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DIOCESAN YOUTH CONGRESS 2014

FEATURING
AN INTERACTIVE
SERVICE PROJECT
from Catholic
Relief Services'
Helping Hands



KNOW LOVE SERVE

BEGIN
HOLY WEEK
AND
EASTER
BY
DISCOVERING
HOW
TO
BRING
FAITH ALIVE!

**ONLY
\$20
PER PERSON**

Join hundreds of Catholic youth & their leaders for a day-long faith and service event.

DATE:

Sunday, April 13, 2014

TIME:

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION:

The Church of the Incarnation
240 Main Street,
Mantua, NJ 08051



Special Features for 2014!

Helping Hands by Catholic Relief Services

Helping Hands is a unique hands-on volunteer event founded on Matthew 25:35 and the Catholic call to social justice. Developed by CRS and Stop Hunger Now, Helping Hands is a meal-packaging program that is fun for adults and children. Volunteers come together to package nutritious meals for people in developing countries who are suffering from food shortages and famine.

Stop Hunger Now provides the materials, sets up, and teaches volunteers how to assemble the meals. CRS educates the group about the people they are helping and ships the meals to our partners overseas, who then distribute them to centers for young girls, orphanages, and others in need.



A Full Day of Service, Friends and Fun!

- 1:00 PM *Registration Begins*
- 1:30 PM *Welcome & Opening Prayer*

- 2:00 PM *Mega Session 1*
- 3:15 PM *Break*
- 3:30 PM *Mega Session 2*
- 4:45 PM *Break*
- 5:00 PM *Mass*
- 6:30 PM *Dinner*
- 7:15 PM *Blessing*



What are people saying? Quotes from teens last year:

- “This brought me closer to God.”
- “I felt like part of something bigger.”

Directions to event

The Church of the Incarnation
240 Main Street
Mantua, NJ 08051

From Camden, Philadelphia and Points North:

Take 295 South to Exit 24A (Rt. 45 South, Woodbury)
Drive 5 miles to a jug handle that will put you onto Main Street/CR 553A
The Church of the Incarnation is on the right.

From Points East:

Take the Atlantic City Expressway West to Exit 44 (Rt. 168 North/Sicklerville/Blackwood)
Immediately take Exit 7 (Sicklerville, keep right to Rt. 168/Blackwood; Sicklerville Road becomes Turnersville Road)
Drive 2 miles to Barnesboro-Blackwood Road. Turn left.
Immediately turn slight right to stay on Barnesboro-Blackwood Road (also known as Blackwood-Barnesboro Road)
Drive 1 mile, then turn right onto Egg Harbor Road
Immediately after the traffic light, turn left onto a connecting road
Turn right onto Blackwood Barnesboro Road (Blackwood-Barnesboro Road becomes Center Street)
Drive 2 miles. Turn right at the light at Mantua Blvd.
Drive 2 miles to Summit Avenue. Turn LEFT.
Turn RIGHT onto Main Street.
The Church of the Incarnation is on the LEFT.

From Points South:

Take Delsea Drive/ Rt. 47 North to Rt. 55 North
Take Exit 53 (Wenonah/CR 553 North) to the first left turn, Mantua Blvd.
Drive 2.5 miles to Summit Avenue. Turn LEFT.
Turn RIGHT onto Main Street.
The Church of the Incarnation is on the LEFT.

Diocesan Youth Congress

Answers to the Most-Frequently-Asked-Questions!

<p>What is the Diocesan Youth Congress?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>The Youth Congress</i> is an exciting, one-day experience of prayer, service, learning, community and evangelization for Catholic teenagers (grades 8-12) and their adult chaperones. ◆ The schedule includes liturgy, prayer, mega learning sessions and a large group service experience. Dinner is included.
<p>Why attend <i>DYC 2014 Know, Love, Serve?</i></p>	<p>Youth and adult participants attend <i>Youth Congress</i> so they can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Celebrate parish youth ministry programming with renewed energy. ◆ Learn, pray and serve together as church. ◆ Make new friends from around the diocese. ◆ Strengthen their parish youth ministry program. ◆ Re-connect with experiences such as the previous Diocesan Youth Congress and other youth ministry events and build momentum and energy. ◆ Celebrate the gifts that young people bring to our parishes, the church and the world. ◆ Recommit themselves to serving God and the church, putting their lamps on a stand to brighten the world.
<p>What will the mega sessions talk about?</p>	<p>The sessions are designed to enhance the personal and spiritual growth. These sessions also model for youth and adults activities that can happen in their parish youth ministry programs.</p>
<p>What's offered for leaders?</p>	<p>One of the special features of <i>Youth Congress</i> is <i>the opportunity to minister with your young people! Work together as a team and discuss the impact of the day with them.</i></p>
<p>How many adults should attend?</p>	<p>Please register <u>at least two adults for every ten youth</u> registered. <i>Remember to invite the adults on your Youth Ministry Leadership Team for an exciting day!</i></p>
<p>How can I register?</p>	<p>Young people should consult with their Parish Group Leader to register. The Parish Group Leader should note the Registration Policies below.</p>

REGISTRATION POLICIES

- ◆ **Registration Deadline is Friday, April 4, 2014.** Late registrations (after April 4, 2014) will only be accepted if space is available. To register, the Parish Group Leader must submit:
 - ◆ The completed and signed Registration Form
 - ◆ A Permission Slip (with original signatures) for each youth attending (**No Faxes**)
 - ◆ **ONE CHECK PER PARISH** for the entire amount (payable to "Diocese of Camden")
- ◆ **Refunds** (less \$5.00) will be given if **written notice of cancellation** is received by Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries **by 4:00 PM on Monday, April 7, 2014.** No refunds will be given for cancellations after that day. Refunds will be processed after the event and mailed to the parish.
- ◆ **Substitutions** may be made until Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at no charge. After April 9, there will be a \$5.00 charge for each substitution. All substitution requests must be made in writing.
- ◆ **PERMISSION SLIPS:** The Parish Group Leader is responsible for submitting a completed and signed Permission Slip to Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministries for each young person attending *Diocesan Youth Congress*. Only original signatures can be accepted – **no photocopies or faxes.** Parish Group Leaders should make a photocopy of each permission slip for themselves before submitting them to Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministries.

Contact Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministries (856-583-6122 or gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org) with any questions regarding the *Diocesan Youth Congress* registration!

Special Guest Speaker

Thomas Awiapo

Orphaned before the age of ten, Thomas survived bleak poverty and hunger in his small African village. His search for food led him to elementary school, where he eventually won scholarships to attend college. He later earned a master's degree from California State University.

Today, Thomas works for **Catholic Relief Services** training community leaders throughout Ghana, where he lives with his wife and four children.

Thomas' story of initiative and his joyful presence have inspired thousands of people in the U.S.



Special Guest Speaker

David Bisoño

David is currently the Hispanic Youth Coordinator of the Charismatic Renewal and director and founder of *Jovenes de Valor* and *Radio Clamor* in Brooklyn, NY. David resides in Brooklyn with his wife and two kids. He will be sharing a 30 minute inspirational session and challenging youth and their leaders to lead lives as committed disciples of Jesus.



Sample Bulletin Announcement

Know, Love, Serve! Teens in grades 8 – 12 are invited to the Diocesan Youth Congress on Sunday, April 13, 2014, at The Church of the Incarnation in Mantua. This day-long event provides teens with a chance to make new friends, explore their faith through service and connect more deeply with God. The schedule includes a dynamic service event, inspiring prayer, and speakers. Contact your parish's youth minister or pastor for more information or visit Youth Ministries at www.camdendiocese.org for more information. Begin Holy Week and Easter by discovering how to bring faith alive!

Sample Prayers of the Faithful

For the young people participating in the Diocesan Youth Congress and all young people of the Diocese of Camden, that the Holy Spirit may guide and bless their lives as they seek to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ and grow as his disciples. We pray to the Lord.

For the teens of our parish participating in the Diocesan Youth Congress, that they may be strengthened to grow and understand their call as disciples of the Lord Jesus. We pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to inspire, guide and lead the young church of Camden. We pray to the Lord.