



## Diocesan Youth Congress June 27, 2006



### SUGGESTIONS FOR SELECTING YOUR DELEGATES

#### ADULT CHAPERONE:

- Chaperones must be at least 21 years old.
- Chaperones must be in compliance with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy.
- The chaperone is to set an example for the young people they supervise.
- Chaperones must make arrangements to check in with their young people at least twice throughout the day.
- All participants, including chaperones, are expected to attend all Congress activities.
- Chaperones are to adhere to and help enforce these restrictions:
  - Possession of weapons of any kind will not be tolerated. Failure to comply will mean immediate dismissal.
  - The purchase, possession, or consumption of beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of illegal drugs by any individual will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with these rules will mean immediate dismissal.
  - Any participant displaying inappropriate or dangerous behavior will be admonished once. If the inappropriate behavior continues, that person may be dismissed. Anyone who is dismissed will be sent home at his/her own expense.
- The Congress day will include table discussions, prayer experiences, and presentations. The chaperone should feel comfortable with these settings and be able to encourage the youth to participate.
- Many chaperones will be asked to assist throughout the day. It would be helpful for some chaperones to already be familiar with small group facilitation.
- If the chaperone is also responsible for transporting the youth to/from the Congress, make a photocopy of his/her valid Driver's License and Auto Insurance card.
- Chaperones who would like to volunteer as Table Leaders will receive a \$5 discount and instructions for the discussions.

#### YOUTH DELEGATES:

- ❑ Due to numerous requests, this year's Diocesan Youth Congress will be open to rising freshmen, as well as older high school students. This will be a great opportunity to 'bridge' younger teens into youth ministry.
- ❑ The teens will need to be prepared to listen to educational keynote speakers, discuss issues in small groups, and participate in prayer experiences.
- ❑ The Youth will process ideas into a statement to the diocese. While the teens need not be extraverted, they need to be prepared to talk within their groups.
- ❑ To be of greatest benefit to the parish/school, the teens should be willing to come back to the parish/school and share the Congress experience and materials.
- ❑ Let the youth and their parents know of the transportation plan and schedule for the Congress.

#### FINAL THOUGHTS:

- Pray about it!
- Look at all your adult and youth leaders, as well as potential leaders.
- Don't be afraid to ask... most people—adults and teens -- would be honored to represent your community if they can!

*Thank you for your assistance with the Congress!*