

Frequently Asked Questions - Diocesan Youth Rally 2009

When & Where is the 2009 Youth Rally?

The Youth Rally has changed locations! The rally will be held at William V. Fisher Catholic High School (1803 Granville Pike, Lancaster, OH 43130) on Saturday, March 7 (9am-11pm) and Sunday, March 8 (9am-4pm) 2009.

Who is able to attend the Youth Rally?

The Youth Rally is open to all Catholic high school aged youth and their chaperons (the rally is not designed for middle school youth).

Who can Chaperon?

Diocesan policy requires that chaperons be 21 years or older and each group must have at least one chaperon for every ten youth (one per six if staying overnight). All chaperones must be in compliance with Diocesan Policies (i.e. each chaperon should have a criminal background check on file at a central location and have completed the Protecting God's Children Program).

How many people are expected to attend in 2009?

At the 2008 Diocesan Youth Rally, over 600 youth attended, and we anticipate similar numbers for the 2009 Youth Rally.

How do I register my group for Youth Rally?

The Youth Rally registration process designed by the OY&YAM uses a group format—it does not allow individuals to register for Youth Rally on their own. Parish youth ministers and high school campus ministers register students and adult participants by filling out the group registration form and distributing the medical/liability release and break-out session selection forms (all available to you in January 2009). Participants return their completed forms to the campus/youth minister who will then send in all paperwork and payment at one time to the OY&YAM on or before the rally registration deadline (**Friday, February 20th, 2009**). Registration materials will be available to you in January 2008. Payment and registration is offered on-site at Fisher Catholic HS, but there will be a late-fee, and the youth will not receive their diocesan t-shirt until some time after the rally.

Is it an overnight event?

The Youth Rally is a two-day event, spanning from Saturday, March 7 to Sunday, March 8, but it is NOT an event where the youth spend the night at the venue. If your group is traveling a great distance and would like to have overnight accommodations in and around Lancaster, please see the enclosed housing options sheet, or for questions, contact Kathy Hamilton at shyouth@neohio.twcbc.com, or (330) 343-6946 (daytime phone only).

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How much does it cost to attend Youth Rally?

The OY&YAM registration cost for both adults and students for the entire weekend is \$50 (there will be a fee for late and on-site registrations). The cost will include all keynotes, workshop sessions, and program materials, two lunches, one dinner, snacks, recreational activities, and a diocesan t-shirt. Hotel arrangements and transportation may be additional factors that will affect the cost of your trip. Students and adults should bring money to purchase items at the Teen Expo Fair from a variety of exhibitors (t-shirts, bracelets, CD's, books, etc.) Participants will also be asked to give a goodwill offering during the Closing Liturgy.

Will food be provided? Is there a cost?

The meals covered in the registration fee are lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. Be sure to remind your students and adults that breakfast foods are not served at the rally on either morning. Please encourage them to eat a hearty breakfast before arriving.

Can the youth bring trading items?

The OY&YAM supports any participating parish and school who would like to bring inexpensive items that represent their group to trade with other rally participants throughout the two days. These items could be pins with your school emblem, t-shirts, necklaces, objects with your parish's youth group mission statement/symbol, medals, etc. Because these trading items specifically represent your particular parish or school, it is the hope that participants will go home with reminders of the many new people that they have met over the rally weekend. You can also encourage your group to get together prior to the rally to make your own items! Trading items at rally is optional.

I am a priest, and I would like to be part of the Reconciliation service Saturday evening and/or concelebrate in the closing liturgy on Sunday afternoon, who do I contact?

You can contact Kelly Lavelle at 614-241-2565 or klavelle@cducation.org. We would love for as much clergy to be present at this Youth Rally as possible, and you don't just have to visit us for those specific reasons. You are welcome to participate as a chaperon or just 'hang out' at any time during the rally.

How can I get more information?

Please call the OY&YAM at 614-241-2565 or email klavelle@cducation.org.