

**St. Thomas Aquinas Youth (STAY) Ministry Update
Pastoral Stewardship Council
May 13, 2009**

May 9th Confirmation Mass



STAY COOL–EPA Thanksgiving Box Prep



1. Update on filling the Coordinator of Youth Ministry position

- Despite the unexpected resignation of the Coordinator of Youth Ministry in late November, the Youth Ministry Board and the Middle School and High School catechists have been able to successfully complete the 2008-2009 school year.
- John Rinaldi, the Diocese's Coordinator of Youth Ministry strongly recommended the Youth Board and Father George read "Sustainable Youth Ministry" by Mark DeVries and develop a vision for Youth Ministry before recruiting candidates to fill the position.
- The Vision process is almost complete and the Board is revising the Job Description and will begin the recruiting process in the next two weeks.

2. Highlights

- Confirmation Mass was celebrated last Saturday, May 9, at 5:00pm at St. Albert the Great with 44 youth receiving the Sacrament (33 eighth graders, 1 high school student and 10 candidates from Hispanic Ministry).
- STAY COOL Projects: Layette Drive, EPA Food Sort and Giving Tree, one SOUP evening
- Father George led a High School STAY Session and spent two Sunday Sessions with the 8th grade Confirmation candidates.
- Completed required Safe Environment Workshop with consultant from the Diocese.
- Fifth grader will "bridge" into the STAY program Sunday, May 17th at SAG and OLR's Sunday Masses.
- Fifteen youth signed up to attend the Diocesan Tahoe Retreat in June.
- Support from and coordination with other Boards: Liturgy, Human Concerns, Hispanic Ministry and OLR.

3. 2008-09 Academic Year Sessions

- Middle School and High School hold sessions at OLR site on Sunday nights from 7:00-8:30pm
- MS (grades 6-8) meet at OLR Hall/Church
- HS (grades 9-12) meet at Dermody Center

4. Enrollment

- High School: 40 (average session 15-20+)
- Middle School: 77 (average session 55+)
- Confirmation: 34 eighth grade & 1 HS and 10 candidates from Hispanic Ministry

5. Catechists and Parent Liaisons

A. Middle School - Parent Liaison: Mary Clifford

- Catechists: Kristy Rozsnyoi, Linda Ballard, Barb Schroder, Bruce Schroder, Tim Foy, Rosemary Gill, Frederic Lucas-Conwell, Leslie Scarborough, Suzanne Ribbe, and many others helping once/month.

B. High School - Parent Liaison: Kathy Lindholm

- Catechists: Veronica Duluk, Lisa Forgatsch, David Loftus, Kamal Mansour
- Wonderful assistance from the Stanford Student Community.

6. Youth Ministry Board

- Vikki Howard and Karen Recinto (co-chairs)
- Mary Clifford, Eileen Hart-Freyre, Kathy Lindholm (members)
- meets monthly on first or second Wednesday (9-10am) of each month



The Newly Confirmed

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May 13, 2009*

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