



On The Way

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Thank You

So many of you were very generous in your prayers and expressions of concern as our beloved Susan Smith mourned the loss of her husband, Ken. Thank you so very much. Susan will still be away from the office for a short while more. We look forward to her return.



Pope's Message to Young People

Last weekend, the Holy Father released his annual Message to Young People. (Find the link for it as well as a video report [here](#).) He wrote to young people: "the Church depends on you! She needs your lively faith, your creative charity and the energy of your hope. Your presence renews, rejuvenates and gives new energy to the Church. That is why World Youth Days are a grace, not only for you, but for the entire People of God."

>> A reminder... We still have space available for World Youth Day. [Registration and an Informational flyer](#).

>> In the United States, the national celebration for World Youth Day occurs on the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time which, this year, will be the weekend of October 24. The NFCYM and Center for Ministry Development have prepared [resources for your local celebrations](#).

Youth Contact

Our Youth Contact Meetings, addressing *Change* will be held September 11th at St. Joseph in Hagerstown and September 18th at St. Agnes in Baltimore.

YOUTH MINISTRY
CONTACT MEETING



Lock up your calendar on the following dates:

Calendar:

- 10 AYAC form due
- 11 Youth Contact
- 11 Serendipity. Slumber Party
- 16 New Professional Ministers Orientation
- 18 Youth Contact
- 26 AYAC

October

- 2 Urban YM Retreat
- 6 Together in Mission
- 9 Together in Mission
- 23 Young Adult Gathering

November

- 19-21 [Baltimore Youth Catholic Conference](#)

December

- 9-12 [NCCYM](#)

January, 2011

- 24 March for Life

March, 2011

- 11 Adore-a-Thon

April, 2011

- 16 Pilgrimage

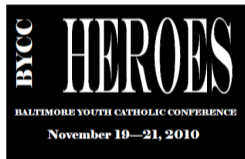
Come to the Well:

A Day of Reflection for Urban Youth Ministers

This retreat day will be held Saturday, October 2nd 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Bon Secours Spiritual Center. Cost: \$25.00. Please contact mbrogden@archbalt.org for more information.

Together in Mission

Together in Mission is an opportunity to convene leaders in our church to explore the very reason why we exist. It is an opportunity to pray, to speak and to listen, to learn and to explore a new chapter in evangelization with the rich legacy of the premier see. There will be two opportunities- Wednesday, October 6th at Holy Family, Middletown and Saturday, October 9th at St. Gabriel, Woodlawn.



Baltimore Youth Catholic Conference

Registration is now open and we have received the first handful of registrations. We'll keep you up to date regarding the first come-first served availability of space. The [promotional video](#) and [Registration Form](#)

National Certification Program Available

A [Youth Ministry Specialization Certificate](#) (YMSC) Program has been designed to meet the needs of men and women who wish to grow in their knowledge of, and skills for, youth ministry. The certificate program integrates instructional and informational technologies within its coursework and utilizes national competency-based standards in the development of curriculum and assessment. Courses are taught in a distance-learning format addressing the specialized competencies for youth ministry leaders found in the revised *National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers*.

Young Adults

>> A day of sharing, prayer, and fellowship for *all* young adults of the Archdiocese of Baltimore will be held Saturday, October 23rd, 9:30 am - 3 pm at St. John Evangelist Interfaith Center, Wilde Lake Center, in Columbia. Referenced throughout this day will be the Young Adult Parish Process is now available in both [English](#) and in [Spanish](#). For more information, please contact gvaca@archbalt.org.

Reminders

- Each parish and Catholic High School are invited to appoint one junior or senior to serve as a representative on the Archdiocesan Youth Advisory Council (AYAC) for a minimum of one year. [Information and Nomination Form](#)
- The Msgr. O'Dwyer Youth Retreat House's 5th Annual Serendipitous Slumber Party for (adult) Women to be held September 11-12th. Contact bmoyer@archbalt.org for info.
- The New Professional Orientation Day will be held at the Catholic Center on Thursday, September 16th. Contact mbrogden@archbalt.org for more information.

We serve those who serve the "youngchurch!"

