comprende, y que quiere conversar con nosotros a través de ellas. Si crees que la biblia no tiene ninguna relevancia en nuestra sociedad hoy en día, entonces ven a este seminario que cambiara tu parecer.

(SPANISH workshop – Taller en Español) – Presentado por: Hermano Raúl Mejía S.T. – Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling

(#1010) Church - Transform the World! – Are you familiar with the Church’s teachings on Social Justice? Do you know why bishops, religious, and other lay leaders have been persecuted when they raised their voices in solidarity with the poor? The message of Christ is revolutionary! Following Jesus’ preferential option for the poor, we as a Church are called to solidarity with the least among us. Come and find out why the Christian message is so radical in a world trapped in individualism and materialism.

(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Deacon Mickey & 2009 Youth Ambassadors to Santa Rosa, Guatemala.

Session 2 (1:55 – 2:40 pm)

(#2001) Cyber-Transformation: Technology has done great things to bring the world closer together. The web has become a major player in the sharing of ideas and information. Yet, these wonderful technological advances are often used for the wrong purpose. How can a teen in this day-in-age surf through the entire negative stuff in the web and transform it as a tool for good. **(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Alex Podchaski – Youth Minister at Immaculate Conception in Annandale**

(#2002) Transforming meaning of Life: John Paul II warned that we currently live in a “culture of death.” Our role as Christians is to affirm Life! Come and learn what teens like you are doing to transform our culture into one of Respect for Life. **(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Mount St. Mary’s Campus Ministry Students**

(#2003) Transforming the Hood: Crips, Bloods, MS13, 18th St, Aryan brotherhood, and other gangs have transformed our society. Violence, drugs, and death are part of this culture that seems to be spreading like an uncontrollable disease. Yet, a transformation in Christ is possible. Find out how the Gospel of Christ can help us overcome the pressures and challenges that such groups bring to our societies. **(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Gary Vazquez & Roberto Lopez – Youth Ministers in La Asunción and St. Mary Parishes, respectively, in Perth Amboy**

(#2004) Transformed by Forgiveness: “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother?” That question uttered by a disciple of Jesus centuries ago still resounds in our hearts today. Whether we give or receive, forgiveness has a transformative power. For that reason, Jesus instituted the sacrament of reconciliation, so that through a simple act we can be reminded of God’s endless love and forgiveness. Come and find out how the sacrament of confession brings us closer to God and one another. **(ENGLISH workshop) – (ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Fr. Kevin Kelly – Office of Evangelization in the Diocese of Metuchen**

(#2005) Transforming Art – Art has been a vanguard of change through the centuries. Today, art continues to change the world around us. Come and discover how are can transform your life and become a vehicle to express your ideas and relationship with God. **(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: Members of the Holy Trinity Youth Ministry in Bridgewater**

(#2006)) ;Transformación de la Cultura Pop! – La cultura popular tiene muchos elementos que son positivos. La tecnología moderna ha transformado como los seres humanos nos relacionamos los unos con los otros. Este fascinante taller te mostrara como la tecnología continúa a transformar nuestras relaciones y nuestra cultura, y como se pueden utilizar estas herramientas para ayudar a los demás a tener una vida con significado. **(SPANISH workshop – Taller en Español) - Presentado por: Yohans Sánchez – Líder del Ministerio Manantial de Vida y Tucristo.com**

(#2007) Podemos Transformar el Mundo – A través de los años, mucha gente a dicho que cambiar el mundo es imposible. Pero la transformación mundial puede ocurrir con actos pequeños. Un viaje misionero puede transformar a los que sirven y los que son servidos. Ven y entérate como es que trabajar con los podres puede reforzar tu compromiso para cambiar el mundo. **(SPANISH workshop – Taller en Español) – Presentado por: Estefany Rodriguez – Coordinadora de Pastoral Juvenil en Holy Trinity, Perth Amboy**

(#2008) Un Viejo Libro me Transformó – ¿Alguna vez te has sentido que nadie te comprende? ¿Piensas que las historias de la biblia no tienen nada que ver con lo que estas pasando? Ven y entérate, como las Sagradas Escrituras es la verdadera Palabra de Dios que nos muestra que Dios si nos comprende, y que quiere conversar con nosotros a través de ellas. Si crees que la biblia no tiene ninguna relevancia en nuestra sociedad hoy en día, entonces ven a este seminario que cambiara tu parecer. **(SPANISH workshop – Taller en Español) – Presentado por: Hermano Raúl Mejía S.T. – Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling**

(#2009) Church - Transform the World! – Are you familiar with the Church’s teachings on Social Justice? Do you know why bishops, religious, and other lay leaders have been persecuted when they raised their voices in solidarity with the poor? The message of Christ is revolutionary! Following Jesus’ preferential option for the poor, we as a Church are called to solidarity with the least among us. Come and find out why the Christian message is so radical in a world trapped in individualism and materialism. **(ENGLISH workshop) - Presented by: Deacon Mickie & 2009 Youth Ambassadors to Santa Rosa, Guatemala.**

(#2010) Living a Transformed Life – When the apostles followed Jesus for the first time, they didn’t know they were being called to initiate a transformation of the world that still goes on today through our Church. Today, as a disciple of Christ, you are called to follow in the footsteps of the apostles and transform the world beyond the year 2010. Come and find out what it means to live a transformed life. **(ENGLISH workshop) – Presented by: John Angotti – 2010 Diocesan Youth Day Keynote Speaker**