

Catholic Youth Community Leadership Expo

October 1, 2005 *** Boston College High School *** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Information

The Catholic Youth Community Leadership Expo (CYCLE) is a celebration of the young as special blessings of God to the Catholic Church in this place and time.

The Offices of Black Catholics, the Deaf, Ethnic Ministries, Hispanic Ministry, and Youth Ministry in the Boston Archdiocese join in offering the Catholic Youth Leadership Expo on October 1, 2005. This gathering will be COMPLETELY DIFFERENT from anything we have ever done here in the Archdiocese. This event will be Boston's first Catholic Youth Ministry Trade Show!

Occurring at the beginning of the academic year, the Catholic Youth Leadership Expo is designed to offer parish Youth Ministry communities (adult and youth) ideas, skills, resources, and processes that have proven worth in other parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Our expectation is that parishes will leave this Expo with a number of tried and true resources that can be effectively (and immediately) implemented within their own parish Youth Ministry communities.

This event will take place at Boston College High School in Dorchester from 10:00 am to 3:00. (Lunch will be provided.) Archbishop Sean will join the gathering for part of the afternoon.

Our informal consultation with a focus group has convinced us that this type of event is exactly what the Archdiocesan YM community needs at this time. The Catholic Youth Community Youth Leadership Expo (CYCLE) will be an opportunity not to be missed!

Schedule (in development)

10:00 Welcome, Prayer, Music,
Introductions
10:45 First Session of Workshops
11:45 Second Session of Workshops
12:45 Lunch
1:30 Session with Archbishop Sean
2:15 Prayer/Sum Up Experience
3:00 Sending forth

Forms for Workshop Sessions

Classroom presentations (20 minutes)
Table displays
Poster board displays
Music hall: "Non-stop Praise"
Round table brainstorming
Discussion groups

Who should a parish bring to the Catholic Youth Leadership Expo (CYCLE)?

Experience with **trade shows** in the secular world demonstrates that a parish team made up of both youth and adult leaders would be needed to benefit from an inter-parish exchange of "really cool" tools, specs, skills, ideas, designs, and resources for putting together a youthful parish. This team would consist of both presenters (i.e., those offering the presentations) and explorers (i.e., those collecting ideas and resources from other parishes). Parish teams will benefit most from this expo if they come with one idea and leave with a folder filled with tried and true resources.

Our meeting with Archbishop Sean O'Malley will include an opportunity for question and answers. Our prayer service at the end of the day will bring together the experiences of the day within a Christ-centered view of parish life. The day will come to its conclusion centered around the Eucharist to coincide with the conclusion of the Year of the Eucharist.

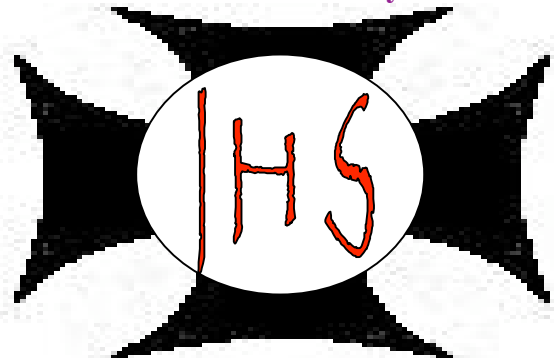
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