



Salt Light Newsletter

from the Office of Religious Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministry

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR: 2022 GOALS

2022 HAS STARTED WITH A BANG. A FEW TIMES I HAVE WANTED TO RESTART OR QUIT ON THIS YEAR AND WE ARE NOT A FULL MONTH IN. I KNOW THIS IS NOT A GOOD SIGN :) MY LITTLE FAMILY HAS BEEN HIT WITH NUMEROUS ILLNESSES, BIRTH OF TWO NIECES, AND A DEATH IN OUR FAMILY, WITH UPS AND DOWNS IN BETWEEN IN THESE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF 2022. THIS ROLLER COASTER HAS NOT GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO SET RESOLUTIONS LIKE I TYPICALLY DO. RECENTLY A FRIEND OF MINE POSTED ABOUT YEARLY RESOLUTIONS AND HOW SHE TYPICALLY SETS 20 BUT MANY TIMES ONLY FULLY ACCOMPLISHES HALF OF THEM OVER THE YEAR. HER COMMENT NEXT REALLY STAYED WITH ME...IF I DON'T SET THE 20 GOALS I WOULD NEVER ACCOMPLISH HALF OF THEM.

I AM A FIRM BELIEVER IN GOAL SETTING AND THOUGH I'M A FEW WEEKS LATE I'M MAKING IT A PRIORITY TO SET SOME GOALS FOR THIS YEAR. MANY OF THEM IMPACT MY PERSONAL LIFE BUT I ALSO TOOK TIME TO SET SOME GOALS ON THE JOB.

IN THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING IN 2022:

- 1. DEVELOP AND CONTINUE TO FOSTER RELATIONSHIPS ACROSS THE DIOCESE:**
 - MAKE WEEKLY CHECKIN PHONE CALLS, PROVIDE MONTHLY ZOOM GATHERINGS AND PLAN PARISH VISITS TO EACH DEANERY
- 2. EQUIP OUR LEADERS:**
 - EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR DRES AND YOUTH MINISTERS TO GATHER
 - PROVIDE TRAININGS FOR PSR TEACHERS AND CONFIRMATION COORDINATORS
 - TRAIN OUR SUMMER STAFF WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO FORM AND EQUIP YOUNG ADULTS
- 3. PROVIDE THE BEST FAITH EXPERIENCES POSSIBLE FOR OUR YOUTH THAT IMPACT OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES POSITIVELY:**
 - EXPAND OUR SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES
 - BRING BACK A YOUTH RALLY ON THE OFF YEARS OF NCCY (FOR BOTH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL)
 - PROVIDE RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARISHES
- 4. FIND NEW AND INOVATIVE WAYS TO EXPAND OUR REACH TO YOUNG PEOPLE**
 - THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA AND VIDEO
 - SETUP A STUDENT LEADERSHIP ADVISORY GROUP TO GET FEEDBACK AND BUY IN FROM OUR YOUTH WHILE EQUIPING THEM AS LEADERS

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS BRIEF SURVEY ABOUT THESE GOALS TO BEST SERVE YOU!

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

WED, FEBRUARY 23
DRE & YOUTH MINISTER
WORKSHOP
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

ZOOM GATHERING FOR DRE &
YM TO CONNECT & SHARE:
MARCH 15 @ 1PM OR MARCH
16 @ 10AM

[PARISH SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR
TOTUS TUUS JUNE 19-24 &
JULY 17-22. CLICK HERE TO
REGISTER](#)

[WE ARE BEGINNING
INTERVIEWS FOR TOTUS TUUS -
BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO
APPLY! SHARE THIS LINK WITH
YOUNG ADULTS THAT MAY BE
INTERESTED!](#)

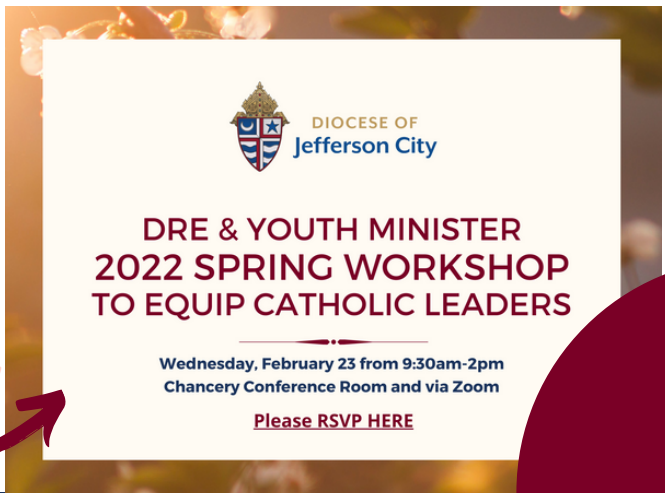
SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION
IS NOW OPEN! SEE BOTTOM OF
NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFO!

If you are able, plan to attend our Spring Workshop scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022!

The day will be filled with great information and most especially fantastic community of DREs and Youth Ministers! We will provide time for prayer, sharing, brainstorming and community around the following topics:

- Strategies for Reaching the entire Family through PSR, sacramental prep and Youth Ministry
- The Power of Ecumenical Work in Ministry
- Integrating Stewardship into our Programs

click here to register



TOP 3 RESOURCES

1. Summer Opportunities

If you are looking for a conference to attend with your youth check out [Steubenville STL MidAmerica](#) or [BCYC Encounter in Atchison, KS](#). Registration for Steubenville opens at 10am on February 17th. If you plan to register, make sure to be ready by that time. [Check out promo video!](#) Because we are a Mission Diocese, the cost of BCYC is ONLY \$100 per person, just make sure to put MISSION in the promo code! [Check out promo video!](#)

2. Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross is a great prayer opportunity for all ages during lent! Looking for a variation that works well with different age groups? [This is a nice presentation of the stations with music for grade school age!](#) Check out the [workout designed stations of the cross! Great for high school or a sports team!](#)



3. Summer Training

Franciscan at Home is the virtual training that allows us to have ongoing training year around without travel. If you are looking for a summer opportunity to grow, Check out [St. John Bosco Conference](#) at Franciscan University! There are numerous tracks to meet individual needs.

We are expanding our Summer Camp Opportunities!

We will have 5 weeks of summer camps offered through the diocese of Jefferson City this summer and are expanding the programs by adding a Junior High Camp for incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders!

Below are the new icons associated with each camp and a brief explanation of each...



Camp Maccabee
FOR YOUNG MEN

[Adventure camp for men](#) committed to Leadership, Brotherhood and Prayer! For incoming freshmen through incoming seniors.
Session 1: June 19-24
Session 2: July 17-22



Camp Siena
FOR YOUNG WOMEN

[Adventure camp for women](#) committed to Leadership, Sisterhood and Prayer! For incoming freshmen through incoming seniors.
June 26-July 1



ChristPOWER
SERVICE CAMP

Week long [service camp](#) committed to direct service discipleship, community and prayer. For incoming freshmen through graduated seniors.
June 12-18



Camp Lolek
FOR JUNIOR HIGH

[NEW Junior High Camp](#) for incoming 6th through 8th graders! 4 days filled with community and faith focused on the Joy of Christ!
Boys: July 10-13
Girls: July 13-16