



CATHOLIC EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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“Winter Spectacular- 2018” Junior High Youth Rally Registration

November 27, 2017

Dear Parish Junior High Youth Rally Coordinator,

On behalf of Catholic Education Ministries and Saint John's Prep School we invite you, your parish 6-7-8th grade youth, and those adults who are serving youth in your parish to attend our 19th Annual Junior High Diocesan Youth Rally on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Saint John's Prep School on Saint John's University campus.

The Annual Junior High Youth Rally theme is, “**Winter Spectacular**”. Winter Spectacular is designed for youth in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The day is about gathering as the young diocesan church to celebrate being Catholic through Eucharist, learning about our faith, and having winter fun through activity and prayer. We begin at St. John's Prep School (see included map) with registration, welcome, and our keynote presentation by **Jason Prigge**, Director of Faith Formation at St. Benedict's in Avon and St. John the Baptist in Collegeville. After the keynote we will have our first round of recreational activities, then lunch, and move into our second round of recreational activities. We will top our day off with praise and worship music and Mass in the Abbey Church with Fr. Robert Rolfes, Vicar General for the St. Cloud Diocese. Our collection at Mass will go to the Generation Next Fund.

We have a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities. For a full listing, see the enclosed listing and the Electronic Group Registration Form that is actually an Excel spread sheet. Please visit: www.stcdio.org/youthrally to download the Excel file. To register, completely fill in the spreadsheet accordingly, save the file as your parish JH Registration (*yourparishnameJHRally.xlsx*) and email to Laura.Gorder@gw.stcdio.org. Be sure to include the activity choices for each youth & adult.

To ensure safety, some of the activities are limited to a certain number of participants. For example, only 50 people can sled and only 25 people can participate in the art or puppet projects and 25 for rock climbing each session. Before registering, please consider:

- *Do you want to choose activities that you can do as a large group or in smaller groups?*
- *If you choose multiple activities, will you have chaperones at the different activity sites? (This is not required, but it is strongly recommended.)*

The goal of all the activities is to have fun with the youth, not to dominate the games. Recreational basketball and dodgeball are designed for the teams to play without the competition of a tournament.

Please encourage your youth to donate a food shelf item at the rally. Youth will be entered into a prize drawing for each food shelf donation.

The early deadline for registration @ \$16.00 each is Noon on Wednesday, December 27, 2017. "1" Parish Leader per group will receive a complimentary registration *if registered by the December 27 early deadline. Registrations received after December 27th at Noon will be registered at \$21.00 per person and a complimentary registration will be unavailable.*

Many enjoy ordering T-shirts. Our shirts this year will be chocolate brown with the penguin designs from the poster on the shirt back. Cost for T-shirts is an additional cost **\$10 for adult sizes S-XL and \$12 for 2XL and \$13 for 3XL or 4XL, this is our cost.** The deadline for ordering T-shirts is: Noon on December 27, 2017.

You will know your registration is complete when you receive a confirmation email. Be sure to include your email on the excel spreadsheet group registration file. Feel free to send in several excel registrations as you receive new participants. Please send only new names on each excel file.

You will receive nametags and any shirts ordered from your group upon your check-in at the registration table in the Preparatory School. We will also have alternate activities planned in place of the snow and ice activities if the weather does not allow for these activities.

Weather & Refund Policy: We will cancel the Youth Rally if the weather is unsafe. We will contact you either Saturday night or Sunday morning by 7 AM if we are going to cancel the Rally, so make sure you include a telephone number where we will reach the adult leader at that time on the Saturday night or Sunday morning. If we do cancel because of weather; we will refund your registration money. We cannot refund the t-shirt money, but we will deliver the t-shirts to you.

We believe the Junior High Youth Rally is an excellent means for us to celebrate our Catholic identity and our rich Catholic faith. Let's come together to celebrate our faith and have some fun with our young people at our "**Winter Spectacular!**" On behalf of the Saint John's Preparatory School and Catholic Education Ministries, we thank you for all your service to young people.

Blessings,



Catholic Education Ministries

Enclosures:

- Junior High Rally 2018 Posters
- 2-sided Individual Registration and Permission Form for Parish Use Only (White)
- * 2-sided Rock Climbing Wall Waiver. (White) ***Bring to Registration Table on day of Rally***
- 2-sided Interpreters/Special Needs Request Form & Map (Pink)
- 2-sided Registration Procedure & Activity Descriptions (Yellow)

[All Group Registrations are done by Parish and by downloading and using the Excel Spreadsheet file. Please download from: www.stclaudio.org/youthrally]