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National Conference on
Catholic Youth Ministry
(NCCYM)

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CYM High School Youth Congress

August 13-22, 2011
WYD 2011 Madrid

A Word from the Catholic Youth Ministry Team...

With spring comes the awareness of new beginnings, and for us in Youth Ministry, a heightened awareness of hope for our youth. We work to make *knowing Jesus* and *being Catholic* more relevant and meaningful in their lives, for we know that they will be transformed and that they have what it takes to create a new spring for the Church and the world, if we but give them the opportunity and space to do so.

Best wishes for a joyous Easter Season!
Kathleen and Cynthia

Evangelizing Youth—May 21, 2010

Riverview Caterers, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY

Come and join youth leaders from across the Archdiocese of New York and learn about Evangelization and Youth from Bob McCarty, Executive Director of the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry and Sr. Eileen McCann, Coordinator for Youth & Young Adults for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Participants will develop a comprehensive approach to evangelization as the essential ministry of the Church and learn to identify concrete strategies for reaching out to young Catholics today. For more information and registration, click on the link:

<http://www.nyfaithformation.org/newnews-events/index.cfm?i=15011> or contact Kathleen Alonzo: Kathleen.Alonzo@archny.org

Adolescent Catechesis Methodology Session—June 5, 2010

Creative Models for Adolescent Catechesis and the 7th/8th Grade Guidelines With Kathy Hamilton, Director of Religious Education, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Poughkeepsie, Saturday, June 5, 2010, 2:00 – 4:00PM at St. Mary's in South Manhattan

Living your Strengths: A Five Track Event—June 19, 2010

This innovative five-track event, rooted in the Catholic spirituality of stewardship, will provide the tools to enhance your parish's member participation, service to others and financial giving. Three tracks in English and two tracks in Spanish will accommodate all levels of experience with the *Living Your Strengths* process. Presenters: Msgr. Bill Hanson and the St. Gerard Majella team, Leisa Anslinger, and Connie Moya. Click on the link for more information <http://www.nyfaithformation.org/newnews-events/index.cfm?i=15872>



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CYM Resources

Youth Ministry Challenge

...if parishes are to be worthy of the loyalty and active participation of youth, they will need to become 'youth-friendly' communities in which youth have a conspicuous presence in parish life. These are parish communities that value young people – welcoming them into their midst; listening to them; responding to their needs; supporting them with prayer, time, facilities, and money. *Catholic Bishops of the United States: Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry (page 13)*

Parishes complete this sentence:

We will welcome and include youth in the life of our parish by...

Youth Ministry is the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people, and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community"

From Renewing the Vision (1) as quoted from a Vision of Youth Ministry

Growing your Youth Ministry

Ideas across the ministry components...

Advocacy

- ◆ Develop a youth newsletter, written and formatted by youth, for youth. Include an adult and parent insert to send to the entire parish. Provide information about the opportunities for ministry with youth and job descriptions for leadership needed in the programs and strategies.
- ◆ Develop a youth hearing to explore the needs, issues, and interests of youth in your community. Invite youth and adults to attend and reflect together on those issues.
- ◆ Begin a letter-writing campaign to government, media and other officials supporting specific legislative initiatives promoting the healthy development of young people and their families.
- ◆ Involve young people in parish pastoral councils and committees.

Living Your Strengths and Revitalizing the Parish

Over 250 participants from across and beyond the Archdiocese of New York attended one of the four **Revitalizing the Parish through a Sense of Belonging** Workshops that were offered in Poughkeepsie, Yonkers, Rockland and the South Bronx over the last six months. Many parishes have begun the implementation of this process, and are on their way to becoming more vibrant and welcoming of all, and especially of our youth.

Both the definition of Youth Ministry and the CYM quote for this issue emphasize the response of the whole church community to the needs of young people and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community. *Living Your Strengths* is a tool that helps us to make this a reality.

(See Saturday, June 19, 2010, *Living Your Strengths* event on the [cover page](#)). Additional *Living your Strengths* Resources available on

<http://www.nyfaithformation.org/central-offices/youth-ministry/living-your-strengths-follow-up-materials/>

Other Events

- ◆ **The National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry** (NCCYM) New Orleans Morial Convention Center
December 9-12, 2010

The largest conference in the country for adults who minister to and with Catholic youth. Join thousands of your colleagues for four days of inspiring keynotes, challenging workshops, extensive networking, hundreds of resource exhibits, and good-hearted entertainment.

- ◆ **World Youth Day—Madrid, August 13-22, 2011**

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is suggesting *Belmont Tours* as the company of choice for all of your WYD booking plans. Please visit our website http://www.nyfaithformation.org/media/youth-ministry/WYD_info.pdf for the brochure and for more information.

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ministry** ACCESS

The Center for Ministry Development's (CMD) online subscription resource, provides detailed and adaptable plans for gathered youth programs, resources, retreats, and service projects for middle or high school youth ministry. Preview Youth Ministry Access at:

<http://secure.cmdnet.org/access.cfm>. Try it free for 30-days.

CYM NEWS

7th/8th Grade Youth Congress *Fingerprint of God—There is no one like Me.*

On November 7th, 2009, 600 youth and their adult chaperones participated in the First Annual 7th/8th Grade Youth Congress at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie. The theme of this event was “Fingerprint of God – there’s no one like me,” and the goal of the congress was to help the youth realize that they are incredibly unique, loved, and gifted by God; and God has a distinct purpose and plan for each of their lives. Throughout the day they experienced that it is in living out God’s plan that we find true happiness.

By participating in three age-appropriate workshops, they learned more about themselves and God’s call in their lives. They also learned that only one in 275,000 people have the same top five talents, and only one in 33, 000,000 have the same top five in the same order.

The closing liturgy was celebrated by Archbishop Dolan who emphasized God’s love for each and every one of them and the church’s need of them as vibrant members and the music was led by Full Armor Band.

Theology of the Body for Teens *Curriculum Training*

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office in collaboration with the Superintendent of Schools Office and the Family Life/Respect Life Office organized four trainings throughout the Archdiocese on the teachings of the *Theology of the Body* and its application for teenage audiences. *The Theology of the Body for Teens*, published by Ascension Press, uses a comprehensive approach that includes stories, real-life examples, activities, prayers, and references to the culture in a way that teens can understand. This program takes two of the most controversial topics, God and sex, and integrates them through John Paul II’s compelling vision for love and life.

The sessions were conducted by Ascension Press and led by Damon Owens, a certified national speaker for the Theology of the Body Institute and gathered over 200 participants across the four sessions.

The CYM Team would like to thank our sponsors for their kind generosity: The American Bible Society, The Christophers and *Magnificat Magazine*.



7th/8th grade participants

Salt and Light—HS Youth Congress

March 20th, 2010 marked the 6th annual High School Youth Congress. The event gathered over 400 youth along with their chaperones on this first day of Spring. The theme of the congress, Salt and Light, taken from the Gospel of St. Matthew 5:13 -16, was reinforced by the keynote speaker, Timothy Hanley, co-founder of Hard as Nails Ministry.

The day included the musical participation of Messengers of Christ, led by Fr. Joseph Espallat, Pastor of St. Peter’s Church in Yonkers. The youth had the option of choosing between 18 workshops with topics such as “From the Broadway Stage to the Priesthood: My Journey Towards Happiness with God,” by seminarian, David Ryder. Numerous priests were also present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The congress ended with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Dolan with music provided by LifeTeen Worship Band from St. Raymond’s in the Bronx.



Archbishop Dolan with teens from St. Frances de Sales Church in Phoenicia who presented him with locally produced maple syrup.

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de NY, *Fordham University,
Lincoln Center*

PLANIFIQUE PARA EL FUTURO

Sábado 6 de noviembre

2010

Congreso para Jóvenes de
7th/8th Grado

Diciembre 9-12, 2010

Conferencia Nacional para
Ministros de Jóvenes Católi-
cos (NCCYM)

Sábado, 9 de Abril 2011

Congreso para Jóvenes de
9-12 Grado

Agosto 13-22, 2011

Jornada Mundial para la Ju-
ventud, Madrid

Palabras del Equipo de *Catholic Youth Ministry*...

Con la primavera llega el conocimiento de nuevos comienzos, y para nosotros en *Youth Ministry*, una mayor conciencia de esperanza para nuestra juventud. Nos esforzamos para que el conocimiento de Jesús y el ser católico sea mas relevante y significativo en sus vidas, porque sabemos que serán transformados y que tendrán lo que necesitan para crear una nueva primavera para la Iglesia y el mundo, si le damos la oportunidad y el espacio para hacerlo.

Nuestros mejores deseos para una feliz Pascua!
Kathleen y Cynthia

Creciendo su Ministerio con Jóvenes: Ideas de parte de los componentes

Ministerio de Intercesión

- ◆ Crear un boletín para jóvenes, escrito y formateados por y para los jóvenes. Incluir una sección para adultos y padres y enviar a la parroquia
- ◆ Crear una junta para jóvenes donde puedan explorar las necesidades, cuestiones, e intereses de los jóvenes en tu comunidad. Invitar a los jóvenes y adultos a reflexionar en estos problemas.
- ◆ Comenzar una campaña de cartas al gobierno, media, y otros oficiales apoyando inicios legislativos que promuevan el desarrollo saludable de los jóvenes y sus familias.
- ◆ Involucrar a los jóvenes en los consejos parroquiales y comunidades.

Reto para el Ministerio con los Jóvenes

...si las parroquias van a ser dignas de la lealtad y una participación active de parte de la juventud, ellas necesitan ser comunidades 'amistosas con los jóvenes' en donde ellos puedan tener una presencia visible en la vida parroquial. Estas son comunidades parroquiales que aprecian a los jóvenes—dándoles la bienvenida, escuchándolos, respondiendo a sus necesidades, apoyándolo con oración, tiempo, espacio y dinero.
Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos: Renovemos la Visión, p. 13

Parroquias completen esta oración:

Nosotros le damos la bienvenida e incluimos a los jóvenes de esta manera...

Noticias de parte de CYM

- ◆ El congreso de jóvenes de 7/8 grado se llevó a cabo el 7 de noviembre 2009 donde los jóvenes aprendieron lo que significa ser único en las manos de Dios.
- ◆ Desempeñamos 4 sesiones de Teología del Cuerpo para Jóvenes.
- ◆ Congreso de jóvenes de 9-12 grado se llevó a cabo el 20 de marzo de 2010 con el lema "Sal y Luz."



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