

2009 Catholic Youth Spectacular Orientation

SEPT 14th FINAL update

TICKETS

- \$30.00 tickets are sold out. \$35.00 from this point on.
- If your bus driver is planning to stay for the day, they need a ticket.
- If your pastor is coming, he needs a ticket (it is free).
- Families are invited **after 5:00** to join us for Mass. They will not need a ticket.
- If any of you added tickets to your count, stop by the registration table – outside the main gate - to pick up those tickets and extra bracelets.

RESOURCE BAGS

For those of you who missed the orientation and paid the deposit we have a bag of resources for you (some of it we purchased and some of it was donated). They are now in my office and can be picked up anytime. They are heavy and I'm not moving them again!

- Resource Bags are loaded with sport related, liturgical, youth ministry, and miscellaneous resources. The earlier you paid your deposit, the more you have in the bag. Some of the resources come with a flyer that indicate if you purchase them within a specific time frame you can get them at a discount for your students, catechists, parish/school library. Group Publishing was especially generous with their donations.
- There are extra Champions of Faith DVD's which can be purchased for \$13.00 each or 2/\$25.00 while supplies last. Stop in the office when you are here for an in-service. We'll have them at the ORE Congress November 7th if there are any left.
- There is also an additional book (Teaching Kids the basics of Liturgy) to pick up that was not in your original bag. Pick it up at Registration table. It has already been packed in Bags that have not been picked up.

"BATTING PRACTICE" - Arrival (12:30)

Please arrive as close to 12:30 as possible. eXaudio will be playing warm up music on the main stage. Welcome and prayer are expected to start @ 1:00

- **ATTIRE** – appropriate for a catholic gathering. It is supposed to be a nice day so bring Hats and sunscreen and a jacket for when it cools down. Leave your high heels and cleats in the closet. Wear sneakers, flip flops and other FLAT shoes. We have been asked to tread softly on the outfield grass as much as possible. As stated in the code of conduct: **CELL PHONES** - are not part of the day. They are distracting to others and don't allow participants to be fully present. Collect them from your youth and promise their return on their good behavior!!

- **PARKING** – There is NO CHARGE for parking but youth staff from the town of New Britain will be supervising the parking. Be patient with the process. There is designated parking for buses and reserved parking for vendors, handicapped, clergy, and committee. **Agencies that are setting up a table should come early (11:00-12:00) though you won't have many visitors until 3:00. I will be there @9:30.**
- **GATES** – Entrance will be through the main gates only. When the event is over, all gates will be open for a smooth departure. Folks will not be allowed to go in and out to cars. If a young person leaves, they will not be allowed back in (unless we know of extenuating circumstances beforehand).
- **SEATING** - those who have tickets can just go through the gates and set up your area. You can bring towels, blankets or chairs to put on the grass. No one should be sitting on the infield dirt – this is a communion distribution area. Anyone bringing a pop up tent will go to the outfield warning track only.
- **NAME TAGS** - EVERYONE should have a name tag – that you are making - (you are not receiving a badge holder). The Archbishop and volunteer staff appreciate ones that are **VISIBLE** – preferable shoulder area (not near the knee or ankle) - **LEGIBLE**, **LARGE**, written with a marker or generated on a computer (no pencil), and includes the name of your parish/school.
- **BRACELETS** – Your young people and adults should be wearing their blue “Make a Difference” bracelet and their grey/black “Top Dog” bracelet.
- **WRITING IMPLEMENTS** - Please ask kids to bring a pencil or pen – you will get a scavenger hunt paper on the way in that youth can use to get acquainted with all our “vendors” that will be located under the stands on the concourse and will be asked to find some special people.
- **PROGRAMS** – Only adults (5 per group) will be receiving a program. Words to all songs will be on the big screen. We will also post the program on our website (as soon as it is done – in case you want to print it for your youth). You can pick these up on the way in at the registration table.
- **CONCESSIONS** – **NO FOOD MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE STADIUM** unless you have cleared those people with me who have severe allergies. You may bring in water bottles but you should have custody of them until inside the stadium so you know what's in them. Concessions will be open from 12:15-5:00 near the main entrance. We will be eating at 3:00 but if you have hungry folks they can bring money to buy:
Soda: \$2.50-\$4.00 Popcorn: \$3.75 Hot dogs: \$2.50 Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers: \$3.75
Peanuts: \$2.75 Pretzel: \$3.00 Candy: \$3.25 Fries \$4.00 Chicken Tenders \$4.00
Pizza \$6.50 Chicken Wraps \$5.75 Potato Chips \$1.75

- **MEDIA COVERAGE** – WJMJ will be broadcasting LIVE and doing interviews most of the day from the third base dugout. Feel free to visit them there. They may also be roving about. CROSSROADS magazine and The Catholic Transcript will also be in attendance.

“OPENING LINEUPS” (1:00)

- **WELCOME** - Msgr Motta, myself and our youth MC's will welcome the fans, do some thank you's, explain the year of the priest.
- **ICEBREAKER** - Victoria Christgau and Fre Atlast –Connecticut Center for Non-Violence - will lead us in a “walkabout” and teach us a song “Common Thread”. This will prepare us and lead us into prayer. Call to prayer.

“NATIONAL ANTHEM” - PRAYER (1:30)

- **PRAYER** – As the icebreaker comes to an end, Parish delegates will be asked to move quickly to the AT&T picnic area where the prayer procession will begin.
 - The group banner comes first.
 - Behind that is the cup of dirt.
 - And last will be the toiletries. Someone suggested they be in Laundry baskets as that is also an item that the shelter could use.

As we sing “common thread” together, parishes/ schools will walk along the first base warning track – in no particular order. When you get to home plate, STOP as a group and drop your dirt where it will be raked in with other dirt (Holy Ground). Continue down the third base warning track and post your banner near the third base dugout (there will be people there to help). End your procession by putting the basket of toiletries on the stage. Delegation returns to their group.

- eXaudio will play “Holy Ground”
- **BLESSINGS** - We will have a series of blessings and presentations, maybe a spontaneous wave and a cheer “go Hartford padres”. Bishop to Catechetical Leaders (wearing Awesome God hats) / Catechists/ parents. Youth to Priests. Priests to Youth. All of us to the NCYC delegation.
- **“Everything” skit** – St Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville
- **Introduction of speaker** - Blessing of Steve with his blessing song.

“OPENING PITCH” – STEVE ANGRISANO (2:00)

Steve will lead us in song, story, and spirit.

“PLAY BALL” (3:15-5:00)

The following takes place simultaneously. Allow time to get to everything especially our vendors who have some interactive activities and information for you.

- **ROCK CAT ACTIVITIES** - the t-ball and speed pitch inflatable and video games will be in the Best Buy Shed. There will be on-field promotions, i.e. footprint race, bike race, strike it rich. Listen to the PA system for when those will take place. They will be interspersed with PSA's and Catholic Idol acts.

- **AGENCY/VENDOR TABLES** – generally on the concourse under the stands.
 1. **Office of Urban Affairs** (Activities created by summer interns: Ariana Washington/St Brigid, West Hartford (Hampton University), Mark Blatnik/St Francis Xavier, Carbondale, Il(Southern Illinois U), Margaret Kelly/Mary Our Queen, Plantsville (Holy Cross)
Environment activities. Obstacle course. Crab Walk. Social justice skits. Spoon Walk. Newspaper Walk. Book marks. Recipe cards.)
 2. **Catholic Transcript** (Junior reporters. Write your report of the CYS)
 3. **Foodshare** (Hunger 101 info, volunteer opportunities)
 4. **Stewardship office**
 5. **St Gerard Center** (Find the little feet of God's precious infants, Life issue info.)
 6. **Knights of Columbus** (Get Year of the Priest cards and other information)
 7. **Campus Ministry** (How can you maintain your faith at college?)
 8. **Vocation Office** (How and where is God calling you?)
 9. **WJMJ/ CROSSROADS/ Office of Radio and Television - Interviews**
 10. **Religious Sisters:** Little Sisters of the Poor, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, School Sisters of Notre Dame
 11. **Connecticut Network to Abolish the Death Penalty** (Write some letters)
 12. **Destiny Africa Youth Choir** (music CD's, African Crafts-cash only)
 13. **eXaudio** – CD's, booking info, book of Prayer intentions for Archbishop Mansell, raffle,
 14. **Office of the Diaconate**
 15. **Connecticut Center for Nonviolence** www.ctnonviolence.org

- **CATHOLIC IDOL** - We have quite a line-up of talent – Poetry reading, songs, Music, skits. These acts will be interspersed with messages on the videoboard.

- **FOOD** - Burgers/ cheeseburgers, (veggie burger on request), hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, chips, cookies & beverages will be available at four locations which are listed on your tickets. Webster Terrace, Rooftop Bar and Grill, Picnic Plaza, AT&T Patio. Webster Terrace and AT& T Patio will have 2 seatings so look at your ticket carefully so that you are not turned away. You will be wrist-banded and can only come back for seconds AFTER everyone has eaten. Some of the groups may be eating in more than one location due to extra tickets being purchased. You can get your food at your designated

location and eat it back on your blanket or anywhere in the stadium except behind home plate.

- **RECONCILIATION** – will be behind home plate. Priests should bring their own albs and stoles. **If you have not yet let me know if your priest is coming – NOW IS THE TIME!!**

“7th INNING STRETCH” – BREAK (5:00)

Teens who are involved in liturgy in any way - lector, intercessions, server, globe carriers, umbrella persons, gift bearers – need to come to the stage at this time. All others are expected to prepare for Mass (bathroom, get rid of gum, stash the hats, put away Frisbees, silence the cell phones they weren't supposed to bring.... etc). Food will cease at this time.

“HOME STRETCH” LITURGY (5:30)

- **LITURGY** – Liturgy will be pretty standard. All the songs will be on the big screen. Umbrellas will mark the communion stations along the front near the stage, warning track, and infield base line.
- **COLLECTION** – Designate a person to bring up the money you have collected from your participants. Checks can be made to Catholic Relief Services. We will have 2 large Mitts and a baseball diamond up front where these will be placed during the offertory. It helps our counting later on if all bills are straightened and facing the same direction!!
- **SIGN OF PEACE** - **Due to H1N1 concerns, precautions, and recent Archdiocesan policies, participants are encouraged to touch elbows, peace sign, nod the head, etc rather than shake hands. Feel free to bring Purell etc.** Check out <http://www.flu.gov/index.html>. for further information.
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“EXTRA INNINGS”

Steve will come back to wrap up the day and impress upon us the gospel mandate to serve each other and live our bracelets “Make a Difference” and “Trusting Obedient People Depend on God”

**See you at the
Archdiocesan Center/St Thomas Seminary
Sept 12, 2010
with Jesse Manibusan.
Intent to participate flyer attached!!**