



the call

news from the office of youth ministry



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—John Paul II, January 26, 1999 (Youth Rally, St. Louis)

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Dear Reader and fan of youth ministry,

Welcome to our first edition of **The Call**, news from the Office of Youth Ministry! Many loved Eman, but we thought it was time for a newsletter makeover, along with our new website. The new name, **The Call**, was inspired from the words of Pope John Paul II during his Pastoral visit to St. Louis: "Christ is calling you; the Church needs you; the Pope believes in you and he expects great things of you!"

As we journey together as a Church, Called to Love and Serve the Lord, know all of us here at the OYM are praying for you and want to be available to you as a resource and as a brother/sister in Christ.

God Bless, Fr. Brian Fischer
Office of Youth Ministry (OYM)
Catholic Youth Apostolate (CYA)

St. Louis Summers are Happening in Youth Ministry

It's not even Easter and we can already tell that this is going to be an exciting and busy summer for Youth Ministry in St. Louis! Besides all the awesome things going on in countless parishes, the Office of Youth Ministry events are looking to be bigger and just as Awesome!

Both weeks of Steubenville, which increased it's numbers an additional 2200 spots (1100 each week), and Project Life were sold out the morning that they opened Group Registrations (so if you are a teen, see your youth minister and reserve your spots while you still can!)

As many of you know, we also have a new registration website. As your groups are opened for individual registrations, you will hopefully find less problems, especially since they do not have to create accounts this year for each teen! We look forward to seeing you in the new Arena at Steubenville and at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Perryville, MO for Project Life!



Picture taken at Steubenville 2009 - "Above All".



Project Life 2009 at St. Cecilia's Parish.

Core Team Training – Saturday, August 28, 2010

When the craziness of summer comes to a close and the new craziness of the school year approaches, you are going to want to mark your calendars for **August 28th** for **Core Team Training!** This year we are very excited to be teaming up with Steve Allgeyer, VP of Ministry Development for Life Teen. We have joined forces in hopes to give you the best day of training for you and your adult leaders! We will be adding break-out sessions this year so you can have a variety of topics to choose from that best fit your needs, concerns, and wants for your situation and experience.

We always want to serve you as best as we can, so if you have any suggestions, topics, or prayer requests please let us know. Know that we are praying for you and are grateful for your service to Jesus Christ and His teens.



SpiritFest - September 11, 2010



Coming Saturday, September 11th is SPIRITFEST!!! This is a FREE Event sponsored by the Catholic Youth Apostolate, Camp Rockyvine, and the Knights of Columbus. This will be an awesome event with different bands, spirit games,

sports activities, opportunities for Confession, concessions for food and drink (you can bring food in), and Mass with Archbishop Carlson.

So far we know that Paul Masek will be our MC for the event. We also know that we will have Pete Buncher and his band playing, as well as, Adam Bitter with the Steubenville Band (who will also do music for the Mass with the Archbishop)!

We hope your youth group and your families will join us for our first ever SPIRITFEST!

New Website and Features - www.styouth.org

The Office of Youth Ministry has given our website a much-needed overhaul. Not only did we upgrade the engine running the website (instead of jogging along like a beat-up station wagon, it's roaring down the strip like a Lamborghini!), we also fixed a ton of little problems with the site and added a few new features.

Forums: You can now easily reply to other postings, and add new forum topics.

Calendar of Events: You can add your own events, and view other youth ministry events more easily.

Young Adults: This section of the site will be greatly expanded in the coming months!

OYM Picks: Fresh links from around the Internet, hand-picked by the Office of Youth Ministry.

Image Galleries: Now with 200% more win!

A fresh new look: Much easier on the eyes, better for modern computers.



Mark Your Calendars - Next Year's Youth Ministry Retreat is
February 25-27, 2011!



Don't forget to register for **World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain** before **April 1st** to receive your **early booking savings of \$100.00 per person!**

We have two awesome trips to choose from, so check out

<http://stlyouth.org/worldyouthday> for more information!



The Mission of the Catholic Youth Apostolate is to help all young people hear the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and to help these young people actively respond to the Gospel and enthusiastically participate in the mission of Jesus Christ and His Church.

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ACT OF CONTRITION

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Coupon Expires: Good for unlimited visits to Reconciliation. Expires upon death, but we recommend going often. This coupon can only guarantee absolution from a Catholic Priest and you must truly be sorry for your sins and complete your penance.

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