

**YAC: Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Council**  
**Diocese of Sacramento Pastoral Center, Quinn Room**  
**August 12, 2008 @ 10am**  
**Minutes**

*Present at the meeting were Tim Rumery, Megan O'Neill, Kevin Staszko, Carson Weber, Mary D'Aquisto (via speakerphone), German Toro, Abelino Moreno, Jennifer Yearwood*

**I. World Youth Day Report:**

- a. Kevin reported on behalf of Fr. Brian. World Youth Day was a great experience. Fr. Brian recommended that the diocese should sponsor its own trip to Madrid for WYD 2011 (not in collaboration with any other dioceses) He also recommended that the trip be young adults only (18-39) with minors only being allowed to attend if they are accompanied by their parents. There was agreement on both of these recommendations by most of the council. However, Andrea felt that WYD is a great experience for older teens and that she is already planning to take a parish group in 2011.

**II. Stir Into Flame The Gifts Of God:**

- a. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, 250 young adults will gather at St. Isidore's in Yuba City on the anniversary of the Synod with 100 priests and 150 parish representatives and diocesan and parish staff members for a day of dialog with young adults on how their age group can be better served by the church. The goal is to end the day with a clear direction for young adult ministry in the diocese. Participants in the day will be personally invited by the pastors, with each deanery having a number of representatives based on mass count. The idea is to gather a representative group of young adults reflecting the diversity of culture, participation in parish life, age and experience. Kevin is responsible for compiling a list of at large members and would like each council member to **send him contact information for at least 10 young adults that they think would be able to attend the event for possible invitation by September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**III. Support Meetings**

- a. It was decided that the support meetings would be offered twice per month starting in September -- once a month in the evening (7-8:30pm) and once a month during the day (12-1:30pm) Meetings will include a meal or snack. Sunday daytime & evening and Mondays evenings will be avoided. Each meeting will include time for sharing and resourcing one another in a different area of ministry. E.g. junior high, high school, young adult, involving parents, retreats, social justice, evangelization, catechesis etc. Proposed calendar will be emailed out with the minutes.

**IV. Youth Ministry Retreats**

- a. Two day-long retreats will be offered, one in late Oct, early Nov and one in the Spring for all youth & young adult ministry leaders. There will be a Spanish and English track and the day will focus on the Spirituality of the Minister (title of retreat will be more catchy) Andrea, Tim, Kevin, Meagan and German will be on the retreat committee. Kevin will email proposed dates with the minutes.

**V. Youth Convention 2009**

- a. The council decided that the convention should be held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Bishop Quinn High School near Redding, CA. Mary D. will contact parishes to see if halls and classrooms could be made available for groups that wanted to stay over night on Friday or Saturday night, she will also check the date out with Bishop Quinn and check the cost. Kevin proposed that the Youth Convention encompass experiences from regional gatherings like the Valljo Praise Party, the Charismatic Congress, Shasta Rosary Bowl and the Chastity Rally being planned in Folsom. Kevin will check the Bishop's calendar to see if the date is available.

**VI. Revising the Youth Ministry Directory**

- a. Kevin will send out the current directory of youth ministers and asked members of the council to check it for any changes.

**VII. Revised Meeting Dates for YAC**

- a. The meeting schedule has been adjusted to be more accessible to volunteer youth ministers -- every other meeting will be held in the evening at 6pm and will include dinner. New schedule is as follows: Oct 21 1:30pm (immediately follows support mtg.), Dec 9 @ 6pm, Feb 10 @ 10am, Apr 21 @ 6pm