

Ten Ways To Get Your Teens Excited About Convention!

1. Be **excited** about it yourself! Genuine excitement is contagious!
2. Have **past Convention participants** (preferably teenagers) **talk** about their experience. Contact the Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry to arrange for a Diocesan Youth Board Speaker.
3. Have a **Community Building Experience** (camping, overnight, retreat, etc.) at the end of December or in January. They may want to continue being community at Convention.
4. Prepare a **display** of past Convention pictures.
5. Utilize **quotes** from **past Convention participants** in your publicity and family letter.
6. Remind them that there will be **hundreds of teenagers** from all over Western New York in attendance.
7. Have the young people create a **Convention t-shirt**. Once they get involved in designing it they may want to be at the Convention to wear it.
8. Have the young people create your parish's **Convention banner**. Show them past Convention banners (if you have them.)
9. **Volunteer to help** with part of Convention – see the publicity for details. The more the young people help create a portion of Convention, the more they may want to attend it.
10. Have a “**Select our Parish Pictures Night**.” Every parish is asked to submit some pictures for Convention. Ask the teens to bring their favorites, and involve them in the selection process.