



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION MINISTRIES

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On behalf of Catholic Education Ministries and St. Cloud Diocese, I invite you, your parish/ACC 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth, and those adults who are serving youth in your parish/ACC to attend our St. Cloud Diocesan High School Youth Day on Sunday, October 29, at Lake Geneva Christian Center near Alexandria, MN.

The youth day theme is “**Chosen Vessels.**” We find in scripture, St. John, Mary, the Mother of God, and others who God has chosen as youth to be His *Vessels* of goodness and gospel witness. Today, God continues to choose our youth, and each of us, to be His *Vessels* of that same goodness and gospel witness. This day is about gathering as the young diocesan church to celebrate being Catholic through Eucharist, learning about our faith, and having fun through activity and prayer. It is hoped that as we seek Jesus we are able to embrace God’s invitation to be His Chosen Vessels, and in turn, share that love with all those we encounter.

We begin with registration in the lobby to the left of the Dining Hall on the LGCC Campus (see included map). We will all gather in the Le Homme Dieu Auditorium for welcome, beginning prayer and our keynote presentation by Steve Angrisano. Steve will share messages of hope and share stories of encountering Christ through his many gifts of storytelling, music, prayer, and his ability to relate to the young church of today. You may learn more about Steve by visiting his website: <https://www.steveangrisano.com/>.

Other features of the day will include: Mass with Bishop Patrick, recreational activities, game show, silent disco dance with Tony Ducklow, awesome food and great fun!

The website <https://www.stcdio.org/2023-youth-day> contains the youth interest forms (for youth to fill out and return to you so you can send them the digital permission slip), this cover letter, a map of Lake Geneva Christian Center, posters, etc. Individual registration forms must be completed online. Laura will send out customized links to each parish that expresses interest in attending this year’s Youth Day. The link to express your interest in attending is <https://forms.gle/82aQGj5uTvS3M2FHA>. Laura will use the parishes in this form to create customized permission forms for each parish/group. Parishes will be responsible for sending the customized permission forms to their adult and youth participants as well as printing the pdf copies of the completed forms and bringing them with the group to the event. CEM will not provide copies for parish leaders. There is also no need for parish leaders to copy the forms for CEM.

Before registering please consider:

- *How many adult leaders do you need for transportation and during the day at LGCC. A 1:6 ratio, 1 adult (21+) for every 6 youth.*

**The early deadline for registration at \$40.00 each is noon on Thursday, October 19. The shirt orders are available in the digital registration, forms completed after October 19 will not have the option to order a shirt. Registrations received after October 19 at noon will be registered at \$50.00 per person. Please wait to send payment once you have all your registrants. You will receive nametags, programs, meal tickets and t-shirt orders upon your check-in at the registration table LGCC.**

Many enjoy ordering shirts to wear at the rally and after. Our shirts this year will be dark chocolate in color with blue and white letters. A copy of the shirt design is included on the Registration Procedure page for your reference. Short sleeve, long sleeve t-shirts and hoodies are an additional cost of \$17/22/32 each and come in adult sizes S-4XL. The deadline for ordering shirts is noon on October 19. **You will know your registration is complete when you receive a confirmation email.**

**Weather & Refund Policy:** We will cancel the youth day if the weather is unsafe. While unlikely, Minnesota can have wintery weather the end of October. We will contact the listed parish leader via email and phone either Saturday night or Sunday morning by 7:00 a.m. if we are going to cancel. This information will be pulled from the parish leaders PermissionClick form. If we do cancel the youth day because of weather; we will refund your registration money. We cannot refund the shirt money, but we will deliver the shirts to you.

**Illness:** In the event a participant feels ill and is unable to participate in the day due to illness, please let us know ASAP and the participant's parish will be reimbursed for the registration fee already paid.

We believe this youth day is an excellent way for us to celebrate our Catholic identity and our rich Catholic faith. Let's come together to celebrate as God's "**Chosen Vessels**" and have some fun with our young people! On behalf of the Diocese we thank you for all your service to young people.

Blessings,



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*Other enclosures:*

- Cover Letter
- 2-sided Registration procedure and shirt design and schedule
- Youth Interest Form