

CONVENTION INFORMATION

It is the policy of the Diocesan Youth Office that those students in the 9th - 12th grades during the 2007- 2008 school year will be permitted to attend convention. Anyone not pre-registered will not be permitted to attend convention.

All hotel reservations will be made through the diocesan office. Hotel room cost for the weekend is \$230.00 per room. *[Your cost breakdown example: 1 occupant = \$230.00, 2 occupants \$115.00 each, 3 occupants \$76.75 each, 4 occupants \$57.50 each]* (2 nights, **maximum** of 4 people per room). Your parish is responsible for the full cost of a room even if you don't have 4 to a room.

Registration fees include: Sat. lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, t-shirt and entry into all convention activities. The registration fee is \$65/per person. It is best to eat supper Friday night **before** convention officially opens.

The adult in charge of the parish delegation will be responsible for turning in room keys and paying for any charges incurred at the time of check-out (telephone, damage, etc.) The cable boxes and long distance phone service will be blocked. In order to get either turned on, you must present a credit card at the front desk. Room service must be paid upon delivery of items ordered.

Medical/Transportation and Code of Behavior Forms (enclosed): At the convention, the adult in charge must have in his/her possession both forms for each participant. The Code of Behavior will be turned in to diocesan staff at convention check-in. **(Please bring forms in alphabetical order.)** You will receive the forms back at the end of the conference. **Chaperone Guidelines** will be turned in at this time, also.

Prayer - Ask your parish to support the youth in prayer. Please have the following petition read in your re participating in the annual diocesan youth convention. May they come to a deeper knowledge of and parish the weekend of May 11th: "We pray today for our teenage youth who have a love for God, their heavenly Father."

TERRY SKELTON FUND: This fund provides scholarship money for youth within our Diocese who would be unable to attend Diocesan events unless aided financially. Your generous contribution provides these youth the awesome experience of gathering with our larger church community. Please ask your parish to consider a donation to this vital fund. Additionally, we would suggest that you make an appeal to parents whose children benefit from your parish's youth activities.

Terry Skelton Fund Financial Scholarship- We are able to help with partial funding for those in financial need through the Terry Skelton Fund. Please designate on your Master Form that person who is in financial need.

Youth and Adult Advisory Council Applications: The Diocesan Youth Office must receive applications and reference forms for membership on the Youth and Adult Advisory Councils, by **April 3, 2008**. This information is found on our website at www.dolr.org/offices/youth/index.php and click on the Resources for Youth Ministers Section.

Items to Bring to Convention - 1) **donation for the Terry Skelton Fund**, 2) code of conduct/medical transportation forms, 3) Chaperone Guidelines 4) banner and stand to display banner upright.

Emergency Calls: For emergency calls, please inform your participants that the hotel phone number is (501) 372-4371. It would be best if the call is made direct to you, the youth minister, and then forwarded to the appropriate room.

Additional Emergency Phone Numbers During Convention: For emergency calls, please inform your participants that Liz Tingquist's (Director of Catholic Youth Ministry) cell phone number is (501) 258-0682 and Trish Gentry's cell phone number is (501) 352-1682. Messages can also be left at the DoubleTree Hotel at (501) 372-4371.