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Dear Pastor / Parish Steward,

We're writing to ask your help in making young adults in your parish aware of the Young Adult E-Conference – conVersion 1.0, scheduled January 25-28, 2012.

THIS WEEKEND, January 21 & 22, please consider reading this announcement at all masses, directing homilies to young adults, and including a prayer for young adults in the general intercessions. Suggestions are below. Please also add this link to your parish website as soon as possible. www.youngadultconversion.com

Thanks in advance for your support of this conference and our diocesan efforts in young adult ministry,

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PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT:

We'd like to invite all Young Adults in their 20s and 30s to participate in this year's Catholic Young Adult e-Conference both online and in person, January 25-28, 2012. The conference features an excellent speaker online every night and an opportunity to gather in person with young adults from around the diocese on Saturday the 28th at St. Rose Parish in Sacramento. Get all the information at the website www.youngadultconversion.com.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

We pray for all Young Adult Catholics in our diocese. That many will participate in the young adult e-conference, and that this conference might lead them closer to Christ and fill them with the Holy Spirit.

We pray for our parish community, that it might be an inviting and safe place for young adults and that we might be more open to their gifts and enthusiasm.

HOMILY SUGGESTIONS

- In today's Gospel, Jesus calls a dynamic group of young adults to be his disciples. Jesus continually calls young adults with all their gifts and enthusiasm to conversion and discipleship.
- The call is to conversion, but also to action. We are to "fish" differently – not to go with the flow of our society, but to go against it – to be an example of Christ in a world so desperately in need of it.
- Jesus calls young Catholics today to stop "fishing" for success as defined by our secular US culture, but instead to live counter-culturally – to "fish" for the success called for by Christ and his church; the building of His Kingdom here on earth.
- Many young adults do not feel that giving their time, treasure, and talents to the church is a good investment. Many of these same young adults feel called to do something with their lives to change the world for the better.
- Our call as parish communities is to be fishers of these young men and women, to reach out to them and help reconnect the desire to do good with the mission of our parish communities. We need to help young adults to

understand that this desire for positive change comes from the Holy Spirit, active in their lives and from the call of Christ. We must all be more open, hospitable, and encouraging to young adult Catholics.