

# WITNESS 2 HOPE

## Catholic Middle School Leadership Institute

**Witness to Hope** is an exciting overnight leadership institute specially designed for Roman Catholic Middle Schoolers who have just completed grades 6,7, or 8.

It is designed for parishes and schools to utilize in starting up their own leadership activities for young people. Chaperones are not necessary as the team is composed of the Archdiocesan Office for the New Evangelization staff and a few other top notch youth ministers, campus ministers, teachers, DRE's, and pastoral associates.

Some of you might remember the old CLI (Catholic Leadership Institute that is owned by the Archdiocese and was run for many parishes and schools. Many people encouraged us to create a special version of leadership training more appropriately designed for Junior Highers with leadership potential.

We use a very high-energy interactive workshop model that utilizes multiple learning styles and develops the skills required for various forms of leadership and peer ministry. The program covers topics such as; Leadership and Christian Leadership, Communication Skills, Jesus and Prayer, Personal Decision-Making, Group Decision-Making, and Presentation Skills.

The entire time is surrounded by different prayer experiences, the Sacraments, and Liturgies, that will feed, encourage, and equip the young people.

The culminating event is a "tradeshow" that each small group presents at the time of their pick-up which brings together all their newly acquired knowledge and skills in presentations on social justice issues that tie together prayer and action that can all be replicated back in their own parish and school.

**The result is that each participant deepens their own faith, knowledge, and skills in order to become a more effective leader and witness to hope back in their home, parish, school, and community.**

**Register by 12 noon on Monday, July 29th**  
(early registration) (Registrations close one week prior to start date)