

Quad-Parish Faith Formation Commission Meeting, May 6, 2008

April Report

Youth Ministry Report

March 2008 Highlights

1. Diocesan Youth Ministry Meeting

April 1, 2008

Recently the Diocesan Director for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Rich Curran, resigned from his position to pursue opportunities as a national speaker. There is a lot of potential for growth in both areas. Local youth ministers and religious education directors in the field met with representatives from the diocese to discuss our concerns, hopes and dreams as they look to fill this position. I felt the conversation was positive and could act as a spring board to have more conversation for youth ministers in the future.

2. 8th Grade Retreat

April 18, 2008

Tina and I worked with the 8th Grade teacher at Holy Apostles School to plan the a retreat with for the graduating class on April 18th. The theme for the retreat will be "Life is a Highway: Road Trip with the Holy Apostles." Students had opportunities to reflect on their past, present and future through prayer/bible study, a life size board game, class affirmation silhouettes, creating a video for next year's eighth graders and spending time with Notre Dame high school students. This was a great opportunity for us to get to know the students at Holy Apostles.

3. Middle School Youth Night

April, 18 2008

Middle School students came to the youth center and watched a "Bee" Movie. We had snacks and watched the video on the big screen!

4. Vital Youth Ministry Training

April, 19 2008

Lori Bellow and I attended the Vital Youth Ministry Training. After the training we decided that we should start implementing what we have been learning. Our hope is to work to build a stronger team of adults and teens to help brainstorm, create a mission statement, and begin planning for the upcoming months.

5. Vacation Bible School

April, 2008

Promotion for Vacation Bible School is under way. This year we will be doing a "Rainforest Adventure" Tree Top Bible Blast at the Quad Parish Faith Formation Center. The sessions are scheduled for July 14-18th from 9am – 12:30pm for students completing grades K-5. We are now looking for volunteers to help out during the week with small groups and activity stations. Registrations will be open until the beginning of June. Currently we have one registration form in the office.

What To Look Forward To:

1. Youth Ministry Focus Meetings

On May 7, 14, 21 and 28th a group of adults and teens will be gathering to begin brainstorming and planning for youth ministry this summer. This group will work to

formulate a mission statement and plan events that will help us “Grow Teen Disciples” at the Quad Parishes.

2. Summer Planning

Extreme Faith Camp, Steppin Right with Jesus and Vacation Bible School planning will be continuing.