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2012 Catholic Youth Spectacular

God's Enduring Treasures, Celebrations of Grace

Event Overview

Dear 2012 CYS GROUP COORDINATOR,

We invite your youth and young adults in grade 7 and higher from parish, school, scouts, sports and other groups to gather as the young church for the 7th annual Catholic Youth Spectacular on **Sunday, September 30, 2012** on the grounds of the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield.

- 12:15** Registration
- 1:15** Official welcome, opening procession & prayer
- 1:45** Vince Nims
- 3:15** Picnic & Field Activities
- 5:30** Mass with Archbishop Mansell
- 7:00** Departure



Our focus is the Sacraments and our theme is "**God's Enduring Treasures, Celebrations of Grace**". Vince Nims is our keynote speaker. Affectionately known as "The Banana Guy," Vince is a popular and talented musician, songwriter and Catholic recording artist, and youth minister. And a three-time World Youth Day performer! Hard working and always on the road, Vince speaks and performs at liturgy and youth events throughout the country.

"I want to move kids toward Christ. That's the ultimate goal," he says. "I try to bring hope, combined with something tangible that they can connect with, something that is filled with Christ. And I try to make it fun."

He has a bachelor's degree in religious studies from St Mary's College, a Masters degree in Theology from Franciscan School of Theology and more than 20 years of parish, diocesan, and national youth ministry experience. He has produced three collections of contemporary music and is an admissions officer at Franciscan School of Theology. He lives in California with his wife Keri, daughter Veronica, and son Toby.

Cost is \$30.00pp with early bird discounts in June and July.

All registration materials and updates are posted on www.youthspectacular.net or can be requested via e-mail or snail mail. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information contact Shawnee Baldwin, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and the Event Coordinator at 860-243-9465 ext 2672 or sbaldwin@adh-ore.org
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