

Youth Report
PPC Meeting
January 22, 2008

Life Teen

Our Life Teen group continues to meet on Sunday evenings.

Sue Kineese is speaking to the group next Sunday, Jan. 27th about Total Stewardship.

Our Diocesan High School Retreat is taking place Feb. 1st – 3rd ending Sunday evening with the Life Teen Mass at CTK. The location this year is Woodland Lakes Christian Camp in Amelia, OH. At this point we have approx. 15 teens attending from MQ. The theme **Alpha & Omega**. *GOAL: This retreat will allow teens to discover how God's time and our time are connected through the Liturgical Year. They will come to better understand and appreciate the wisdom of the Church and the totality of the Catholic journey as presented through the Liturgical Year. Through the liturgical cycle, this retreat will help teens encounter a timeless and eternal God who loves them in the present moment.*

Life Teen will be participating in the Why Catholic? Program during Lent.

The Edge

Our Edge group continues to meet (and grow) on Monday evenings! Recently, Tim Schosser, Diocesan Seminarian, spoke to the youth about his faith journey and what led him to hear his call to be a priest.

Fr. Joe has asked if 3 participants from the Edge would be willing to carry the Banner for the Chrism Mass on March. 8th at CTK. It is an honor to be asked and will find volunteers.

Sue Kineese is speaking to The Edge youth on Monday, January 28th about Total Stewardship.

This year we are having our first Diocesan Middle School Retreat! The date is April 11-13, 2008 and will be held at the Cedarmore Retreat Center in Bagdad, KY.

Concerns regarding transportation to offsite events.

Transportation to and from offsite events is very challenging due to the number of youth vs. number of vehicles and adult chaperones. A question? When traveling in the city is it necessary to have 2 Virtus trained adults in every vehicle? If we have 30 teens traveling to an offsite event that would mean at

least 10 vehicles (3 youth to a car) and 20 Virtus trained Adult chaperones. The ratio of youth to adults in the past for chaperoned events was 7 youth (of the same sex) to 1 adult (of the same sex). Offsite events include service projects (CAC, Nursing home visits), social events (ice skating, bowling, etc), and Diocesan Youth Connections at other parishes.

Asking the youth and teens to “meet” at an event never works and participation is always low. If we could provide the transportation from MQ to offsite events utilizing our Virtus trained adults driving their vehicles (with **more** than one youth traveling with them in a convoy) it would be so helpful to our ministry.

Renting minivans (\$400+) or a bus is extremely expensive considering we want to do service once a month and a social event every other month. Youth Connections happen 2 – 3 times a year at other parishes with in the Diocese.