



July 2011 Youth & Young Adult Ministry Connections Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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July

10th-August 29
Camp Turner

20th Off to College:
6-9 PM; St. Joseph
University Parish,
Buffalo

21st Colleagues in
Ministry; 7:30;
Mississippi
Mudds/Old Man
River, Tonawanda

November
17th-19th
NCYC

2012
February 17-19th
60th Annual
Diocesan Youth
Convention

Other Ministry Opportunities

7/18 - Young Adult
Ministry: Theology
on Tap; 7 PM;

Dear Heather,

Summer! Finally! We wait all year for these months, don't we? We know that in youth ministry, summer is not typically "down time" - how do we find time to rest with mission trips, camps, leadership training, outdoor retreats, service weeks, picnics, softball games, camping trips, and more on our schedule?! Yet, there is certainly different, wonderful energy in these days of warmer weather and sunshine. Let us thank God for the gift of summer!

I hope that during this summer you have a chance to reconnect with the "child" in you, and do something (anything!) that helps you recapture the pure joy, wonder or excitement that children often feel. Maybe that will come while playing with your own children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews. Maybe that will come in the middle of the junior high ministry summer picnic. Maybe it will come on that day when you spend time flying a kite, riding a bike, coloring with sidewalk chalk, playing hopscotch (or Four Square!), reading a favorite book, buying ice cream from a truck, or taking an afternoon nap in a hammock.

My sincere summer wish for you: Do it. Whatever it is for you that brings a smile to your face and joy to your heart. When? Whenever you can squeeze this "child-like joy time" into your busy schedule. My plan? Lots of the above. I'll report back after Labor Day!

Peace and blessings,
[Kathy Goller](#)

Greetings!

I write to you with bittersweet news that I will be moving on from Buffalo's Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry in August. I will begin working with the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey as the director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. I will certainly miss my ministry here in Buffalo and with all of you, but I am looking forward to this new chapter to which I'm being called.

So, we are seeking a new Young Adult Ministry Coordinator! I've attached the job description here which includes instructions for applying. You can also view the description here:

<http://www.buffalodiocese.org/AbouttheDiocese/DiocesanOffices/HumanResources.aspx>

Please spread the word to any and all people who are qualified and may be interested! Many blessings to you in your continued ministry with, for, by and to the young church!

Dave & Busters,
Eastern Hills Mall

August 1-4 -
INYM; Chicago

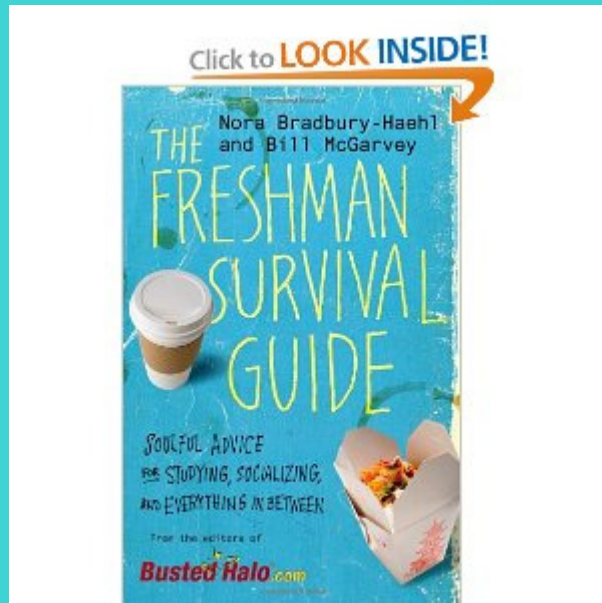
CKS Fall Courses

Thank you for all that you do for our Church and the world.
Peace and all good things,
[Greg Coogan](#)



Camp Turner - Honoring God in the Children confided to our care since 1923.

SUMMER CAMP - Registrations are being accepted for all summer sessions for children ages 7-16. Visit www.CampTurner.com to sign up. Use your credit card or Independent Health Flex Fit Card.



College Freshman Survival

Find out answers to topics like *Be Generous with Your Friendship but Stingy with Your Trust* and *"Growing Up" Your Religion* from local college students and Nora Bradbury-Haehl, the co-author of Busted Halo's *The Freshman Survival Guide*. This dynamic and fun-filled evening will be held Wednesday, July 20, 2011 from 6 - 9 pm at St. Joseph University Church, 3269 Main Street, Buffalo (adjacent to UB's South Campus). Free dinner included. Friends are welcome!

For more information or to RSVP contact [Greg Coogan](#) at 716-847-8793

Sponsored by The Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, St. Joseph University Church & The

Newman Center at UB.

World Youth Day 2011 - Madrid, Spain

"Rooted & Built Up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith"

Next month approximately one million pilgrims will meet in Madrid, Spain to worship, play, and pray.

"Many young people experience a deep desire for personal relationships marked by truth and solidarity

.... "[Click here for the Pope Benedict XVI WYD message](#)

A Special Gathering for Young Adults at WYD





Wednesday,

August 17, 2011-7:00 to 9:00 p.m.-Goya VIP ClubPalacio de Deportes Complex (Love & Life WYD Pilgrim Center), Madrid Avenida de Filipe II s/n 28009, Madrid (take Metro lines 2 or 4 to Goya Station)

What is it?

- A fun, informal conversation with inspiring speakers, great music, and networking opportunities.
- Open to all young adults (18 to 35) from the United States who are on pilgrimage in Madrid for World Youth Day.
- After this gathering, young adults are welcome to connect up for dinner and drinks at a local restaurant/pub.

This event is sponsored by the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association, in partnership with the USCCB Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth. The program will be part of the activities taking place at the Love and Life Center for English-speaking WYD pilgrims at Palacio de Deportes in Madrid. For more information, contact Paul Jarzembowski or by calling 815-834-4047.

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60th Annual Diocesan Youth Convention



As you plan for the year ahead, please mark your calendar for the 60th Annual Diocesan Youth Convention- February 17-19, 2012 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo, featuring Buffalo's own Carrie Ford! Our 60th Convention is a great opportunity for our diocese to honor our local history and traditions in youth ministry . . . while also celebrating the youth of today and looking forward to the future. Having a keynote presenter right from our own backyard is a great way to promote the gifts that we have right here!

Stay tuned for information about the "Extreme Makeover: Convention Edition" project. While we have a long history, we think the Convention will look different this year!

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