

March 12, 2010

Dear Pastor, Youth Contact, and Campus Minister,

The High School Leadership Institute (High-LI) is an annual week long summer leadership development program in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. At the Monsignor O'Dwyer Youth Retreat House in Sparks, Maryland, Catholic youth, entering grades 10 to 12 in the next school year, have the opportunity to live and pray in community while learning how to be more competent and effective leaders in their parishes and schools.

High-LI offers formation in three distinct leadership tracks: Acts 29 (prophetic/traditional ministry), Source and Summit (liturgical ministry) and Emmaus (peer ministry). Each track provides opportunities to learn ministry specific skills, as well as, develop communication competency, explore motivations for ministry and grow spiritually. During the seven day program each participant is given the chance to practice what they are learning under the guidance and encouragement of professional youth and campus ministers. The challenging question each High-LI participant should be asking each day of the program is "how will what I am learning benefit my school or parish and make me a more competent leader?"

Since 1979, the High School Leadership Institute has been teaching young people that *...it takes courage to lead, humility to serve and faith to do both*. Who are the young people in your parish/school who could benefit from this training?

Attached you will find the registration material for the 2010 High School Leadership Institute. We only have sixty slots available this year. In order to be fair and accommodate as many parishes and schools as possible we have streamlined the registration process as follows:

- The **registration period** will be limited to three weeks, **April 26th to May 14th**. Registrations received before April 26th will be returned to the sponsoring parish or school.
- Each parish or school is allowed to submit up to 5 registrations. Please number your candidates with #1 being your first choice to attend High-LI this summer, #2 as your second choice and so forth. During the registration period, slots will be filled with the #1 registration on a first come/first serve basis. After May 14th, if there are still empty slots, the 2nd choices will be given a slot. Once these have all been placed, then subsequent registrations will be given consideration in order of ranking. Note: It is important that the non-refundable deposit accompany each registration (all cost information can be found on the High-LI brochure)
- The participant orientation dates and locations have been set. They are listed on the registration form and below. **Please make sure that applicants select their preferred orientation date on the registration form.**
- All High-LI participants must receive "*Worthy of the Call*" training prior to attending High-LI. This training is necessary since we will be doing off site service as part of our seven days together. Sponsors are asked to verify training as part of the registration process.

Although we recognize that some of you may have to make difficult decisions on who to send to High-LI this summer, the High-LI leadership team and staff agree that this system seems to be the fairest way to determine attendance and still allow as many parishes and schools as possible to participate.

We do encourage, as you discern, that you trust that the Holy Spirit will guide you. We also want you to know that we, as a staff, will be praying for you and all of the young people wanting to attend High-LI this summer.

If you have questions, consult the attached sponsor brochure. You may also contact me at mbrogden@archbalt.org or 410-547-5318.

Thank you for all that you do for the young Church of Baltimore! May God continue to bless you and your ministry!

Sincerely



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Participant Orientation (For youth and their parents)

Directions to orientation site will be included in participant acceptance letter

- Tuesday May 25th at St. Louis in Clarksville, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 26th at Sacred Heart Parish in Glyndon, 6:30-8:00 pm
- Thursday, June 3rd at St. John the Evangelist in Severna Park, 6:30 -8:00pm
- Sunday, June 6th at Holy Family Catholic Community in Middletown, 2:00 -3:30pm
- Friday, June 11th at St. Joseph Parish, Fullerton, 6:30 – 8:00pm
- Monday, June 14th at the Catholic Center in Baltimore, 2:00 -3:30 pm