



CATHOLIC EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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Dear Youth Leaders,

I want to invite and encourage you and your middle school youth in grades 6-7-8 to participate in a fun and faith-filled event on Wednesday, October 23, 2019.

This Diocesan Middle School Gathering is scheduled from 6:00 – 8:30 PM at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church at: 219 2nd St N, Sartell, MN 56377. The evening is designed to bring middle school youth together for prayer, food, fun, and to celebrate being an important and vital part of our Church. The event will feature: supper, games, music, fun, prayer, fellowship and learning about our faith. Cost for the event is a suggested \$5.00 donation per participants to help to defray costs.

Our primary presenter for the evening is Doug Tooke. Doug Tooke is the Vice President of Ministry Advancement for ODB Films as well as an adjunct staff member with Life Teen International. With Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Philosophy and Theology and a Masters in Pastoral Ministry he has over twenty years of professional ministry experience. He has traveled to over 100 Diocese in the past 20 years teaching, keynoting conventions, and training youth ministers. He is a recipient of the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. Doug is married to his wife Becky and lives in Helena, MT with their five daughters.

Here is the Schedule of the event:

6:00 PM Fellowship and Food

6:45 PM Welcome, Prayer, and Group Mixers

7:15 PM Doug Tooke – Keynote and prayer

8:25 PM Closing

8:30 PM Dismiss

Please register your group at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGG9ZBF>

Feel free to call CEM at 320-251-0111 or visit: www.stcdio.org/msy-gathering.org

I look forward to seeing you on the 23rd!

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