

# RALLY '09 INFORMATION

Hello Coordinators of Youth Ministry,

RALLY is our largest gathering of Catholic young people every year! This annual event is a celebration of our Catholic faith and love of the Lord. **“Hope In Him!”** is our theme for this school year and we are hoping for **1000** high schoolers to gather for over 8 hours of music, inspirational speakers, and Sunday Mass.

We are once again having breakout sessions, various prayer opportunities, confessions, and will have inflatable games present (weather permitting). We would recommend that you hang the **enclosed posters** in the entrance to the Church, and stand outside of your parish Masses to invite every high schooler that walks by! You can even download the poster on our website. Also included in this package is a description of the breakout sessions that list our speakers and topics.

RALLY is much like a family reunion in that we hope that everybody can be there! If your parish decides not to attend, then it diminishes the experience for the whole diocese. Please cancel your regular scheduled Sunday activity to place an emphasis upon this one annual diocesan gathering of young people that the Bishop has invited all to attend. The Mass for the day will be at **5:00 pm** so it will fulfill the Sunday obligation. The celebrant will be our own Bishop Paul Loverde.

This year’s RALLY will be held on:

**SUNDAY, October 18, 2009**  
**Bishop O’Connell High School, Arlington, VA.**  
**Registration will be at 11:15 a.m. and the day will finish by 8:00pm.**  
**\$25 per person includes dinner (not lunch!) and a t-shirt.**  
**1 Chaperone/10 youth.**

On the day of RALLY, please eat lunch *before* arriving to the event. Check-in this year will begin at **11:15 a.m.** The opening band VOTA will be on stage at 11:30 a.m. and dinner will be at 3:15 p.m.

We spend more than \$25 per person to put together this event. However, if the money keeps you from being able to register some teens, or if you have specific teens who cannot afford the \$25, then please do not hesitate to call the Office of Youth Ministry and we can work something out. We would never want money to be a reason that a teen misses this great day.

We have some great speakers and performers for this year including:

- **Fr. Stan Fortuna** – A nationally-known “rapping” priest from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. He is always very well received by the teens.
- **Barlow Girl/Superchick Tour** – Featuring Christian Bands Barlow Girl, Superchick and VOTA.
- **The Skit Guys** – Two hilarious Christian Comedians that use improvisational skits to inspire and teach.
- **Various Breakout sessions and Prayer opportunities**

Please be sure to pass this information to all of the high school teenagers in your parish! Don’t forget the Junior Legion of Mary, the scouts, sports leagues, the Knights Squires, Hispanic programs, High School Religious Education, or whoever else may gather in your parish.

Online you can also read about the performers, download the event poster and the release form (which is also included with this letter). See the back of this page for registration and payment information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Youth Office at (703) 841-2559.

**We look forward to seeing you at the RALLY (and don’t forget to bring your release forms!)**

# On-Line Registration Information

Registration this year will again be on-line at the Office of Youth Ministry webpage. The registration page will open on **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** and close on **Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.**

Go to [www.Arlingtondiocese.org/youth](http://www.Arlingtondiocese.org/youth). Click on the “High School RALLY” link under “Upcoming Events” on the right side of the page. On the RALLY page, you will find the online registration link. If you encounter problems, please call us at 703-841-2559.

1. If you remember your Username and Password from previous events, you can attempt to “Log in” on the top of the page. However, you can also “Lookup” your account on the bottom of the page.
2. If your name is not found, you will be asked to enter all of your information and “create a record” including a username and password.
3. Once you have entered into the system, you will be taken to a new page where you will need to type in the *authentication code*: **Bosco**. (This assures that only people we have invited can register for the event)
4. Once on the registration page, select the name of parish/school that will be responsible for payment. We will send the invoice to your attention at the listed parish **AFTER** the event.
5. Enter the names of all youth and adult attendees.  
Please enter names as they should appear on their name tags that we provide! Next to their name, please provide their shirt size (S, M, L, XL).
6. When finished, click at the bottom of the page “click here to log off”. You are done!
7. Through October 14<sup>th</sup>, you can log back into the registration page to add/delete or otherwise change your registration information. For any changes AFTER October 14<sup>th</sup>, please call the Youth Ministry office at (703) 841-2559.

Once you have registered, simply bring your list of participants with you when you check-in on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. *(Make sure that each youth participant has a completed and signed permission slip)*

8. At the event, the (youth leader) will check in at registration, collect all name tags for his/her group and obtain a pager. The Office of Youth Ministry will send an invoice **after** RALLY for payment.

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## Some helpful tips for presenting **RALLY** to the Hispanic Community:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Announce</b> the event at the end of each Spanish Mass. Even more effective is having <b>the priest</b> make the announcement.</li><li>2. <b>Meet</b> the parents and teens after Mass. <b>Personally invite</b> teens.</li><li>3. <b>Personally listen</b> to the questions and concerns of the parents.</li><li>4. <b>Reassure</b> parents and <b>encourage</b> teens to try something new.</li><li>5. <b>Make phone calls</b> leading up to the event to once again listen, reassure, and encourage.</li></ol> |
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