

YOUTH FORUM 2009

27TH – 29TH NOVEMBER,
ST. FINIAN'S COLLEGE, MULLINGAR, CO. WESTMEATH

Hello and welcome to this Youth Forum which we are hosting for young adults in our diocese. This Forum will provide you and your peers with an opportunity to explore further what it means for you to be part of the Catholic Church at parish and diocesan level.

In recent years many young people have prepared and travelled with the diocese for pilgrimages to World Youth Days (international gatherings of Catholic youth with the Pope) and Lourdes. Such trips have enabled many of the pilgrims on their return to be more involved in their faith, their parish and have created friendships that have outlived the actual pilgrimage. Also in the past two years some young people have participated in the national youth meetings in Knock and at Youth 2000 gatherings.

You may already be actively involved with the Church at local parish level, simply by attending weekly Mass or as a reader, minister, choir member, prayer group associate, youth club member etc. It is hoped that you would be interested in sharing your faith with other like minded young people.

Together you'll have an opportunity to share what hopes or concerns you may have as we attempt to answer Christ's call to bear witness to Him and to share His light in our world. *Yes, Come Share the Light.*



Fr. Mark English,
Youth Director

WHAT'S INVOLVED; WHAT'S NEEDED, HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The Youth Forum is for young adults aged 18 – 35 and will begin on Friday 27th November at St. Finian's College, Old Longford Rd., Mullingar with registration from 7 – 9pm. and will conclude by 12noon on Sunday 29th November. An outline of the weekend timetable is available below. There will be a number of talks/presentations given with some time for discussion and feedback. There will also be guided prayer, Mass and time to relax and enjoy the company.

On Saturday afternoon participants will take part in a walk to the shore of Lough Owel, with shuttle bus to transport participants back to St. Finian's. Breakfast, dinner and tea will be provided in the College. Accommodation will be cheap but cheerful! You will need a sleeping bag, rain gear, towel, toiletries etc. If you play any music please bring your musical instrument as there will be occasions to assist with the music for the Forum. The cost for the weekend is €30.

YOUTH FORUM TIME-TABLE

Friday 27th November:

- 19:00 Gathering
- 21:15 Welcome and Introduction
- 21:30 Taize Prayer around the Cross

Saturday 28th November:

- 09:00 Mass (optional)
- 10:00 Morning Prayer
- 10:30 Talk Bible/Lectio Divino Part I: Deborah Snoodly
- 11:15 Tea-break
- 11:30 Bible/Lectio Divino Part II
- 12:15 Group work
- 13:00 Dinner

- 14:00 Assemble in front of College for Disciple Walk to Lough Owel
(followed by shuttle-bus return and free time.)
- 17:00 Witness of Faith
- 18:00 Supper
- 19:00 Being a young adult in the Catholic Church – Andrew O'Connell:
presentation and group discussion with feedback.
- 21:00 Adoration

Sunday 29th November *First Sunday of Advent:*

- 09:30 Preparation for Mass
- 10:30 Mass
- 11:30 Conclusion and departure.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Mobile _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

If student:
what college & course: _____

Interest/Hobbies: _____

Name of local Parish: _____

Is there any medical condition, which could affect your participation in the Youth Forum? Yes No

If yes, please give details:

I hereby accept that no responsibility will attach to the Diocese of Meath and the Meath Diocesan Youth Forum Committee, for any act or otherwise, that may occur throughout the duration of the Forum and stay in St. Finian's College.

I hereby waive any rights to take any legal action against the organisers of the said Youth Forum as a result of any injury or otherwise suffered by me.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

*Please return this section via email to confirm your participation
in the Meath Diocesan Youth Forum 2009
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