

Faith in Action

Fall 2012 - Summer 2014 Calendar

Fall 2012

YES Retreat	August 24-26
Happening	August 24-26
Youth Ministers' Retreat	November 7-9
YES Retreat	November 16-18
Happening	November 16-18
Conspire Conference	Nov. 30 - Dec. 2
Midwinter Retreat	December 28-30

Spring 2013

YES Retreat	January 18-20
College Retreat	February 1-3
Jr. High Retreat	February 22-24
Intermediate Retreat	February 22-24
YES Retreat	April 19-21
Happening	April 19-21

Fall 2013

YES Retreat	August 23-25
Happening	August 23-25
Youth Ministers' Retreat	November 6-8
YES Retreat	November 15-17
Happening	November 15-17
Midwinter Retreat	December 28-30

Spring 2014

YES Retreat	January 17-19
Jr. High Retreat	February 21-23
Intermediate Retreat	February 21-23
College Retreat	April 4-6
YES Retreat	April 4-6
Happening	April 4-6

All information and forms can be found on the diocesan website: www.epicenter.org/youth

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a community
rooted and
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through Christ



A Theology for Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Texas

God's desire is to form us into the person of Jesus Christ. We were created to glorify God, which happens to the extent that our life is infused with Jesus' life. In Jesus' words, "My Father is glorified in this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples" (Jn. 15:8). Lifelong formation is about learning from Jesus Christ, who longs to fill us with his love, mercy, understanding, courage, self-control, and compassion. Put differently, Jesus longs to fill us with His life. "I came that they might have life, and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10).

The diocesan office of lifelong formation is working together for nothing less than the renewal of formation and mission in the Diocese of Texas, which will happen to the extent that we strengthen the three strategic pillars of formation, leadership and connection. A pillar, by definition, holds up a building. According to St. Paul the Church is God's building (1 Cor 3:9). As we focus on the three pillars of formation, leadership, and connection the Church will be strengthened in Her mission.

Mission

Our community

- is united and part of one Body
- transforms the lives of youth
- has leaders that look outward with an entrepreneurial spirit
- forms leaders and disciples in the Church
- always focuses its mission on the three pillars of formation, leadership, and connection

Vision

A growing community rooted and connected through Christ



Programs and Events

Youth Encounter Spirit (YES)

This weekend brings together members of the 6th-8th grade youth of the Diocese of Texas as a Christian community. The focus of YES is on "who Christ is". YES helps foster a clearer appreciation of self, richer relationships with others and a deeper experience with Jesus. These weekends take place four times a year in August, November, January and April.

Midwinter Retreat

This retreat is a chance to take a break and relax, play, worship and draw near to God. It takes place at the end of December for 9th-12th graders and is a great way to grow closer together as a community.

Intermediate and Junior High Retreats

Both of these retreats are designed to draw diocesan youth together for a weekend of relaxation, fun and worship. Intermediate retreat is for 4th through 6th graders. Junior High Retreat is for 6th through 8th graders. These retreats are led by various diocesan youth ministers and Christian formation leaders. Both retreats take place the same weekend in February.

Missionpalooza

Missionpalooza is the diocesan youth mission trip that takes place each summer. This trip is a great way to put our faith into action by serving others. It is also a good way to meet other youth in the diocese. This trip is open to all youth and youth sponsors.

Happening

Happening provides a method through which one's spirituality may be developed, nourished, lived and shared in fellowship with Christians willing to dedicate their lives to God in an ongoing manner. Happening is designed for 9th-12th grade youth and takes place three times a year in August, November and April.

Camp Allen Summer Camp

Youth ages 15+ can counsel at our diocesan summer camp. This is a great way to share the love of Christ with the children in our diocese. Youth can also attend summer camp as Jr. and Sr. High campers. More information can be found at www.campallen.org.

Conspire Conference

Conspire is a conference for junior and senior high students. Throughout the event you will have the opportunity to hear dynamic big room talks, worship together, see some Houston sites, and attend break-out sessions of your choice. Visit www.conspireconference.com for more information.

