

Dear Parents,

Hello! I wanted to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Yvonne De Seta and I am the new Coordinator of the Youth Ministry Program at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Below I have given a brief description of the youth program.

What is youth ministry? The youth ministry provides an array of events for our teens and pre-teens. Group activities are planned together with input from the youth of our church. There are two different age groups:

Junior Youth Group – Grades 6 – 8

Senior Youth Group - Grades 9 – 12

There are 3 parts to this ministry– social, service and spiritual.

First, there is the social aspect – the youth come together with their friends to do activities that they enjoy. Some events the youth group has had in the past are movie night, bowling, Dorney Park, skiing, etc. For those of you who do not know this, there is a youth room which has a pool table, tv, games, etc. to hang out.

Second, there is the service aspect – The youth come together and provide services to the parish, the community, to the country, and to the world. Some examples include Teen Stations of the Cross, choir, altar serving, youth masses, lecturing, assisting at the Vacation Bible School, assisting in various types of collections [food, clothing, other], etc.

Finally, there is the spiritual aspect – Prayer, reflection and relevance of church in the “real” world. An example would be participating in youth mass together or attending a retreat.

I have attached a calendar of already scheduled events for September, 2008 through the Summer, 2009. Additional events will be added as they are scheduled throughout the year. Please keep posted by checking the weekly bulletins.

Please encourage your child to attend these events. We do have a lot of fun! Also I encourage you as parents to participate and get involved when you are available. I am always in need of chaperones and drivers to get the youth to events.

Please note that when there are trips away from Our Lady of Lourdes Community, permission forms are needed; check for due dates of permission forms and monies for trips.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 908-534-2319x16 or email me at ollyouth@embarqmail.com. Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to working with you and your children.

Sincerely,

Yvonne De Seta, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes