

60th Annual Diocesan Youth Convention

“Turn the Page...Live His Story”

Original Songs Wanted!



The Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Buffalo is in search of original songs, written by young people, for its 2012 Diocesan Youth Convention to be held February 17-19, 2012.

Convention Theme and Scriptural References

The theme for the conference is *“Turn the Page...Live His Story.”* Some of the key reflections we shared in developing this theme were:

- No matter what mistakes we have made in the past, we are always offered forgiveness from Christ and called to begin again. We can always Turn the Page!
- God is doing something new in our lives, in our church, in our world. . . something unlike anything we have seen or experienced before. . . something amazing. The call to Live His Story is an exciting adventure!
- Sometimes our friends need healing and we are called upon to carry them to Christ; sometimes we need healing, and we need to depend on our friends to carry *us* to Christ.

The scripture readings for Sunday’s Closing Liturgy (7th Sunday of Ordinary Time) were used in discerning this year’s theme:

- Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25
- New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 1: 18-22
- Gospel Reading: Mark 2: 1-12

Criteria for Composition

Song may be used in a variety of settings throughout the conference. Song should be catchy, moving, and use language that speaks to young people. Lyrics should relate to the Convention theme, and perhaps contain key words or phrases from the scriptural references. The song should be melodic, easy to pick up, and adaptable (could be played at a variety of tempos). Composers should keep in mind that the song may be used in a variety of settings, including liturgy. Composers may choose to include a language other than English (esp. Spanish) in the lyrics of their song.

Criteria for Submission

Submissions will only be accepted via email and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. EST on **Friday, December 2, 2011.**

Criteria for submission include:

1. Composer must be under 21 years of age (birthdate on or after 12/3/1990)
2. Cover email including identifying information (see web site for details)
3. A recording of the song (mp3 or similar file format)
4. A lyric sheet with chords (melody line if possible, but not required)

Submissions should be sent to youth@buffalodiocese.org with Diocesan Youth Convention Song in the reference line. Composers will be sent an email confirmation of receipt once all materials are received. If composer does not receive an email confirmation within three business days, it is incumbent upon him/her to send an email inquiry without attachments and/or resubmit her/his materials. The Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry is not responsible for submission failure.

Selection Process & Use of Selected Songs

All submissions received by the deadline will be reviewed and evaluated by the Convention Planning Team. Selected submissions will be forwarded to members of the Diocesan Youth Board for review. The process should be completed and applicants notified of final decisions by January 10, 2012. Selected songs may be used at different points during the Convention. Composers may be invited to perform their songs live at the 2012 Diocesan Youth Convention at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Buffalo.

More Information

Complete details are available at www.dobyouth.org (under YouthMinistry/YouthConferences/DiocesanYouthConvention/2012ConventionMusicOpportunities)