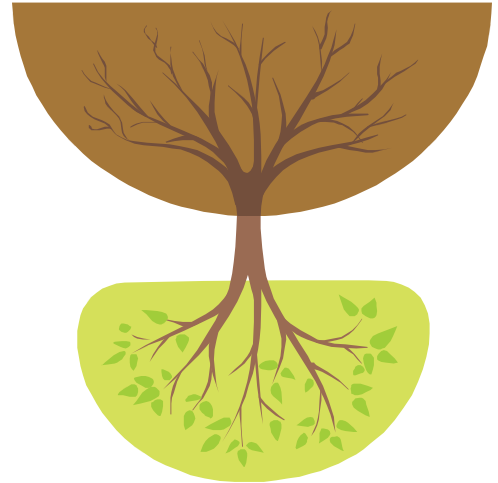


58th Annual
Diocesan Youth Convention

**Live Upside Down,
Live for the Kingdom**



**NEW THIS
YEAR!**

**PARENT
TRACK!**

Parents are invited to come to
the Convention on Sunday,
February 14, 2010 — 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Parents will have an opportunity to:

- ◆ Grow in their own faith
- ◆ Find support for the joys and challenges of raising happy, healthy and holy teens
- ◆ Learn how to better support their teenagers' growth in faith
- ◆ Be inspired by the faith and energy of the young Catholic Church

The track begins with a special presentation for parents by our keynote speakers and brunch. Then parents will join the teens at the Convention for the Awards Presentation and Closing Mass.

February 12-14, 2010

Friday evening to Sunday afternoon

Adam's Mark Hotel
in downtown Buffalo

Registration Fees:

Youth: \$162

Adult: \$170 (for double room)

**Special Guests for Convention 2010 -
Doug Tooke & David Casey**

What happens when you combine an accomplished Christian musician and a vigorous theatrical performer? How about one of the nation's best-kept secrets! Igniting a fire and excitement for Christ's Church, David Casey and Doug Tooke have begun a mission. Their ministry is to lead the young Catholic Church in seeking the Holy Spirit's power. With five CD releases David draws young voices into a genuine and personal experience of worship. Doug provides interactive dramatic presentation of Bible verse and Catholic teaching. Together, David and Doug bring fresh life to youth ministry all over the country! You will laugh, sing and learn in a whole new way.

More information about Doug & David can be found at:
www.monarchcatholicministries.com





CASTING CALLS!

Teens who would like an onstage role at the Convention are invited to a Casting Call:

- **Thurs., Dec. 11 (7-8:30 PM)** at OLBS, Depew
 - **Fri., Dec. 11 (6-7:30 PM)** at Holy Cross, Buffalo
 - **Sun., Dec. 13 (2-3:30 PM)** at Resurrection, Batavia
- For details about Casting Calls, contact Kathy Goller at kgoller@buffalodiocese.org or 716-

Preliminary Schedule

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Begin with **prayer and review the highlights from the past year** of youth ministry in the Diocese.

Enjoy a **keynote presentation** with **Doug Tooke & David Casey!**

Celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

Socialize at the **Friday Night Festival**, the **Coffee House**, and other entertaining activities.

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Begin with **morning prayer**, and a **general session**. Congratulate the parishes who will receive the Ed Argy Award for Community Service!

Learn new skills and discuss ideas with others in **three rounds of breakouts.**

Enjoy a buffet **luncheon.**

Have **dinner with your parish** during free time.

Dance the night away at the semi-formal **Cotillion**, or enjoy great music at the **Coffee House!**

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Pack up, clean up and **check out** of the hotel.

Join **Bishop Kmiec** for the **Awards Brunch** and applaud the youth and adults who will be honored.

Celebrate liturgy with Bishop Kmiec and prepare to bring the vision of God's kingdom to the world.

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Tentative schedule - Details may change

How to Promote the Convention

Here are a few ideas of how to get the youth of your parish excited about the Diocesan Youth Convention:

- ◆ **Invite past Convention participants to share their experience with the teens at the parish** (at a youth night, religious education session, or Confirmation session).
 - ⇒ If teens from your parish have not attended before, contact the Department of Youth & Young Adult Ministry to arrange for Youth Ambassadors (faithful teens from the diocese who've experienced the Convention) to talk with your teens!
- ◆ **Print a publicity flyer** and distribute it to all the high-school aged teens in the parish. (Parish publicity flyers will be available for download at www.dobyouth.org by Nov. 1st.)
- ◆ If your parish is new to the Convention (and the teens seem uncertain about attending for the whole weekend), **consider bringing a group for PART of the weekend!** Partial packages are available at reasonable rates.
 - ⇒ Come for the energy and excitement of Friday night and hear the keynote speaker!
 - ⇒ Or come for the day on Saturday and enjoy the general session and workshops!
 - ⇒ Teenagers usually love dancing and fun! Come for the Cotillion (a semi-formal dance) and Coffee House on Saturday night!
 - ⇒ Inspire your group by attending the Closing Liturgy on Sunday – they will be amazed at what Mass with 1,000 teens is like!
- ◆ **Be excited about it yourself!** Genuine excitement is contagious!

How to Fundraise and Prepare for the Convention

Need a fundraiser? Try a bake sale, a Christmas shopping babysitting service, a pancake breakfast, a Thanksgiving pie auction, raffles, a Super Bowl Sunday pizza sale, or selling Advent wreath pins, calendars, carnations, Krispy Kreme doughnuts, poinsettias or Christmas wreaths.

For more parish planning tips, including fundraising and other helpful tools, download the Parish Preparation Packet at www.dobyouth.org.