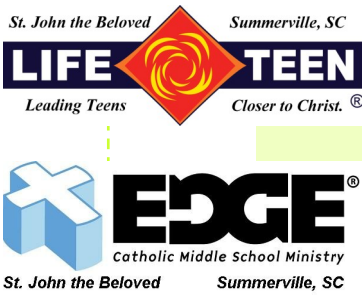


Parent Life Newsletter



Programs:

- > **Life Teen:** High School Youth Ministry is open to all students in grades 9-12.
- > **The EDGE:** Middle School Youth Ministry is open to all students in grades 6-8.
- > **Confirmation Preparation** is a separate sacramental preparation program for students in the 8th grade or above.



Kickoff and Enrollment for High School and Middle School Youth Ministry

Life Teen: High School Youth Ministry will regularly meet in Madden Hall from 6-7:30pm for Life Nights. The Life Teen Kickoff will be on **Sunday, August 21st, from 6-7:30pm in Madden Hall.** Teens can find out about the year ahead and great events and opportunities! Have your child meet new and old friends, the core team of volunteers, along with Patrick Withers, the Director of Youth Ministry. We'll see you there!

Sunday afternoons in Madden Hall from 3:30-5pm. The *EDGE* kickoff will be held on **Sunday, September 11th, from 3:30-5:00 pm in Madden Hall** (directly following the 3pm 9/11 prayer service). The *EDGE* is open to all 6th-8th grade students. Have your child get the year started off right with a night of fun and faith.

the Ministry Fair. The *EDGE* is the religious education program for 6-8th grade. The registration process will continue throughout the year if you are unable to register on this date. Registration forms are available on the Youth Ministry Website, and in the Parish Office. They can be turned in to the Parish Office or the Office of Youth Ministry. They will also be made available at each of the High School and Middle School meetings. For more info, contact the Office of Youth Ministry at 873-0631 ext. 20.

There will be **registration** for the *EDGE: Middle School Youth Ministry* and High School Youth Ministry after each of the masses on the weekend of August 27-28 during

The *EDGE: Middle School Youth Ministry* will regularly meet on

Life Teen Mountain Retreat 2011 – September 2-5

St. John the Beloved Life Teen will again be joining St. Theresa's youth for a retreat weekend for high school students in Brevard, NC. Again this year, we will be at Camp Kahdalea, located in the Pisgah National Forest. If your child feels like the start of a new

school year can be a challenge, let them come and experience a way to get focused on Christ who strengthens us. There will also be games, talks, leadership activities, camp activities, and free time for personal prayer and reflection. If your child is inter-

ested in attending, the fee is \$40.00 for the weekend and permission slips are available in the Office of Youth Ministry and on our website. For more info, contact the Office of Youth Ministry at 873-0631 ext. 20.

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2011 Jr. High Youth Rally – Saturday, November 5, 2011

Have your child join us for great stories and entertainment by our key note speakers, APeX Ministries, and the music of a house band; along with games, small groups, zany skits, and powerful dramas from the Diocesan Youth Evangelization Team. This one day may change your tween's life!

APeX is two Catholic men (Brad Farmer and Gene Monterastelli) who have made it their lives' work since 1996 to criss-cross North America sharing the Truth and Joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They have crafted a

unique style (they call it "Christian Vaudeville") that engages an audience and creates rapport through telling "parables" through sketch comedy, seamlessly integrating the use of juggling and street performer style skill and intensity. Once an audience is thoroughly engaged, Brad and Gene share personal testimony of spiritual realities and take them deeper in exploring the Catholic themes of their parables.

There is a registration form and a permission slip form that must be filled out in order to attend. Both are available in

the Office of Youth Ministry. The registration fee is \$35. Please register before the deadline of October 20th or the cost will increase to \$45. Plan to drop off your child at 7am and pick them up at 10 pm in the church parking lot. We will travel via approved driver to White Oak Retreat & Conference Center outside Winnsboro, SC. Lunch is provided. We will be stopping for dinner on the way home.

Parent drivers are needed! Contact Patrick Withers in the Office of Youth Ministry at 873-0631 ext. 20 for more information and to register.



APeX has entertained, evangelized, and inspired in 48 states, 5 Canadian provinces, China, and Peru at thousands of Catholic events.

Priest: The Lord be with you...

You: And with your spirit.

Sound strange? Very soon, it will be our normal response in Mass.

Re-Catechize: *Change is Coming! Preparing for the New Roman Missal* by Lisa Garcia

As many of you know, change is coming. The 3rd edition of the Roman Missal has been approved and first use of the new text will happen on November 27, 2011 (the first Sunday of Advent). The prayers and responses of our Mass will change for the first time in over 40 years. Among other things, the revised edition of the Roman Missal contains prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints, additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers, additional Votive Masses and Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Intentions, and some updated and revised rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of

the Mass. The English translation of the Roman Missal will also include updated translations of existing prayers, including some of the well-known responses and acclamations of the people.

Change can be difficult, especially change to the celebration of Mass. Changes to the Mass we are accustomed to can be unsettling, but it is also an amazing opportunity to pray Mass with new eyes and ears. Instead of just automatically responding without thinking, these changes to the Roman Missal challenge us to really listen and think about the words we say in Mass. The ques-

tion is, will we take this opportunity to dive into the beauty and mystery of the Holy Mass or just see the changes to the Roman Missal as an inconvenience, or worse, a detriment to prayer. Our Bishops have created several resources to help you understand and embrace the changes as well as prepare for the use of the new Missal in November 2011. Take some time to explore and read the USCCB's website:

www.usccb.org/romanmissal

This article is an excerpt from a blog published by Lisa Garcia on 1/20/2011 at www.catholicyouthministry.com/change-is-coming-preparing-for-the-new-roman-missal/

Search for Christian Maturity— October 21-23, 2011

The Search for Christian Maturity (simply referred to as Search) is a retreat program offered by the Diocese of Charleston that enables high school students to explore in a deeper way their own faith. This is accomplished by having the searchers come to know themselves in a more personal and spiritual manner and to know God in a more loving and personal way.

Search is different from most high school retreats because it is not only for high school students, but led by high school students.

This leadership is a form of Peer Ministry. Peers have tremendous impact on each other and we want to foster that in a loving Christian environment

WHO is Search for?

High School Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors who want to explore their faith.

WHAT do I need to know?

Search will be held at Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church in Columbia, SC. The weekend begins at 7:30pm on Friday and concludes with Mass at 2:00pm

Sunday. Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, a confirmation letter will be sent, along with a map and schedule.

HOW MUCH does it cost?

The total cost for the weekend is \$80, which includes a \$35 nonrefundable deposit. This cost covers all meals, lodging, and materials for the weekend. Please make checks payable to: Diocese of Charleston.

Visit www.catholic-doc.org/ym/ymprograms.php?m=h for registration forms.



"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith and purity."



Keeping Pace With Teens – Road Trip

When I was in middle school, out of the blue, my dad asked if I wanted to go to an Atlanta Falcons game. I could not believe it. I thought he was the coolest dad out there! It was only a 2 and a half hour trip to Atlanta from where I grew up and to see my first pro football game with my dad was going to be awesome. I still remember Fulton County Stadium and the original red and black uniforms.

Fast-forward a about 20 years and when I was reminiscing about it with my dad, he let me in on a parenting secret. He cared more about the car ride to and from the game than he did about the game itself. He was aware that there would be opportunities to have in depth conversations and connect about faith, life, culture, and upbringing. I don't remember the specifics of the conversation we shared, only that it was a wonderful memory of my dad and me.

I believe there is a country song out now that uses the lyrics, "She thinks we're just fishin'." Find ways to take advantage of those times together when we can connect. Bring up subjects that can let you know what your kids are thinking, what they are up to, and what they may be struggling with. God gives us the grace to share His truths and allow us to impart the wisdom of our Catholic Faith. What will be your next road trip?

VIRTUS® for Volunteers Working With Minors

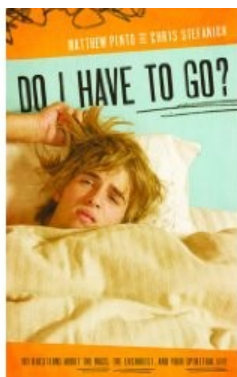
All parish volunteers working with minors must attend a VIRTUS® "Protecting God's Children" Program. This includes driving children other than your own to and from special events. See below for directions about how to register.

1. Go to www.virtus.org.
2. Click on the "Registration" tab on the left column.

3. Select Diocese of Charleston, SC from the drop down menu.
4. Complete your registration information and check the box next to the training session you wish to attend. (There are many to choose from.)
5. Click "Submit Registration." You will get a message on the screen confirming the registration.
6. Attend the session you have chosen and be sure to sign-in on the sign-in sheets.

There will be a training program offered at St. John the Beloved on September 2, 2010, from 6:30-9:30pm. If you plan on attending, please register through the prior listed steps.

The VIRTUS® programs assist the Church in being a safe haven for children and a messenger for preventing child sexual abuse within the Church and society in general. We seek to achieve this lofty goal through our child sexual abuse prevention program: Protecting God's Children®.



Do I Have To Go?

Book–Based Resources

Do I Have To Go?

By Chris Stefanick and Matthew Pinto

From playing video games to sleeping-in, teens can think of countless things they would rather do than go to Mass on Sunday morning. That is, unless they knew what they were missing. "Do I Have to Go?" explains the meaning and the mystery of Mass in such a way that teens will be asking, "Why wouldn't I go?"

Raising Pure Teens

By Jason Evert and Chris Stefanick

In Raising Pure Teens, noted chastity speakers Jason Evert and Chris Stefanick incorporate the Church's wisdom with 10 proven strategies for talking with teens about chastity. They offer a perfect blend of humor and sobriety, real-life stories and effective metaphors, cutting-edge science and undeniable logic.

YOUCAT

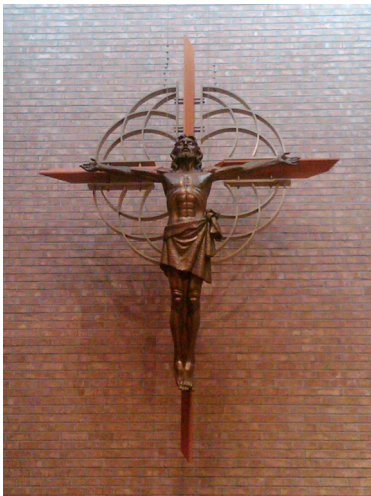
Edited by Cardinal Christoph Schonborn

YOUCAT is short for Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church, which will be launched on World Youth Day. Developed with the help of young Catholics and written for high-school age people and young adults, YOUCAT is an accessible, contemporary expression of the Catholic Faith.

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St. John the Beloved Youth Ministry Program Components

- Advocacy**
- Catechesis**
- Community Life (Fellowship)**
- Evangelization**
- Justice & Service (Ministry)**
- Leadership Development (Discipleship)**
- Pastoral Care**
- Prayer & Worship**

www.stjohnthebelovedcatholic.org/youthministry.html



Fall Youth Ministry Calendar

August 21: Life Teen Kick-off

August 28: Ministry Fair/
 Open Enrollment, Life Night

September 2-5: Life Teen
 Mountain Retreat

September 4: No Life Night

September 11: EDGE Kick-off , Life Night

September 18: EDGE, Life Night

September 25: Confirmation (No EDGE), No Life Night

October 2: EDGE, Life Night

October 9: EDGE, Life Night

October 16: Parish Pic-Nic, EDGE, Life Night

October 23: Confirmation, EDGE & Life Teen Special Event

October 30: EDGE, Life Night

November 5: Jr. High Youth Rally (at White Oak)

November 6: No EDGE, No Life Night

November 11-13: Diocesan Young Ladies Retreat (High School)

November 13: EDGE, Life Night

November 20: Confirmation (No EDGE), Life Night

November 27: No EDGE, No Life Night

December 4: EDGE & Life Teen Service Event

December 11: Confirmation (No EDGE), Life Night

December 17: Breakfast with Santa (9-11am at Madden Hall)