

**Youth & Young Adult Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Diocese of Sacramento Pastoral Center**  
**June 10, 2008 @ 5:30pm**

*Present at this meeting were: Fr. Brian Atienza, Mary D'Aquisto, Tim Rumery, Megan O'Neill, Carson Weber, Kathy Conner & Kevin Staszko*

- I. What has the Youth & Young Adult Office offered parishes over the past five years that has been helpful to youth & young adult ministry leaders?**
  - a. Regional Support Meetings
  - b. Youth Leader Team Training
  - c. Annual Youth Convention
  - d. NCYC / World Youth Day
  - e. Collaboration with Vocations Office
- II. What else should the office be doing to truly meet the needs of youth & young adult ministry leaders?**
  - a. Basic Catechist Training geared toward youth group model.
  - b. Regular & Timely Communication
  - c. Directory of Youth & Young Adult Ministries & Contacts
  - d. Better connection with the Catholic High Schools
  - e. Connections with non-parochial Hispanic/Latino Ministry Movements
- III. Raging Waters** – Due to contract and scheduling difficulties, the youth event at Raging waters that was scheduled in August had to be cancelled.
- IV. World Youth Day Update**
  - a. Fr. Brian reported that about 17 pilgrims would be attending World Youth Day from the diocese. In addition to those there are several other independent groups from parishes that are attending. This year, the Sacramento diocese joined forces with the Dioceses of Oakland, San Francisco, & Reno.
  - b. For the next World Youth Day, Fr. Brian recommended that the planning start immediately and that Sacramento do its own pilgrimage, because there was plenty of interest from Sacramento.
  - c. There will be a day long retreat on June 21<sup>st</sup> w/ pilgrims from the NorCal diocese and Reno Diocese. Bishop Soto will preside at mass at 3pm.
- V. Newsletter**
  - a. The newsletter will be replaced with a weekly updated blog and online calendar of Youth Ministry events launching in August.
- VI. YYAAC Meetings**
  - a. We decided to look at the makeup of the council to make sure all aspects of youth and young adult ministry were represented. In particular, we wanted to make sure we have representation of Hispanic/Latino ministries both parish-based and movement-based. We felt we would like to find the right campus ministry rep who would strengthen the connection to the Catholic High Schools, we would also like to strengthen representation from young adult groups and other ethnic ministries. We brainstormed possible new members and Kevin will follow up by making those contacts.
  - b. The members who were present at the meeting (Mary D., Tim R., Fr. Brian, Carson, Kevin & Megan) agreed to meet once every other month with location rotating. Feeling was that it would be easier to meet during the day (rather than in the evening) if that can be pulled off. Kevin will propose meeting times via email to all council members.
  - c. **Support Meetings** – Worked well last year. Will continue. Dates TBA

- d. **Trainings/Retreats** – Two Day Long trainings/retreats will be offered. One for new YM/YA Coordinators, and one for seasoned coordinators. Megan expressed an interest to work on the retreat days.
- e. **Youth Convention** – The youth convention will take place in the Spring. Goal will be to connect and work closely with Catholic High Schools and non-parish youth ministries so that they can be a part of the planning and leadership of the day.
- f. **Young Adult Ministry** – may be worthwhile to separate the YAC into two councils, one for youth and one for young adults
- g. **Summer Events** – none will be offered in 2008
- h. **Catechist Ministry Day – September 13th** – Special attention was paid to offering opportunities at the catechist day for youth and young adult ministers. Speakers specific to youth ministry and adolescent catechesis can be found on page 6 of the booklet.
- i. **NET Ministries (April 16-23)** -- Once again, NET ministries will be in our diocese and available to do retreats for Junior High and High School groups. Contact Kevin if you are interested in hosting the NET team at your parish or school. A flyer and application form will be distributed to all parishes in September. A few parishes and one school have already expressed interest.
- j. **Bible Studies on DVD** – Carson has DVD bible studies (including T3: The Teen Timeline & It's sequel Thy Kingdom Come (based on the gospel of Matthew)) available to borrow. Contact him at 916-733-0154 for more info.
- k. **Chaperone Packet** – Kevin is working on a direct, straight-forward document that presents the guidelines for chaperones and supervision of youth on one sheet with updated, usable forms.

**VII. Screening & Training Issues (mixed youth & young adult youth groups)**

- a. We will be working towards separating ministries to youth (under 18) from ministries to young adults -- this is best from a ministry perspective. We are currently working on a plan to implement this.
- b. For the time being, groups that have participants who are both minors and adults will need to follow these guidelines. –
  - i. Participants over 18 are not required to be fingerprinted as long as they are only participants and are supervised by other fingerprinted and trained adults.
  - ii. If participants over 18 are small group leaders or sometimes supervise minors/teens, etc., they must be fingerprinted and trained.
  - iii. For overnight events, separate sleeping areas for each respective age group and gender must be provided.

**VIII. Diocesan Youth Ministry Website:** Plans are underway to create a cutting edge website for use by youth groups and movements, youth ministry leaders, parents of youth and youth themselves. The process will start by brainstorming sessions and getting ideas at the Fall 2008 support meetings.

**IX. Future YAC Meetings.** Kevin will email everyone in an attempt to find a good time for our meetings. They will be every other month during the day.