

2011 Catholic Youth Spectacular

January 4, 2011

Dear 2011 Catholic Youth Spectacular **GROUP COORDINATOR**,

The 1673 bulbs that the young people brought to the 2010 CYS have been prayed for and planted around the Seminary just in time to beat the frozen ground!! Be sure to stop by in the spring to see the symbolic and generous growing gift young people are to the church. FYI – we collected around 1500 flip flops that went to Haiti, 700 baby items that went to St Gerard’s Life Center, and 2570 socks and a box of toiletries that went to Immaculate Conception Shelter and Southpark Inn Shelter. Thank you one and all.

The Catholic Youth Spectacular (CYS) audience is youth and young adults in grade 7 and higher from parish, school, scouts, sports and other groups. We gather as Church – re-membered and rejoicing- for the sixth annual CYS on **Sunday, September 18, 2011** on the grounds of the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. The scripture for this 25th Sunday in Ordinary time is about the generous landowner who gives everyone the same wage no matter how long they worked. **Our theme** is “**CH _CH: Come as UR: Being, Becoming, Believing.**” We are gifted with two keynote presenters: **Joia Farmer and APeX**. Cost is \$30.00pp with early bird discounts in June and July. All registration materials and updates will be posted on www.youthspectacular.net or can be requested via e-mail or snail mail.



Registration is 12:00-1:00 (bring your own noon lunch or hearty snacks).

Groups will be assigned to specific seating in our “arena” based on when we receive your \$50.00 deposit.

1:00 - Official welcome, opening prayer, **Joia Farmer**

1:45 - Icebreaker break

2:15 - Death defying juggling and humor of **APeX**

3:30 – **Picnic Dinner** (hot dogs, hamburgers, LOTS of mac & cheese, baked beans, chips, fruit, cookies, beverages), Reconciliation, Walking Rosary, Quiet prayer, Catholic Relief Services simulations, Field Activities (Jousting, Capture the flag, etc.) Stations of the Cross and more.

5:30 – 7:00 **Mass with Archbishop Mansell**

Joia Farmer is a Catholic Christian singer/songwriter and presenter with three CD’s to her credit. With an emotional singing voice and a heart for the young Church, she speaks frankly about her faith, the gift of womanhood, and the power of forgiveness. She was a featured artist at the NCYC in Columbus, Ohio in 2009 and choreographed the NCCYM Extravaganza in New Orleans 2010. www.joiafarmer.com

APeX Ministries (Gene Monterastelli and Brad Farmer) are Christian Vaudeville evangelists. They have presented to groups as large as 30,000 and as small as 9 including the Papal Visit in January 1999, the NCYC in Kansas, St Louis and Indianapolis, and the New England Youth Conference in 2007. Their presentation is geared to spread the Word of God, build community through laughter and interaction, and yes, even provoke people to think about life and spirituality. Be prepared for death defying juggling, humor, characterizations, skits, story-telling, audience participation, and personal testimony! Souvenirs will be available for purchase. To learn more about APeX Ministries check out <http://apexministries.com>

