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High School Youth Conference General Information

Date: March 12-14, 2010
Start Time: Friday registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m.
End Time: Sunday morning at 11:45 a.m.
Location: White Oak Conference Center, White Oak, SC
Participants: Students in Grades 9 - 12 may attend

**" You, O Lord, reigns forever; your throne endures from generation to generation"
Lamentations 5:19**

Come join over 700 youth and adults from all over the state for the 20th Annual State Youth Conference, scheduled for March 12-14, 2010 at the White Oak Baptist Conference Center. The theme for this year is "Legacy." The question is; what is your Legacy? What is your purpose to why you are here in this great big world?

In the recent Star Trek movie we see a young James Kirk who is lost and without purpose in life. Early in the story, Captain Christopher Pike encounters the son of a fallen comrade. Now a young man, James Tiberius Kirk is a reckless civilian who has taken up harassing Starfleet recruits. Pike confronts Kirk suggesting "You've always had a hard time finding your place in this world, haven't you; never knowing your true worth. You can settle for less in ordinary life, or do you feel like you were meant for something better; something special." Pike offers this final challenge: "Your Father was captain of a starship for twelve minutes. He saved 800 lives, including yours. I dare you to do better. In scripture, we are called not to settle for what the world offers, but instead to become the woman or man God has created us to be. While politicians, athletes and people we look up to fail us, God is not going to fail us. Your life in Christ has a real meaning and a lasting purpose! So what are you doing with your life? Are you going to settle for the emptiness of what the world offers? You were meant for something better! You were not created ordinary! Your purpose, your life is meant for something more than you could ever dream! I dare you to discover God's purpose for your life! I dare you to live it out with great abandonment! And if you do – your LEGACY will be nothing that you could have ever dreamed! I dare you not to be ordinary!

This year we have an excellent lineup of musicians, storytellers and speakers who will inspire, challenge and encourage you!

Keynote – Steve Angrisano

Steve Angrisano is recognized as one of the most dynamic and effective communicators with parish groups, youth, families and religious educators in the church today. As a musician, composer and storyteller, Steve has shared his music and message with thousands of people in more than 200 dioceses. His unique blend of laughter, song, story and often hilarious audience interaction, have made him a popular choice for many parishes. He has been featured at major conferences and events around the world, including the National Catholic Youth Conference, Los Angeles Religious Education Congress and World Youth Days in Denver, Paris, Rome, Toronto and Germany. Steve has been a musician, music director and youth minister for 13 years and his focus has always been one of honest ministry. There is an unmistakable awareness that Steve is not just a performer. What he shares, both in story and song, is a witness of the love and life of Jesus. Steve lives in Highlands Ranch, Colorado with his wife and three children.

Keynote – Mike Patin

Mike Patin uses energy, humor and stories to affirm the goodness of God's presence among us while inviting others (and himself) to take the "next step" in our journey with God. Mike has had the privilege of speaking to over 750 groups in over 80 dioceses, ranging from groups of 10 to 10,000. He has addressed youth, adult and intergenerational (family) audiences in diocesan, regional, national and international settings. He has led youth and adult retreats, parish missions, leadership institutes, and in-services. Mike has worked with teenagers and adults in a variety of settings since 1984. He has experience in the high school setting (six years), and thirteen years in diocesan youth ministry (CYO/Youth Ministry Office for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, 1990-2003). Since 2003, he has worked full time as a speaker and "faith horticulturist."

Mike holds a Masters degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University of the South in New Orleans. He also has received a Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies from the Center for Ministry Development and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Pastoral Life and Administration from Loyola University. Mike Patin lives in Lafayette, LA.

Audrey Assad:

Singer/songwriter Audrey Assad, originally from New Jersey and most recently Florida, weaves her captivating voice into a thread of contemplative, yet accessible music on her first EP release, Firefly, produced by Paul Moak (Mat Kearney, TobMac, Matt Maher). Embracing partnerships with Campus Crusade for Christ, Life Teen and worshiptogether.com, Audrey continues to reach youth and young adults while being intentional and passionate about luring the cerebral sense of the mature adult looking to explore the theology and faith via music. Over the past year, Audrey has played over 100 dates in North America (including Steubenville Atlanta) and has penned many a tune alongside a noteworthy list of writers that include Matt Maher, Philip LaRue, Marc Byrd, Sarah Hart and Paul Moak. Audrey is set to release a new project in 2010 and you can hear her vocal musings on several cuts for Matt Maher's Alive Again CD.

Wannabe Steven:

Our house band this year will be "Wannabe Stephen." This band is a huge hit at diocesan events' retreats and week-long Christian Leadership Institutes. The band is comprised of youth ministers and college students from around South Carolina.

Bishop Robert Guglielmone of the Diocese of Charleston:

Bishop Guglielmone will be presiding at our closing liturgy on Sunday morning.

Diocesan Youth Evangelization Team:

The Diocesan Youth Evangelization Team is comprised of youth from around the diocese who have come together to plan and present conferences and retreats for the youth of our diocese. Through dramas, skits, testimonies, and exciting games, they will touch your youth and you by the way they live their deep faith for Jesus Christ.

White Oak Conference Center

We are excited to return for an 11th year to White Oak. For those who have not been to White Oak, it is located 40 minutes north of Columbia off of I-77. The White Oak facility offers large conference and hotel-type accommodations, with a spacious stage and hall to allow us to configure the room to ensure that everyone has a good view no matter where they sit! White Oak lecture rooms allow us to offer numerous workshops for both youth and adults. The most important aspect is that it is a large, modern facility which allows us to host many people while still comfortably meeting the needs of our group.

First Aid Station

We will again have a first aid station set up in Beacham Auditorium. We are in need of either doctors, nurses, or EMT's who would be willing to help "man" this station.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Please use these numbers only in the event of an emergency!

White Oak Conference Center (803) 635-4685
Jerry White, Director of Youth Ministry Cell Phone (843) 709-9025
(Textina is always better because the signal reception is poor!)

There is to be absolutely NO room switching without prior written permission from the Director of Youth Ministry. People will be assigned to rooms to help us ensure that there are enough beds for everyone, but more importantly, it is imperative that we know in which room participants will be staying in the event of a nighttime emergency.

When you register, you will receive an envelope for your group containing:

- 1) A list of the adults/youths registered from your parish.
- 2) A name tags for each participant which MUST be worn the entire weekend. Name tags will contain the following information: first and last name, parish, and city. Name tags are \$5.00 to replace.
- 3) A schedule for the weekend.
- 4) T-shirts for all registered participants.
- 5) Housing assignments

Packing List

Appropriate Casual Clothing

Sweatshirts/Jackets

Toiletry Items

Sleeping Bag

**** Do not bring iPods, CD players, electronic games, or cell phones. At past conferences, we have had several items stolen. Do NOT bring these items to the conference.**

Free Time

On Saturday afternoon, the youth will be given free time. The youth are invited to participate in several different team sports tournaments; including volleyball, kickball and basketball. Sign-ups for these sports will take place on Saturday morning.

Banners

Each parish group is invited to make a banner that represents the theme and occasion of the weekend. Banners will be judged by the Conference Committee and ribbons will be awarded to the top three. We ask that each banner be made so that it can stand by itself. (For example, use PVC pipe, wooden dowels, etc.) Banners should be no larger than 4' x 6'.

Video

Again, this year we will be having a video contest. Each youth group is invited to participate with the top 3 videos being shown at the conference.

The criteria is:

- 1) Must be at least 3 minutes long but no longer than 5 minutes.
- 2) Must use the theme "Legacy" as a focal point of the video.
- 3) Must be submitted no later than February 22, 2010
- 4) Must be done by the members of the youth group.

Extra Money

Please let your youth know that speakers/presenters will be selling T-shirts and CD's. Also, we will be taking up a collection for the Diocesan Youth Scholarship fund during Sunday Mass.

Workshops

We are always looking for people to give workshops for the conference. If you or someone you know would like to present a workshop please fill out and return the enclosed workshop form by February 22, 2010.

Rules

Please read and review the rules with your adults and youth for DYC 2010 that are enclosed.

Thank you!

HSYC 2010 CONFERENCE RULES:

1. Participants are expected to observe White Oak Conference rules at all times. Parish group leaders are responsible for the actions of the members of their group. Each parish accepts full responsibility for any damage or theft caused by their members while attending the conference.
2. Adult chaperones in each parish delegation are to help enforce the Code of behavior and set an example for their youth. White Oak Staff and God Squad will be present the entire weekend, please follow their instruction.
3. Participants must attend all conference activities. All sessions of the conference will start on time. Many sessions require that the doors be closed for all or part of the sessions. To prevent from being excluded from any session, be on time.
4. No weapons, drugs, tobacco products or alcohol may be possessed by any conference participant. Please note: If any of the above are found, in accordance with diocesan policy, the police will be summoned and parents called.
5. There should be no need for sleeping room changes. However, if the need is dire, you must first ask permission of Jerry White, Diocesan Director. Room assignments were filled in accordance with parish youth leaders' preference and due to security and emergency procedures, cannot be changed without good cause and Jerry's notification.
6. There will be **NO** visitations in the motel rooms of any kind by members of the opposite sex. Violations will result in dismissal from the conference and your pastor and parents being called.
7. No youth may leave the grounds at any time for any reason—except in the case of a medical emergency and only in the company of an adult chaperone. Jerry White, Diocesan Director, must be notified of any and all emergency situations.
8. Curfew times are strictly enforced. Everyone is expected to remain in their assigned rooms after curfew each night.
9. As a courtesy to everyone, please dispose of trash in proper containers. Please do not leave litter on the grounds or in the buildings.
10. Prior to check out your motel room must be checked and keys returned. After the closing Sunday, each motel room will be checked for damage, cleanliness, etc. If anything is found to be damaged or missing, your parish will be billed the full extent. I would ask the adult youth leaders check each of their participant's room before departure! Please return keys at the end of the youth conference to the place where you were registered.
11. **Name tags must be worn at all times.** The only exception is during a sporting event. Lost name tags will cost \$5.00 to replace.

Parent/Guardian Permission and Liability Waiver

Description of Activity/Event:

Date(s): MARCH 12-14, 2010
Type of Event: STATE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2010
Arrival/Departure Time: 6:30 P.M. MARCH 12 TO 11:45 A.M. MARCH 14
ER Phone Number: WHITE OAK CONFERENCE CENTER (803) 635-4685
JERRY WHITE (843) 709-9025 CELL
Destination: WHITE OAK CONFERENCE CENTER
Individual In Charge: JERRY WHITE, DIOCESAN DIRECTOR
Mode of Transportation: TO BE DETERMINED BY PARISH GROUPS

Participant Information:

Participant's Name: _____
Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____
Parent/Guardian's Name _____
Full Address: _____
Home Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____

Adult Shirt Size: _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2X _____ 3X

Permission to Participate:

I, _____, grant permission for my son/daughter, _____
Parent or Guardian's Name *Child's Name*
to participate in this parish youth ministry event, that requires transportation to a location away from the parish site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of Parish employees and/or volunteers from _____.
Parish Name

Hold Harmless Agreement:

As parent/legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by my son/daughter named above.

I agree on behalf of myself, my son/daughter named herein, our heirs, successors, and assigns to hold harmless and defend _____,
Parish Name

its officers, directors, agents, and the Diocese of Charleston from any liability for illness, injury or death arising from or in connection with my son's/daughter's attending the above named event, and I agree to compensate the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Diocese of Charleston, or representatives associated with the event for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ *Date:* _____

Permission To Be Photographed:

I give my permission for my child, _____, to be photographed at this event and understand that the photographs may be used for publicity, etc. ___ Yes ___ No

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ *Date:* _____

MEDICAL CONSENT AND PERMISSION TO TREAT

Release of Information:

To the best of my knowledge, my child, _____ is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child. In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor.

I hereby grant medical personnel permission to release medical information to the Diocesan Director and/or my parish youth minister in the event that my youth becomes ill or injured.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Insurance Information:

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy Number: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Business Phone () _____

If you are unable to reach me, please contact:

Name: _____

Relationship to me or my son/daughter: _____

Medical History:

My son/daughter is under the care of a psychiatric/psychologist. _____ Yes _____ No

Name: _____ Phone Number: () _____

Please explain: _____

My son/daughter is taking medication and will bring all medication with him/her and it will be clearly labeled. My son/daughter is taking the following medication(s) and directions for taking this medication, including dosage, frequency and storage are as follows: _____

I hereby grant permission for non-prescription medication (such as cough drops, cough syrup, Tylenol, etc.) To be given to my child if necessary. _____ Yes _____ No

My son/daughter is allergic to the following: _____

My son/daughter's immunizations are current and up to date _____ Yes _____ No

My son/daughter has the following limitations: _____

My son/daughter experiences homesickness, emotional reactions to new situations, sleepwalking, fainting, bedwetting, etc. _____ Yes _____ No

Please explain: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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