

If They, Why Not I? Celebrating with the Saints

Archdiocese of Omaha
2010 Youth Rally
Oct. 24, 2010
Roncalli Catholic High School
Omaha, NE
For 9-12th grades

General Information

MapQuest Directions: Roncalli Catholic High School, 6401 Sorensen Pkwy Omaha, NE 68152, US

The Archdiocesan Youth Rally is held every other year on the National Celebration of World Youth Day (30th Sunday of Ordinary time). This date was designated by the US Catholic Bishops. On the off year, we encourage parishes/schools to celebrate this day locally. During the off year the Archdiocese also sponsors a trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference. The purpose of our rally is to gather young people for a day of celebrating with the larger Archdiocesan community. Keynotes are provided by well known national speakers and musicians. The theme for the youth rally typically follows the theme established by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. This year's theme is ***If They, Why not I: Celebrating with the Saints.***

The Archdiocese of Omaha continues to strive in providing safe environments for young people so we must continue to ask that certain guidelines be met in regards to chaperoning and adult supervision. **Please read the enclosed information carefully.**

There **MUST** be one adult (over the age of 21) chaperone for every 10-12 high school age youth attending who has attended a Safe Environment Training. This person must remain at the event for its duration. Any one who leaves the event during the day will not be allowed entrance back in. All high school registrations must come through a parish/school contact person. Adult chaperones must also register and pay at this time also.

Enclosures:

- Sample Liability and Medical Forms (Retained by group leader)
- Code of Behavior (Retained by group leader)
- Registration (Sent In)
- Adult Chaperone guidelines (Given to chaperones)
- Evaluation (this will also be made available online)
- Follow up

Group Leader Information for H.S. youth

The group leader should retain a copy **AND BRING WITH THEM a liability waiver, code of behavior and medical matters form.** Sample forms are enclosed. **DO NOT SEND THEM WITH YOUR REGISTRATIONS. They are to remain in the group leader's possession.**

Because of deadlines for ordering food, t-shirts, etc. no walk-ins will be allowed.

Registration/Cost/Deadlines

Early bird registration will close **Friday, October 8th.** After this time the early bird special of **\$25** will no longer be available. Registrations after this date will be **\$30.** No registrations will be taken after **Oct. 15th.** Both youth and adults must pay. Because of the up front financial investment, there will be **no refunds after October 8th,** however you may substitute people. Wrist bands will be given to all registrants. If the wrist bands arrive in time they will be mailed to you one week prior to the rally. Otherwise they will be handed out at the door. This will be your entrance into the rally. Hand these out on the day of the rally, you will not get replacements.

There will be snack stands available during the event. Bob Perron, Jackie Francois, and Michael Debus the artist. will also have items and other merchandise on sale at the event, so bring some extra cash!

Included in the registration fee are lunch, dinner and t-shirt. **(If a T-shirt size is not provided on the registration a Large will be ordered)**

Youth can and are encouraged to invite friends from other denominations, but they must register with your group.

Security and First Aid

We will have security guards present during the event as well as a first aid person who will be able to provide minimal aid.

Alcohol and Smoking

As at all Archdiocesan youth events, alcohol is not permitted by anyone and use of tobacco products by minors will not be tolerated. Infractions of this will result in the immediate dismissal of the person.

Parking

Parking is available around the High School.

Archdiocese of Omaha Biennial Youth Rally
2010 Theme Statement
If They, Why not I: Celebrating with the Saints

The theme of this year's youth rally revolves around Saints. As always the rally is designed to help our young people deepen their relationships with God and with others. Additionally, we hope to help young people experience and understand the many ways our rich tradition of Saints enhances our communities. Opportunities for learning not only more about Saints, but also by understanding the call to sainthood, the ways God is revealed to us through saints.

Resource Manual—*Living and loving our Catholic Faith, Saints—Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow, NFCYM, 2009, Available through NFCYM, 202-636-3825, www.nfcym.org*

Saints March in Our Lives

*Transforming Lord,
Saints march in our churches
On walls and windows
And in alcoves.
In songs and prayers
We pray to you, Jesus our Lord,
For help in being reflections
Of your saintly followers.*

*They march in our homes
Icons on walls
Prayers at night and
For special occasions.
We pray to you, Jesus our brother,
For help in forming saintly relationships,*

*Saints march in our schools and parishes,
Saintly names
And mascots,
Traditions running deep.
We pray to you, Jesus our teacher,
For help in becoming your disciples.*

*They march
In liturgy, leading us to communion,
In daily life, leading us to service,
In prayers, leading us to live
And love our Catholic faith.*

*We pray to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
With intercessions from Mary
And from all the Saints.
We ask to recognize
And learn from all the saints we meet
In tradition and in our daily lives.*

Amen

Registration Form

Make copies as necessary

Return this sheet and the non-refundable payment to: Archdiocesan Youth Rally,
Catholic Faith Formation Office, Box 4130, Omaha, NE 68104

Early bird special deadline, **Oct. 8th- \$25 per person (including chaperones)**
After Oct. 8th-\$30 per person, no walk-ins.

Parish/School/Group Name_____

Name of Group Leader_____ Phone #_____

Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

E-mail_____

1 chaperone for every 12 students required (Must be Safe Environment Certified)

Chaperones Name (over the age of 21)_____ T-shirt size_____

High School Students Name Grade t-shirt Size (S,M, L, XL, XXL,XXXL)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____
- 10) _____
- 11) _____
- 12) _____

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- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____
- 10) _____
- 11) _____
- 12) _____

Youth Code of Behavior

We are happy and excited that you are joining us as part of **Archdiocese of Omaha Youth Rally**. The *Code of Behavior* has been developed as a way of helping participants understand what is expected of them during the event, and of making the learning experience a healthy and growthful one for all involved. Please read through the *Code* carefully, as you will be expected to honor and uphold it throughout your time with us.

- As necessary as rules are to maintain order, they can't and won't guarantee a successful event experience. Success depends on people's willingness to work together for the common good.
- Participants take part in **Archdiocese of Omaha Youth Rally** as part of a parish or school. The adult leader of each group maintains primary responsibility for the actions of his/her group members. The families of participants assume responsibility for any damage done to the facilities.
- While participating in the **Archdiocese of Omaha Youth Rally** we ask that you do not invite friends to meet you there who have not registered as a participant.
- Participants are expected to attend all sessions and community activities. Participants will not leave the premises during the course of the day or they will be asked to leave.
- Dress throughout the **Archdiocese of Omaha Youth Rally** experience is casual but appropriate for a Christian environment. T-shirts/sweatshirts with alcohol, tobacco or sexual overtones are not acceptable, nor is clothing exposing any part of under garments.
- Christian behavior is expected at all times. Respect for individuals, the community and the facilities is required. Teasing, harassment (this includes bullying), sexual jokes, inappropriate displays of affection, and other demeaning behavior are considered inappropriate for this Christian environment.
- **Archdiocese of Omaha** adheres to the State Statutes in regards to tobacco products, therefore tobacco products are not allowed by anyone under the age of 18.
- The purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol or drugs by participants will result in immediate dismissal from the program. Major infractions of the Code of Behavior and other inappropriate behavior will meet with the same consequences.

Parent or Guardian: I agree that my child shall abide by the rules and regulations outlined in the **Archdiocese of Omaha Youth Rally Code of Behavior**, I have reviewed it and discussed the Code with my child prior to signing this form. I agree that if my child fails to consistently abide by the Code or engages in a serious infraction of the Code, he or she may be immediately dismissed from the **Archdiocese of Omaha Youth Rally** and sent home at my expense. This also may mean unaccompanied in certain circumstances.

Signature _____ Date _____

Youth Participant: I understand and agree to the **Archdiocese of Omaha Youth Rally Code of Behavior**, I also understand that my parent(s) or guardian will be notified at the time of any infractions requiring my dismissal from the program and that I will be sent home at my own or their expense. (Your signature must appear below in order to participate in the **Archdiocese of Omaha Youth Rally**.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Consent and Liability Waiver

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Participant's name _____

Birth date: _____ Sex _____

Parent/Guardian's name: _____

Home address _____

Street

City

Zip

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____

I, _____, grant permission for my youth, _____,
Parent or guardian's name Youth's name

to participate in this Archdiocesan youth ministry event that is located away from the parish/school site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of Archdiocesan parish/campus youth ministers and/or volunteers from parishes/schools.

A brief description of the event follows:

Name of Event: Archdiocese of Omaha Youth Rally

Purpose of Event: National Celebration of World Youth Day

Location: Roncalli Catholic High School, Omaha, Nebraska

Date and Time of event: Oct. 24, 2010 10:00 am-7:30 PM

Transportation: Arranged by Parish or School

As parent and/or guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant").

I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend _____, its officers, directors and agents, and the

Name of sponsoring Parish/School

Archdiocese of Omaha, chaperons, or representatives associated with the event arising from or in connection with my child attending the event or in connection with any illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith and I agree to compensate the parish/school, its officers, directors and agents, an the Archdiocese of Omaha, chaperons, or representatives associated with the event for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses which may incur in any action brought against them as a result of such injury or damage, unless such claim arises from the negligence of the parish/diocese.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Photo Release: Pictures of my child taken during the event may be used in print or electronic media for the purposes of publicity for future events, unless I indicate to the Archdiocesan Coordinator of Youth Ministry in writing to the contrary.

Medical Matters

Participant Name _____

I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child. **(Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only those that are applicable.)**

Emergency Medical Treatment: In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

Name & relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Family doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Family Health Plan Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Other Medical Treatment: (In the event it comes to the attention of the parish/school, its officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of Omaha, chaperones, or representatives associated with the activity that my child becomes ill with symptoms such as headache, vomiting, sore throat, fever, diarrhea, I want to be called collect (with phone charges reverse to myself),

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Medications: My child is taking medication at present. MY child will bring all such medications necessary, and such medications will be well-labeled. Names of medications and concise directions for taking such medications, including dosage and frequency of dosage, are as follows: (If in High school, my child will take responsibility for taking these as described).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sign 'a' or 'b', not both

a) No medication of any type, whether prescription or non-prescription, may be administered to my child unless the situation is life-threatening and emergency treatment is required.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

b) I hereby grant permission for non-prescription medication (such as aspirin, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed appropriate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Specific Medical Information: The parish/school/Archdiocese will take reasonable care to see that the following information will be held in confidence.

Allergic reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.): _____

Immunizations: Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization: _____

Does the child have a medically prescribed diet? _____

Any physical limitations? _____

Is the child subject to chronic homesickness, emotional reactions to new situations, sleepwalking, fainting? _____

Has the child recently been exposed to contagious disease or conditions, such as mumps, measles, chickenpox, etc? If so, date and disease or condition: _____

You should be aware of these special medical conditions of my child: _____

EVENT GUIDELINES FOR ADULT CHAPERONES

As an adult chaperone, you set an example for the young people who are participating in a particular event. The following is what is required of you as a chaperone.

All adult chaperones are responsible for helping to enforce the Code of Behavior and should use the 'Code' as a guide for their own behavior.

- Adult chaperones must be at least 21 years old.
- Adult Chaperones must have a current Safe Environment Certification
- Adult chaperones are expected to abide by the policies and procedures of the parish/school/Archdiocese.
- Adult participants are expected to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages for the duration of the event, as well as during their travels to and from the event.
- The possession or use of illegal drugs by any individual will not be tolerated.
- No weapon of any kind may be possessed by a participant, youth or adult.

The following are suggestions only about what you might typically do as chaperone during the event. If you have any questions about what to do as a chaperone, check with your group leader.

The recommended ratio for adult chaperones to youth is one adult for every 12 youth.

- Adults, as well as youth, are expected to attend all activities.
- During all activities, and especially a dance or other social activities, adult chaperones should be available in the building where the activity takes place to supervise **all** youth.
- Young people may be assigned a specific adult chaperone who will be responsible for their behavior throughout the event.
- Bullying and troublesome youth should be dealt with immediately.
- It is suggested that adult chaperones make arrangements during the day to check in with their young people, and that this be done in the morning, sometime during the afternoon, and in the evening.
- Adult chaperones should review the Code of Behavior and related guidelines with the youth assigned to them. It is suggested that adult chaperones help youth become familiar with the layout of the facilities, where activities will take place, as well as help assure that the young people understand important safety information.
- Adult chaperones may designate an area where youth can locate their chaperone.
- Adults should address immediately any situation in which youth are engaging inappropriate behavior.

Group leaders must assure that each adult in their group agrees to follow these guidelines.

Schedule of the day

9:45-10:00	Prep for mass, practice songs
10:00-11:00	Welcome/ Introduction/Mass
11:00-11:15	Adoration and procession of tabernacle to the chapel
11:25-11:45	Icebreakers
11:45-12:45	Keynote (Bob Perron)
12:45-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:20	Round 1
2:30-3:20	Round 2
3:30-4:00	Social Contradiction
4:10-5:00	Keynote (Jackie Francois)
5:00-5:15	Benediction
5:30-7:30	Dinner/Dance

All the enclosed information will be available on the web:

www.archomaha.org

Search for 'Youth Ministry'

After the Rally

For events like the Archdiocesan Youth Rally to find its full effectiveness, it is vitally important that you spend some time with the youth that attended to talk about the experience, what they learned and how they can make the connection into their life. The following are some questions that might help you in that process.

What new insights did you gain from:

Bob Perron

Jackie Francois

Workshop 1

Workshop 2

How can you put these into action in your own life?

How does what you heard connect with our faith story?

What questions do you have that are unanswered?

What one thing are you going to do differently in your life because of what you experienced?

After ample time is allowed for this process, then lead them through the evaluation form. Collect evaluations and mail them to: Rita Ramos, Catholic Faith Office, Box 4130, Omaha, NE 68104

Evaluation

Name (optional) _____ Town _____

Parish _____ School _____

Please Check: _____ Adult _____ Youth _____ Grade

What did you like most about the rally?

What would you like to see changed in the rally?

Please rate the keynote: (1-Poor, 2-Fair, 3-Good 4-Very Good, 5-Excellent)

Bob Perron 1 2 3 4 5

Jackie Francois 1 2 3 4 5

Workshop attended: _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Workshop attended: _____ 1 2 3 4 5

Other Comments:

Mail to: Catholic Faith Formation Office, Attn: Rita, Box 4130, Omaha, NE 68104

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Search 'Youth Ministry' at above link, go to 'youth rally'
Evaluation may be filled out on line.