

August, 2017

Dear Pastors, DRE's and Youth Ministers,

The Middle School Youth Extravaganza will be happening soon. Won't you please help me advertise this important event in your church bulletins, in classrooms for grades 6, 7 and 8, on your bulletin boards in your parishes and other prominent places? Here is the information:

DATE: Saturday, October 14, 2017

PLACE: St. John Academy

215-5th Street SE, Jamestown, ND

Registration begins at 9:00am

CYAC will entertain (play games, music, etc...from 9-10am)

Program begins with prayer at 10:00am

THEME: **Love Your #Selfie Bible verse: 'The Lord does not look at things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' Samuel 16:7**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Stacey Sumereau-Jackson

WHAT DO WE OFFER: Reconciliation from 11:30am – 1:00pm

Lunch and Supper (included in cost of day)

Workshops, there will be 2 rounds of workshops, there will be a workshop with Stacey

Sumereau-Jackson for adults..don't miss this one. There will be other workshops for students.

At about 2:30pm, Bishop John Folda will be holding a question and answer with the students

and adults who are attending. Get your questions ready now!

Adoration happening all day in the school.

Eucharistic Procession led by Bishop Folda.

Mass happening after Eucharistic Procession, Bishop Folda presiding.

Dance happening in the gym with DJ Ted LaMier!

COST: \$35/student \$15/chaperone

T-SHIRTS: \$12/ea. regardless of size

Order your t-shirt ahead of time on your registration form.

Your t-shirt will be waiting for you when you check-in.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER WITH PARISH: No later than Wednesday, September 27.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER WITH DIOCESE: No later than Friday, September 29.

Paperwork needs to be mailed to Diocese no later than Thursday, September 28.

EXTRA CASH NEEDED: Yes, for concession and collection at Mass!

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

Kathy Loney, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry,

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PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH PARENTS OF STUDENTS ATTENDING AND WITH THE CHAPERONES ATTENDING! COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT THIS EVENT!

How can we get our students to attend this event?

- 1.** Incorporate this event into your curriculum. Be ready to hand out brochures at your gatherings with your students and explain it is now part of their youth group activity or part of the curriculum for their Religious Education classes.
- 2.** If you have students that attended last year or you have a CYAC student member as a parishioner, ask them to speak about this event.
- 3.** Have your posters visible where kids and parents will see them. Please help us advertise by making announcements at Mass and having special announcements before or after the students' classes. If you are the DRE or Youth Minister, plan on coming and personally invite students to take in the event with you!
- 4.** Hand out a brochure to each student and remind them that you will need chaperones to drive and be present during the day. One chaperone for every seven students please!
- 5.** Please handle registration as a parish, sending all the paperwork to me together. Please do not have students register independently from your group. If you need to add someone after you have mailed in the bulk of your people, just call me with the information and mail the paperwork to me.
- 6.** You may cancel someone from your group after mailing in your paperwork, however, you will not get a refund. Your best bet is to have someone else to substitute, that way you make the best out of your fee!
- 7.** If a CYAC (Catholic Youth Advisory Council) student calls to talk with your class about this event, please make every effort to have them come in and talk to your students. This is a great personal connection for your students to make for this day!

What are the responsibilities of the chaperones for this day?

Please appoint one chaperone from your parish to attend a short meeting on event morning. Other chaperones from your group should remain with the students and participate in the activities happening in the gym at the time of the meeting.

We ask each chaperone to help make the event a success by maintaining a good positive attitude throughout the day. Please follow instructions with your group as the day progresses.

What is the dress code for this event?

Each parish needs to ensure that the members of their group are dressed appropriately. We encourage everyone to buy a t-shirt and wear the event t-shirt that day. Any shorts worn should go to the knee. Caps/hats will not be allowed indoors. Other shirts must cover midriff and shoulders and have no inappropriate images or language.

What do we do with the Parish Registration form, Payment form, Individual Registration form and student Medical Form?

Parish Registration Form: Please list all participants and all other information requested on this form. If you are not going along, please make a copy to send to me and a copy to go with your chaperones.

Payment form: Please tally how many students/chaperones are coming. Please tally how many t-shirts you are ordering and tally the total amount for each size needed.

Mail this and your registration check to: Pastoral Center, Attn: Kathy Loney
5201 Bishops Blvd, Ste A
Fargo, ND 58104

All parish checks are made out to: Diocese of Fargo

Individual Registration Form and Medical Form: Please make sure whoever is in charge of your group carries the individual registration forms with you and your Medical forms with you! These forms will give you important information in case of emergencies! Do not send these papers to the Diocese! We don't need them, the one in charge does!!!

Make sure your forms and check are mailed no later than, Thursday, September 28!

Will there be a need for extra money at this event? YES

- a. We will have a food concession open several times a day to buy some quick breakfast items and snack items, water and soda!
- b. We will have a spiritual concession with items that teens like to buy. This will be open all day!
- c. We will be taking up a collection during Mass. Envelopes will be at the end of the pews marked "Diane Brooks Scholarship Fund". This year money will go to the Diane Brooks Scholarship Fund!

d. Can your parish priest be involved?

Your priest's involvement is very important. Encourage him to tell the parish how important these events are to teens and the community of faithful! If he would like, he could come and help with reconciliation that day. We always need priests at these events! Priests could also come and concelebrate Mass! Reconciliation will happen between 11:45am and 1:00pm. Mass will be at 4:30pm at the Basilica of St. James.

If you have other questions not covered in this letter, please contact Kathy Loney in the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office at the Diocese of Fargo, 701-356-7902.

Thank you and God bless!