

**“TASTE and SEE  
the GOODNESS  
of the LORD!”**



## BRIEF OVERVIEW OF NEWLY DESIGNED PROGRAMS FOR CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR ADOLESCENTS

### RETREATS:

Retreats for high school students who are in catechetical programs, and /or preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parishes looking to use these retreat themes for middle school students may contact their Youth Center Director to discuss the various options available.

#### OPTION A: Large Gathered Thematic Retreats

*(Limited to a maximum of 200 high school aged participants and a minimum of 100 - includes opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist)*

The themes and locations will vary and rotate yearly. Several themes and opportunities will be offered at several locations throughout the diocese. New themes will be added and changed yearly. Projected themes for 2012-13 are Life Issues and Sacrament of Eucharist.

**Features:** A variety of priest keynote speakers from the Diocese, several smaller session speakers, Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and structured thematic activities. Students bring their own lunch. Schedule: 9:00am registration until 4:30pm, except at St. Gregory's where it is 10:15am registration until 5:45pm. If parish chooses, all high school grades are welcome to attend together. Cost is \$22 per student.

**Themes for 2011-12** *(Content outlines provided separately in September mailing.)*

- **“Who Do You Say I Am?”**  
A Retreat on the **Identity and Mission of Jesus Christ**
- **A Retreat on Authenticity and Technology** (utilizing Pope Benedict XVI Message, *“Truth, Proclamation and Authenticity of Life in a Digital Age”*)
- **“Be Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit”**  
A Retreat on the **Sacrament of Confirmation**

#### Dates and Locations:

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| • St. Francis, Wakefield                 | Nov. 19, 2011 |
| • Fr. Marot CYO Center, Woonsocket       | Dec. 3, 2011  |
| • St. Gregory, Warwick                   | Jan. 7, 2012  |
| • Rejoice in Hope Youth Center, Cranston | Feb. 4, 2012  |
| • Saints John and Paul Parish, Coventry  | March 3, 2012 |

#### OPTION B: New Thematic Retreats for 25-75

*(High school or middle school aged students)* May be held at a Youth Center, Mother of Hope Camp, URI Catholic Center or a Parish/Catholic school site. The retreat fee for a full day retreat (7 hours) with meal is \$28 per student and without meal is \$25 per student. Parish choice of above listed (large gathered thematic retreat) themes and the following additional themes:

- **“One Body in Christ”** a Retreat on the Sacramental Life of the Church
- **“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”** a Retreat on Prayer
- **“Call to Discipleship”** a Retreat on Christian Service
- **“Behold, Your Mother”** a Retreat on Mary

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**OPTION C: New Thematic Retreats for less than 25 students**

*(Using any of the above listed themes)* May be held at a Youth Center, Mother of Hope Camp, or at a Parish based on availability on a week night or an 'off prime' weekend date only, due to staffing reductions. The retreat fee for a full day retreat (7 hours) with meal is \$28 per student and without meal is \$25 per student. However, should the parish agree it can be combined with one or more parishes on a prime date, based on availability.

**OPTION D: Challenge Course Experiences and Training Programs**

Held at Mother of Hope Camp based on availability. Several options exist including doing some of the elements of the Course at a parish or school prior to or instead of the experience at Camp. Please contact the Camp Director at 568-3580 for more information.

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** *More info will be forthcoming in our September mailing.*

- **Sleep Out - a "Keep the Heat On" for the Homeless Event**  
Materials on how to host a "Sleep Out" event will be provided to each parish. For those parishes who wish to participate in a diocesan sponsored "Sleep Out" one will occur at each youth center on **Friday, Dec. 9.**
- **Work Day at Camp**  
Scheduled opportunity for parishes to bring young people for a day of outdoor service at the **Mother of Hope Camp.** Saturday dates provided this year are **April 14, 2012** and **April 28, 2012.** The day will include prayer, camp clean up or project work (i.e. *community garden - once configured*), reflection/processing of service experience, Mass and a cook out/ community building component.
- **Haunted Labyrinth** (*work schedule available on [www.ymcyoprov.org](http://www.ymcyoprov.org)*)  
Building nights and operation nights will include a time for individual groups of youth to have catechetical and prayer experiences. The theme of 2011 will include Saints and Martyrs - Heroic Witnesses to the Faith and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Opportunities for reflection on Christian service will also be provided.

**GATHERINGS:** *More info will be forthcoming in our September mailing.*

- **Catholic Youth Mission Week 2011** (*info and schedule available on [www.ymcyoprov.org](http://www.ymcyoprov.org)*) Featuring nationally known Catholic Musician, **Jesse Manibusan.** The Mission sessions are held at parishes and include music and witness by presenter and closing prayer service with Exposition and Benediction.
- **Praise and Worship - "GLORIFY"** A new opportunity for youth to experience the power of the presence of the Lord in music, presentation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Scheduled to begin Winter 2012.



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*Please note that a complete packet of materials will be sent in early September to each parish. If further information is needed before that time, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry at 278-4626 or your Youth Center Director. Info will also be posted on our website at [www.ymcyoprov.org](http://www.ymcyoprov.org) as soon as available.*

**FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RETREATS**

**Rejoice in Hope Youth Center**  
804 Dyer Avenue  
Cranston, RI 02920  
942-6571

**Father Marot CYO Center**  
53 Federal St. PO Box 518  
Woonsocket, RI 02895  
762-3252

**Mother of Hope Camp**  
1589 Putnam Pike  
Chepachet, RI 02814  
568-3580