

RALLY '09 INFORMATION

Dear Director of Religious Education,

I am sending this information to you about our upcoming High-School RALLY because you may work with teens who would benefit from this great youth event. Please contact me if you have any questions.

God Bless,



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RALLY is our largest gathering of Catholic young people every year! This event is a celebration of our Catholic faith and love of the Lord. This year we are hoping for 1000 high schoolers to gather for over 8 hours of music, prayer, inspirational speakers, and Sunday Mass. We are once again having breakout sessions (see attached page), various prayer opportunities, confessions, and will have inflatable games present (weather permitting).

This year's RALLY will be held on:

SUNDAY, October 18th 2009
Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington, VA.
Registration will at 11:15 a.m. and the day will finish by 8:00 pm.
\$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 me and we can work something out. I 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**

On our website (www.Arlingtondiocese.org/youth) you can also read about the performers, download the event poster, and download the release form (which is also included with this letter). See the back of this page for registration and payment information.

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 21st** and close on **Wednesday, October 14th at 4:30 p.m.**

Go to 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 14th, you can log back into the registration page to add/delete or otherwise change your registration information. For any changes **AFTER** October 14th, 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 18th. (*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.