

NCYC 2007 - Workshop Descriptions

Friday, November 9, 2007

Round 1

12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M.

101 Your Family—Your Church: Getting Your Family Fired Up about Christ!

It is said the hardest people to evangelize are your family! Learn ways you can help lead your family closer to Christ. Drawing on personal experience and the encyclicals of Pope John Paul II this workshop will inspire and challenge you to lead by example, giving practical ideas to help you to be a positive influence with family members.

Speaker: Randy Raus

102 Hope for Life's Hurts

No one ever said that life was going to be easy and chances are you have already experienced the kind of disappointment this life has to offer. Joia Farmer, through her personal struggles and triumphs, will explore the joy we can have in the Lord and how this can be our ultimate strength in this life and the next.

Speaker: Joia Farmer

103 Deepening Your Relationship with God: Part One

Participants will examine how they can become closer to all loving God through commitment to prayer life and the Church. Fr. Michael Depcik, who is deaf, will use American Sign Language to present.

Speaker: Fr. Mike Depcik

105 Knocked Down, But Not Out! A Catholic Look at Bullying (boys only)

To your face or behind your back, bullying can take many forms. Verbal harassment, physical assault, cyber-bullying, and manipulation are just some of the types of bullying we will discuss. If bullying is a problem at your school it is time to get off the sidelines and do something about it. You will learn about the greatest case of bullying—Jesus Christ and how he overcame it.

Speaker: Terry Clark, Bob Perron

106 Called to Make a Difference: A Panel on Religious Vocation

Have you ever wondered what draws a person to respond to the call to religious life? Come and hear from those who have answered the call about what gives them life, some of their greatest struggles, the difference they hope to make in the world, and their advice to those who may be considering their call.

Moderator: Sr. Charlene Diorka, SSJ

Featuring: Bishop Joseph McFadden, Brother Robert Malusa, SDB, Sister Lela Nelson, DC, Father Anthony Vinson, OSB

107 Living Catholic—Justly!

Our Catholic faith has so much to say about how to live—not just in relationship with God, but also in relationship to the whole world. Come and find out what it means to be a faithful citizen: someone who lives their faith actively in the world in order to transform it!

Speakers: Ann Marie Eckert, Sean Lansing

108 WANTED! Perfectly Imperfect Persons for Teen Disciples of Christ

Discover the radical, revolutionary, and ultimate reality of the way of Christ: following Jesus, imitating Christ, being really present, authentic, and holy. It is not what you think, but rather, who loves you and who calls you, just as you are! Discover the Way. Get in, get ready, and go out! Hold on to Jesus, cuz it is gonna rock!

Speaker: Jesse Manibusan

109 Finding Christ in the “euCHaRIST”

Join Mark Hart for an hour that will leave you even more thankful you are Catholic as he unpacks the miraculous depths of the Eucharist. Hear the truth, learn key Scriptures, discover new insight(s) and, as always, have a few laughs with Life Teen’s Bible Geek®.

Speaker: Mark Hart

110 Poverty, Prayer, and the Power of Film

Filmmaker Gerry Straub fleshes out the Gospel call to care for “the least” in our society through the power of film and his own conversion story. Discover the humanity and dignity of people who are considered throwaways and meditate on Jesus’ call to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned, and shelter the homeless.

Speaker: Gerry Straub

111 Unwind Your Mind: An Ordinary Holiness Approach to Stress Management

Feeling over extended? Then this workshop is for you! We will use music, prayer, humor, lives of saints, stories, and even a few games to unveil ten commonsense, ready-to-use strategies for reducing stress.

Speaker: Jamie Dillon

112 Music: Nourishment for the Soul

Imagine the everyday music you listen to as a way to help you in your decision making and prayer life. Music tells the stories of your life. Experience the power of music as it helps you grow as a person of faith. Get ready to rock!

Speaker: Anna Scally

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120 Sharing Faith as Parents of Youth

How can we engage youth in faith conversations and prayer at home? A variety of research projects demonstrate that adolescence is a critical time for family faith sharing. This workshop will provide ideas and resources, parent to parent, to help families seize teachable moments, talk-able moments, and pray-able moments during the adolescent years. This workshop is geared toward parents and would also be helpful for leaders in youth ministry.

Speaker: Tom East

121 A New Pentecost: Ministry with Teens in Culturally Diverse Settings

This workshop unfolds nine practical steps to develop an inclusive youth ministry in the parish setting. It gives examples on how to strengthen Catholic identity, develop a sense of belonging, and promote a missionary spirit among teens.

Speakers: Alejandro Aguilera-Titus, Marissa Esparza

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201 Sharing Our Faith with Our Friends

This session will look at how to effectively share our faith with our friends. We will look at what it means to be a friend and share our faith in a non-offensive manner. Through the use of interactive video case studies, participants will leave with some practical ideas on how to be an effective evangelizer.

Speaker: Frank Mercadante

202 Being Yourself with Mary and the Saints

Using his own paintings and the stories which inspired them, artist and writer Bro. Mickey McGrath will provide some fresh and powerful ways to welcome the saints into our lives as patrons and companions. The images are taken from his award-winning books which offer very unique twists, sometimes

whimsical, always moving, on the traditional place of the saints in the Church. Let the saints inspire you to meet your full potential and discover the gift that is you.

Speaker: Brother Mickey O'Neill McGrath

203 Deepening Your Relationship with God: Part Two

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Speaker: Fr. Mike Depcik

204 Strong Women in True Friendships (girls only)

Mary and Elizabeth model for us strong female friendship. Friendship should be about support and encouragement and not about demands, guilt, and exclusion. We will talk about when our friends hurt us, ways of strengthening the healthy friendships we have, and how to build new ones.

Speaker: Kristin Witte

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208 Game Over

For a lot of teens it is easy to see the use of alcohol and drugs as a game, as a means of recreation. But the fun never lasts and before the game is over it can ruin your life. Come hear from a former addict and a professional counselor just how dangerous this game can be from two people who have too much experience with it.

Speakers: Bridget Holmes, Tom Buckley

209 Going the Extra "MYLE"

No, it is not a misspelled word. The world is filled with pain, suffering, deceit, sin, injustice, and sometimes just plain old meanness. What in the world can one person do to make a difference? This workshop seeks faith-filled brave teens willing to step up and be challenged.

Speaker: Mike Patin

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212 Decision for Love

We all need love and acceptance, but at what cost? Let us share common pressures and misconceptions about dating and discover together the decision that can bring you to healthy relationships and authentic love.

Speaker: Pam Heil

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220 Movies and Ministry: Using the Remote to Channel Jesus

Television and movies are a billion dollar industry in our country. It is easier to get young people to a theater than it is to church. So why not use movies to teach the lessons of the Bible, our faith, and our God? We will look at just ten of the most powerful clips from movies and television that can easily be incorporated into your programming, but you will leave with hundreds of ideas and plenty of resources.

Speaker: Patrick Donovan

221 Putting the Catholic Back in Catholic Youth Sports

Sports are a great way to reach young people and share Gospel values or a source of conflict with adults living their unfulfilled dreams through young people. Join us to connect our Catholic faith to sports through fun, videos, competition, and Gospel values.

Speaker: Greg "Dobie" Moser

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Speaker: Joia Farmer

303 Shine Your Radiance

Wondering what you should do with your life? God is calling us to shine for Him! Share in Sarah's journey through videos as she spends a day with people living out their different vocations of priesthood, single life, married life, and religious life. See how prayer can help you understand how to shine your own unique light and "Discover the Way" for you!

Speaker: Sarah Bauer

304 Healthy Dating Practices (girls only)

Want to make the right choices when it comes to your relationship with your boyfriend, but not sure how? Join us for tips on making healthy decisions in the context of dating.

Speaker: Crystalina Evert

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In a world that constantly tells women that we are not skinny enough, pretty enough, smart enough, just...not enough. Enough is ENOUGH! What does a woman who follows God look like? It is time to celebrate just that, that we are women, created in the image and likeness of a God who loves us.

Speaker: Tammy Evevard

311 Being a Man of God (boys only)

Prove yourself a man! A man of God. A man of purpose and passion who puts Christ first and lives radically for him. Through word and song experience what it takes to be a man of God through the

stories of Job, King David, and most especially, Jesus Christ. Come to know God in the every day so we will recognize him in the breaking of the bread. Get ready, it is time to begin training to see if you have what it takes to become a man of God who knows what he believes, believes in where he belongs, and makes a difference.

Speaker: John Angotti

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320 The Aftermath of Tragedy: Helping Young People Get Through It, Not “Over It”

How do you help young people begin the healing process following a tragedy, whether it be a natural disaster, a sudden death, or the breakup of a relationship? How do you recognize the symptoms of increased emotional distress that occur following a crisis situation in a young person’s life? This session is designed to help adults develop the skills needed to fashion an appropriate pastoral care response that includes prayer and advocacy, and when necessary, referral to trained professionals. The need to care for the caregivers will also be addressed.

Speaker: Jim Chesnes, Kevin Driscoll

321 *Soul Searching: What Every Adult Needs to Know about The National Study of Youth and Religion*

You would be amazed (or maybe not) at what Catholic kids believe about God, church, parents, and their faith. Our teens are experience-rich and language-poor. As ministers, catechists, parents, and educators, it is good for us to know the good and not-so-good news about how our teens know and practice their Catholic faith. Once you hear the news, the question is “What are we going to do about it?”

Speaker: Terri Telepak

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412 Bishops' Panel Discussion - Answers to Your Questions...

We all have questions about our faith. Who better to answer them than a panel of bishops? The participating bishops are also anxious to ask participants questions about topics that are important to all of us. Be sure to make time for this unique opportunity for dialogue with bishops.

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Does your parish need something to jump-start its ministry program? Do you need some direction to help you move forward? This workshop will help you with the basics of youth ministry by looking at the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' document, *Renewing the Vision-A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*, by exploring the some best-practices that really work in parishes, and by outlining some first steps that you can take in improving your parish's youth ministry.

Speaker: Ann Marie Eckert

421 Called to Witness: Fostering a Commitment to Solidarity

Join Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and youth ministry professionals who attended the recent CRS Called to Witness trip to Ecuador for an interactive presentation that explores how the principles of Catholic social teaching provide a framework for leading young people to a deeper commitment to living their faith. The workshop will give special focus to the principle of solidarity, highlight CRS youth programs and resources available to you and the young people you serve, and offer an opportunity for all of us to share "best practices" in engaging youth in the work of social justice.

Speaker: Ted Miles
