



ARCHDIOCESE of OMAHA

Youth Ministry Update

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CRS' Operation Rice Bowl

The season of Lent begins on February 22. Join Catholic Relief Services this year and participate in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl.

Integrate the Lenten themes of prayer, fasting and almsgiving into your classroom with [lesson plans](#) and [activities](#). Your students will learn how they can play an important role in ending poverty and hunger in the world.

Empower Youth to Live as Jesus' Disciples in Our World!

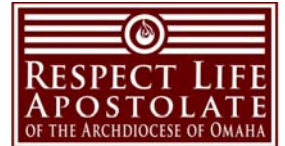
Hold a CRS Food Fast this year and guide young people in service to the poor through fasting, prayer and giving. CRS Food Fast helps youth live as Jesus' disciples, serving the hungry, the lonely and the poor in our world. Get started today at foodfast.org.

Engage Your Entire Parish Community

Invite your community to join the youth group in learning, praying and giving to help our global family. Customize a personal [Food Fast page](#) with a photo, donation goal and information about your Food Fast. Then e-mail your family and friends to tell them why you're holding a Food Fast, ask them to pray for participants and invite them to donate to support CRS' work to end global hunger and poverty.

More information at www.crs.org

2012 ARCHDIOCESE OF OMAHA STUDENT PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST



ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
709 SOUTH 28TH STREET
OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68105

ELIGIBILITY: Students in grades 7-11 or equivalent

SUBMISSION DATES: January 22nd – March 25th

THEME: Assume that a friend or family member was suffering from a terminal disease and told you that they wanted help to commit suicide. Explain how you would convince them that assisted suicide and euthanasia are immoral, and how their suffering can have meaning in light of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Understanding of this particular aspect of the pro-life message
2. Clarity in communicating it
3. Creativity and originality

PRIZES FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL:

- \$40 First prize and award certificate
- \$30 Second prize and award certificate
- \$20 Third prize and award certificate

Flyers and registrations available at:
www.RespectLifeOmaha.com



SO SIMPLE

Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

THE BIG GAME: FEB. 5, 2012

Young people simply collect monetary and food donations during the weekend of the Super Bowl. 100% of the donations go to a local charity of your choosing.

Last Year over \$12,000 was collected in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

3 easy steps: Collect donations Report your totals to souperbowl.org and rmramos@archomaha.org Give to the charity of your choosing

Youth Leadership

Catholic Leadership Institute

June 10-15, 2012



"Our Catholic youth are already valued members of our Church, and we will look to them for leadership in families and parishes. The Catholic Leadership Institute in the Archdiocese of Omaha provides important training for our young leaders. I hope that parish youth ministers, as well as high school campus ministers, will encourage qualified youth to participate."
Archbishop George Lucas , April 2010

- Do you use high school youth as junior counselors or leaders for vacation bible school, confirmation retreats, etc? How do you train them?
- Does the training include small group facilitation, communication, skills, prayer, community building mass planning, decision making?
- Do your youth ministry efforts provide opportunities for young people to develop life skills?



Provide your young people with the opportunity to add to their college scholarship and job applications "Leadership Training"

What is CLI?

Catholic Leadership Institute is a week-long program that helps young people develop leadership skills in Catholic Youth Ministry. The goals of CLI are:

- To learn skills for leadership in ministry
- To practice leadership skills
- To grow in awareness of personal leadership abilities
- To plan and participate in prayer services and liturgical celebrations
- To deepen one's relationship with Christ

Where is CLI held?

CLI is held at Wayne State College in Wayne, NE



Who can attend CLI?

CLI is for young people going into their Sophomore to Senior years who have an interest in helping with their parish or school youth ministry programs. It is best for at least two youth to come from a parish/school.

What is the cost?

The cost for the week is \$225 which covers room, board, program materials and t-shirt.

Teens Encounter Christ

2010-11 Schedule

Omaha Dates

April 14-16

Rural Dates

March 17-19

Bloomfield

July 14-16

Oakdale

www.archomaha.org/education/cffo/youth-ministry/tec.html

Youth Serve

Pope Benedict XVI marked the beginning of 2012 with his annual World Day of Peace message. He emphasized the importance of educating young people about peace and justice, with "the conviction that the young, with their enthusiasm and idealism, can offer new hope to the world."

Youth Serve is a service learning experience that will guide junior high youth in "cultivating the taste for what is just and true" as the Holy Father invites them to do.



"I learned that all people have dignity, and it was cool being able to help those less fortunate."

"It was amazing how much I had and how little they had."

"I learned that I am Jesus' hands, feet, eyes, voice, heart and ears."

"I learned that I need to give more of myself to others."

Dates

All sessions are held at the St. Columban Retreat Center, Bellevue

June 24-26

July 8-10

July 22-24