

2009 Catholic Youth Spectacular

Beyond Sunday: Reading the Signs-Getting Home

(September 20, 2009 – Rock Cat Stadium, New Britain)

June 26, 2009 update

27 out of 55 groups took advantage of early bird pricing - we have 866 paid participants so far.

The Steve Angrisano CD and the St Mary Press Gospel Connections will go out in the mail MONDAY to your parish or school address – **to those who sent in the \$50.00 deposit**. Some of you have already received some of these materials at the planning meeting on June 10th or a chance encounter with me on the road. Also in the mailing:

- Table of contents for the NFCYM book (I did e-mail it early on but some of you may not have gotten it). That book will be distributed at the Sept 3rd Orientation.
- a session I wrote in another NFCYM resource book that pertains to baseball that you could use to prepare kids or help them to make the faith/sport connection after the CYS. St Bridget, Manchester has planned a whole summer program BLAST (Big Loud Awesome Spiritual Time) – Monday Night Baseball pre-season practice for 6th-8th that involves rubber chickens and a lot of fun!!
- A list with blank spaces that you can send to your youth or gather them together to see what they would put in the blank spaces (It is also attached here so you can e-mail it to them).
- I also included an “answer sheet” – though you may come up with stuff I have not thought of. If you come up with anything that is not on the list – please send to me so we can put it in the program.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

- \$20.00 tickets are sold out!
- Friday, August 21st for \$25.00pp tickets
- **4:30 on my desk** - Friday, Sept 11th for the \$30.00pp tickets.
- After that it is \$35.00 per person including at the door.

PLANNING MEETING

Next planning meeting is Wednesday, July 15th @1:30 at St Thomas Seminary - Please let me know if you are able to attend. Thanks to Chris T, Geri K, George T, Sarah R, Brian and Cathy Hartley (eXaudio) for attending on June 10th and for the other suggestions submitted via e-mail.

STAGE MANAGEMENT

We have a young man – Ben Y- from St Thomas, Oxford who will MC the “play ball portion” (3:00-5:00) of the day and a more wizened gent – Chris H from St Thomas, West Hartford who will MC the rest of the day. If you have a young female with a good stage presence, let me know so we can have co-stage managers.

TALENT SHOW/ CATHOLIC IDOL – Main Stage

We hope that some of your young people will be willing to share their gifts and talents with us on the main stage – sing a song, share a poem etc. What I will need to know no later than Sept 3rd is what is the “talent”, who will perform it, and how long will it take so that we can start making up the schedule for the day. There is no form so just e-mail me the info. Some anticipated acts:

- “Sister Act” - There is a conference made up of different orders of sisters operating in Connecticut who will do something on stage as well as ”woman” a table of information for female youth interested in a sister vocation
- I am very excited that we will have with us the Destiny Youth Choir from Uganda – orphaned youth from 8-18- who will be at the beginning of their USA tour. They will perform for us as well as have a table where they will sell their CD’s and collect donations.
<http://www.kampalachildren.com/destinyafricaustour/index.html>

BIG SCREEN

- Champions of Faith
- Catholic Climate Covenant
- Clips from Movies (Field of Dreams etc. we are seeking permissions)
- God’s Hands – homework assignment of a CRE

WARNING TRACK/ CONCOURSE ACTIVITIES/INFORMATION TABLES (anticipated)

1. Office of Urban Affairs - Catholic Climate Covenant <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>
2. Foodshare – Hunger 101, SNAP, Harvest/volunteer opportunities
3. Mission Office
4. Catholic Charities
5. Stewardship Office
6. Office for Vocations/ Campus Ministry Office
7. Destiny Africa
8. Enough is Enough – T-shirts
9. eXaudio
10. Rock Cats Baseball

OPENING PRAYER PREPARATIONS

You will need a minimum of four representatives for this part of the day:

1. Banner ambassadors (2) - Gather your youth together this summer and create a pennant (triangular shape) that would display your parish or school name. It should be in the vicinity of 3 feet long and 1 foot high with something that will allow you to tie it or attach it to the chain link backstop behind home plate.
2. Holy Ground Ambassador – bring a cup of dirt from your parish or school – it will be mixed with the dirt from all the groups – at home plate - representing our solidarity with each other, and that we must respect the holy ground all around us.
3. Justice and Service ambassador – We are collecting items for the Immaculate Shelter (list attached). These will be lined up going up the first and third base lines.

FOLLOW UP PROJECT

We are looking for an easy follow up project to this event - like the H2O project. Got any ideas???

Peace,
Shawnee

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