

# Welcome to Convention 2012!



This year's theme is Apps for Life: Faith, Hope and Love. We are excited to continue the long tradition of Youth Convention. This packet is designed to help you and your youth have a spiritually rewarding, and logistically manageable weekend.

**Please review the entire packet, as many things have changed slightly including many of the necessary forms.**

# Some new things for 2012:

## 1. Convention Website

This year Convention has launched a new website, specific to this year's theme and needs. Visit <http://convention.seattleooyam.org> for this website. We have included several new items designed to help you manage Convention more easily. As with all new things, there may be a few kinks. Please let us know if you experience them, so we can improve them for next year. Some of these new features include:

Areas especially for parents, priests, youth and you as the group leader.

Downloadable calendars for deadlines and reminders

Theme song and other resources to help your youth prepare

## 2. Save the Date Cards:

This year, you are being sent Save the Date cards in August. Our hope is you can send these to the youth in your parish, not just to get them excited about Youth Convention, but also to invite them to your youth group. We sent you 30% more cards than the number of youth you brought last year, so you can send them to all your youth and perhaps invite them to your first youth gathering of the year using that same card. More information is available on the website and in this packet.

## 3. Saturday Night

There have been some changes to Saturday night activities for youth. This year youth groups, parish clusters, and deaneries are being given the option to host various Saturday Night activities. Each activity will need to be hosted in order to run, so please review this information and see which activity if any your parish will like to help host.

## 4. Schedule

As we continue to fine-tune the schedule, please pay attention to some significant changes for this year, differing from the previous two years.

## 5. Award

This year we will be including a slide show with the award presentation. For this, we would like you to submit a picture of your youth doing service for the Diakonia Award. Please submit these electronically by October 22<sup>nd</sup> to [ooyam@seattlearch.org](mailto:ooyam@seattlearch.org).

## 6. Permission Forms/ Other Forms

Some of these forms have been updated by Catholic Mutual. Please visit [convention.seattleooyam.org](http://convention.seattleooyam.org) to print these forms directly. The forms are no longer in this packet, but instead simply a list of those forms you will need to collect, which we recommend you download and print specifically for your parish.

## Deadlines and Timelines

### By Date

Deadline	Item	Submit to
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Registration Opens	Online
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Youth keynote videos submitted	Bridget Harris
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	New event submissions for Saturday night	
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Supplies list due for Saturday night	
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Leadership Form	Caitlin Chodzko
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Award Deadline	Bridget Harris
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Estimated Housing Needs submitted	Caitlin Chodzko
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Keynote practice day	N/A
October 22 <sup>nd</sup> 5:00 pm	T-shirt/ Initial Registration Deadline	Online
October 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Award Pictures due	oyyam@seattlearch.org
October 31 <sup>st</sup> midnight	Online Registration Deadline	Online
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	<b>*Other Parish Forms</b>	
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October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Estimated Housing Needs submitted	Caitlin Chodzko

# Convention Checklist for Convention Coordinators:

## Step One: Send in Parish Leadership Form

- [ ] Send in parish leadership form **as soon as possible**, especially if you have housing needs, would like to help with Convention this year or plan on attending a Pre-FUNc. Please register by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Special accommodations may not be available if requested past this date.

## Step Two: Get People Involved

- [ ] Make a point of inviting and involving those who may have been missed or overlooked in your ministry. Please feel free to use the Save the Date cards provided to invite youth to participate.
- [ ] Nominate members of your group for one of the various awards available and return information to the Archdiocese by October 15th.
- [ ] Recruit and choose your chaperones (one for every seven youth).
- [ ] Ensure all chaperones are currently compliant with Safe Environment. (See instruction below)
- [ ] Prepare a parish banner (Banners will be presented during the opening session of Convention).
- [ ] Select how your parish would like to be involved in liturgy, hosting a Saturday night event, attending or hosting a preFUNction.
- [ ] Make sure everyone has registration information. Register online at <http://convention.seattleooyam.org>. Here youth can select workshops etc.

## Step Three: Make Plans

- [ ] Plan for your group's housing needs. (Call Caitlin Chodzko at 206-274-3129 if you need assistance.)
- [ ] Make transportation arrangements (see enclosed policy).
- [ ] Make arrangements through Catholic Mutual for Certificate of Insurance for busses or rentals by calling 206-382-3494.

NOTE! This should be done early so that certificates can be received in time for your group!

- [ ] Decide where your group will have their meals. Bellevue College (BC) will have cafeteria food service available on Saturday. You may also bring your own sack lunch or eat at one of the many restaurants around BC).
- [ ] Plan a meeting with your chaperones to discuss guidelines, ways you will address problems, and encourage participation so it will be a pleasant and rewarding experience for all. **Please distribute and discuss the issues listed in the Chaperone Guidelines.**

## Step Four: Parish and Regional Gathering

- [ ] Distribute Youth Convention registration information.
- [ ] Review your online registration list; enter all registration and scholarship forms, making sure each person has indicated the T-shirt size.

## Step Five: Register for the Convention

- [ ] Collect all money from youth and chaperones before leaving for Convention.
- [ ] Make sure that each form has the appropriate signatures.
- [ ] Send one check payable to "OYYAM" (Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry) to Youth Convention 710 9th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104
- [ ] Distribute written consent forms and code of behavior to each participant. Keep these forms for your chaperones while at Convention. Do not send forms back to the Archdiocese of Seattle.
- [ ] Collect Photo release forms

## Step Six: Prepare for Departure

- [ ] Distribute driver forms and be sure to check insurance minimums on policies.
- [ ] Collect all forms prior to Convention.
- [ ] Meet with your group to go over the code of behavior.

# 2012 Basic Convention Information

## Who is invited?

Convention is open to all youth in 9th-12th grade. Adults who work as chaperones must also register in order to participate. It is important for those adults who work with your parish program to attend with their youth. Youth must be chaperoned in a ratio of 1 adult to 7 youth at all times.

## How do I sign up my group?

Visit the online registration site and register your group, or have your youth register themselves directly online. Parishes will still be billed for all youth from your parish. You will be able to see those registered from your parish at anytime by viewing a parish specific link that we will provide you with.

## How much does it cost?

PRICING AND T-SHIRT AVAILABILITY ARE BASED ON THE DATE REGISTRATIONS ARE CONFIRMED ONLINE

Registration Deadline **5:00 PM October 22**: \$70.00/person (T-shirts are guaranteed only to this date)

Late Registration 5:01 PM October 22 – **October 31**: \$80.00/ person (t-shirts are not guaranteed but may still be available on a first come first serve basis)

Last-minute Registrations received **after midnight on October 31**: \$90.00/ person (will not get a t-shirt)

## Patron Saint

St. Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1656, a Native American daughter of a Mohawk father and Catholic Algonquin mother. When her parents died of a small-pox outbreak when she was only four years old, Tekakwitha was left with a disfigured face and fragile health. Missionaries came to her village when she was eighteen and she was able to learn more about Jesus Christ. When she was baptized she received the name Kateri, which is translated Catherine. When her village continued to reject her conversion, she had to flee to the Catholic mission near Montreal. There she received her first Holy Communion and took a vow of perpetual virginity.

She loved to pray in the outdoors, often making crosses out of sticks and setting up prayer chapels in the woods. She would kneel and pray for hours, even in the snow, so great was her devotion to Jesus Christ. She would spend long hours in the chapel with the Blessed Sacrament and attended mass at sunrise and sunset. Even though she was unable to read or write, she became intimately familiar with the stories of Jesus and was a beloved storyteller for the children. Many could see the presence of God in her, especially when she was praying. Kateri's motto was, "Who can tell me what is most pleasing to God that I may do it?" She lived this out by her continued service to the children, the poor, and the sick in her community.

She promised many of her friends that she would be praying for them in heaven. She eventually died at the young age of 24 due to her deteriorating health. A few apparitions and many healings have been attributed to St. Kateri since her passing, and even a few miracles. The Vatican has now recognized two major miracles due to St. Kateri's intercession. The second of which was in 2011 when one of this year's youth keynotes and his family prayed to Bl. Kateri and he made a miraculous recovery. As of October 21, 2012 we are able to call her Saint Kateri Tekakwitha.

## Additional Information

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/14471a.htm>

[http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint\\_id=154](http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=154)

<http://conservation.catholic.org/kateri.htm>

<http://www.katerishrine.com/kateri.html>

## Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be available throughout the day on Saturday. Priests will be available all day for participants to receive the Sacrament. Saturday evening will not have as many priests available as earlier in the day, so please encourage your teens to attend early.

Passes will be distributed to each participant wishing to go to reconciliation. These passes will be good only for a specific period of time, and the bulk will be given out for Saturday afternoon. Please encourage your youth to request a pass early in the day.

## AWARDS

The following awards will be presented during Convention:

**Companions on the Journey:** This award recognizes adults who contribute their talents in outstanding ministry consistently over a period of six years or more. Nominated adults should demonstrate:

- Excellence in youth ministry as reflected in *Renewing the Vision*
- Commitment to on-going education and formation
- Longevity in ministry (6 or more years)
- Commitment to young people
- Outstanding leadership at the local and/or diocesan level

**Diakonia:** Presented to parishes, high schools, or ministries whose youth have:

- Responded to the Gospel call to service as seen in Matthew 25:35-40
- Responded in Christian charity to the needs of the world or our local community
- Contributed an outstanding service to their greater community

**Saint Timothy Award:** Recognition for the Archdiocese to confer to a senior high school youth who:

- Lives as a disciple of Christ, setting a positive example for other youth
- Witnesses to their faith by exhibiting Catholic morals and integrity
- Demonstrates Gospel values through service to others
- Exhibits Christian leadership in parish, school, and/or community settings
- In addition to the St Timothy Award, two young people from this group will be selected to receive \$500 to the college of their choice.

**(Nomination forms and instructions are included in this packet).**

## Schedule

### SATURDAY

8:00 AM	Registration
8:30 AM	Doors Open
9:00 AM	General Session I
10:15 AM	Prayer Experience I
11:30 AM	Workshop I
12:30 PM	Lunch Break
1:45 PM	General Session II
3:00 PM	Prayer Experience II
4:15 PM	Workshop II
5:00 PM	Dinner Break
7:00 PM	General Session III

8:00 PM	Saturday Night Entertainment
10:00 PM	End of the Night

### SUNDAY

8:00 AM	Doors Open
8:30 AM	General Session IV
9:45 AM	Workshop III
11:00 AM	Closing Liturgy w/ Archbishop Sartain
12:30 PM	Commissioning

# Get Involved

## Lead Prayer

Sign your Group up to lead a 5-minute prayer for Convention. Each year, the youth-led prayers are an amazing experience of Convention. Youth have led some of the most memorable and impactful prayers at Convention, and we would like you to consider this opportunity.

## Participate in Mass

For mass we need many people to volunteer for various roles. Please consider signing up your group for any of these roles or for any additional volunteer opportunities. More information on possible places to lead prayer or ways to participate in mass can be found in the parish leadership form below.

## Host a Saturday Night Event

This year, each event for Saturday night will be hosted by a parish, deanery or vendor. In order to host an event you need to:

- Select a room you would like to host from the list below, or submit another event for approval by October 1st
- Create a supplies list and submit it by October 15<sup>th</sup>. If OYYAM can provide the supplies, we will let you know by October 15th. If not, we will ask you find them in your parish or go without them.
  - If more than one parish is sponsoring the same room this is much easier
- Arrange for your Chaperones to be in the room for the evening providing consistent adult presence.

Events which need to be hosted are:

- Karaoke
- Board Games
- Video Games
- Movie
- Other suggestions

## Get a Youth Keynote

Recruit a youth from your parish to apply to be a youth keynote for Convention. Deadline for youth keynote submissions is October 1<sup>st</sup> so get started early. Find more information below.

# Other Details

## Banners

Each parish is encouraged to make a banner for Convention. This is an excellent opportunity for Convention participants to reflect on the theme for the weekend and design a banner depicting their thoughts and interpretation. BANNERS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 6 FEET IN HEIGHT OR 3.5 FEET IN WIDTH. However you can be very creative within these limits. There will be a procession of banners on Saturday morning before opening session. If you want your banner to be on display during Convention, please bring a pole and stand. Label your equipment so that misplaced stands and poles can be claimed after Convention. Please indicate on your leader form if you intend to participate in the banner procession.

## CHAPERONES

Each group will need one adult (over 21 years of age) for every seven youth at Convention. Chaperones pay the same price as the youth, and there are separate workshops set up for adults. Chaperone guidelines are included in this packet.

## **CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

For those who need a certificate of insurance for the rental of a bus or property requiring proof of insurance by the institution of the Archdiocese, certificates can be arranged through Catholic Mutual at 206-382-3494. It is important that your request for certificates of insurance be made at least 3 weeks before Convention in order to assure that the certificate gets to you in time.

## **HOUSING**

The Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYYAM) will help facilitate sleeping arrangements in parishes and churches surrounding Bellevue College. If you require housing, please return your Parish Leadership Form requesting housing by October 15. Please feel free to explore options for hotels in the Bellevue area. NOTE: Housing for those OUTSIDE Snohomish, Pierce, and King Counties will have priority over those who are in the vicinity.

## **FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:**

The Archdiocese of Seattle has funds available to assist participants who meet the following criteria: Participants must be actively involved in parish, faith community or school faith formation programs. The participant will be given a scholarship up to 1/3 of the cost of the regular registration rate. The amount of the scholarship will be based on family size and adjusted gross income. We encourage the parish to match what we are able to provide. Scholarships will be awarded to cover the cost of the on-time registration fee only. No scholarships are offered to cover the cost of meals, lodging or transportation. Call Bridget Harris at 206-274-3175 to arrange for financial aid for participants.

## **T-SHIRTS:**

The registration fee includes the cost of a T-Shirt for each participant for registrations received by October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Participants and groups registering after 5:00 pm on October 22<sup>nd</sup> will NOT be guaranteed a t-shirt. Registrations received after midnight on October 31<sup>st</sup> will not receive a t-shirt at all. T-Shirts will be distributed with registration materials at Bellevue College or at the Convention Pre-FUNc. Be sure each participant marks his/her T-shirt size on the registration form. If no size is indicated the person will receive an adult Large

## **PARKING:**

Parking is available free of charge at Bellevue College.

## **MEALS:**

Bellevue College will offer a buffet on Saturday for lunch and dinner by presale only. Groups who chose to buy meal tickets for on-campus dining should contact Caitlin Chodzko for more information at 206.274-3129. Although we anticipate pricing to be similar to last year, we will not have final pricing until mid-October. Groups who wish to bring sack lunches will be able to stay in the Cafeteria to eat.

## **Pre-FUNc:**

Those participating in a Pre-FUNc will have an opportunity to start the Convention experience early. All registered Convention-goers are invited to participate in the free, optional pre-function on the Friday evening prior to Convention. Leaders can pick-up their group's registration materials early and walk right into Convention on Saturday morning.

Pre-FUNctions are events hosted by local parishes designed for youth to gather in prayer, praise and fellowship in larger groups prior to Saturday morning. These events are functional for both the community building aspects as well as the logistical ease of having everyone already onsite before Saturday morning.



If you would like to host a Pre-FUNc, we will be accepting new pre-Func sites this year. The expectations are to provide a place to sleep for your youth and those attending. OYYAM will contribute for some snacks (this is a limited budget) and provide logistical details associated with your parish. Please contact Caitlin Chodzko for more information.

### **Pre-FUNc Registration:**

Pre-Registration for the Pre-FUNc is required. Sign up for the Pre-FUNc on the Parish Leadership Form or the Convention registration form. The chaperone to participant ratio of one adult per every seven students still applies. Only groups will be allowed entrance into the Pre-FUNc, no individuals. After registering and shortly before Convention, you will receive location and directions to your designated Pre-FUNc.

### **Saturday Night Activities:**

*Gym:* A DJ to provide music for dancing (appropriate dress and dancing required), Inflatable Games, Other Entertainment

*Other Buildings:* Game Room, prayer spaces and karaoke

## **Forms to Distribute and Collect**

All of these forms can be downloaded at: <http://convention.seattleoyyam.org>.

### **For Youth Participants**

Parent/ Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver (revised in 2012)

Guidelines for Youth Participants at Youth Events

Photo/Video release form (additional form from previous years)

Each of these should be retained by the parish and be kept by the group leader in case need arise during the event.

### **For Adults/ Chaperones**

Adult Liability Waiver (New in 2012)

Code of Conduct for Adults at Youth Events

Photo/Video release form (additional form from previous years)

### **Forms for Drivers/ Group Leaders**

Volunteer Driver Form (Revised 2012)

Transportation Policy (ensure group leader and driver know this policy)

Incident Investigation report for injuries (we recommend each group carry 2-3 of these with them)

# Parish Leadership Information Form

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ Evening (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Housing Request:

Will you attend the PreFUNc?                      qYes                      No  
Do you need housing on:                      Friday Night                      Saturday Night  
For how many:                      \_\_\_\_\_ Adults                      \_\_\_\_\_ Youth

**Will you be participating in the banner procession?** Yes                      No

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Ushers:** Involves one or two meetings before Convention and working during the Convention (Ushers are free to attend all sessions.) Interested people should contact us at 206-274-3175 by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> (18 and older only, please.) Registration fees are waived for ushers.

## General Volunteers

During Convention weekend, we need several groups, as well as many individuals, to keep things running smoothly. These tasks range from furniture and equipment setup and take down, to registration center staffing. If your group can come early or stay late, please check the appropriate boxes.

My group is available to help:

*Before and After:*    q Set Up                      q Take Down  
*During:*            q Registration            q Liturgy            q Ushers            Stage Crew  
                          q Videographer  
*On Stage:*        q Prayer                      Skits

*Saturday Evening:* My Group would like to host: q Karaoke, q Board Games, q Video Games, q Movie,  
q Write-in\* \_\_\_\_\_ (\*All write-ins must be pre-approved by OYYAM)

## Special Needs

**Please let us know if anyone in your group will need the following:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility for wheelchair, walker,<br>or other mobility aids.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpreter for languages other than English |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistance for developmental disability<br>or learning disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpreter for deaf participants            |

Return information form to:

Return by October 15<sup>th</sup>

**OYYAM**

**Youth Convention**

**710 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**Seattle WA 98104**

**FAX: 206-903-4627**

# Youth Keynotes

**Apps for Life: Faith, Hope and Love** The theme for the 2012 High School Youth Convention speaks of the virtues as the apps for life. Throughout the weekend we will reflect on the transformative power of Jesus Christ's Love, our faith in Him and the hope of Christians. As a youth keynote, your job is to share a brief, three- to five-minute testimony on how you have experienced one of these virtues. To get you started, take a look at the following list of questions. Your keynote should try to answer one of these questions.

Tell us a story about...

- ...a time when you realized Christ's love for you.
- ...a time in your life when your faith was strengthened or renewed
- ...when you might have found Christian Hope in your life.
- ...you learned how faith, hope or love can transform your life
- ...how our culture defines *hope and love* and how you have experienced it.
- ...how you discovered *God's love in your life* and how it changed you.
- ...what you *want* versus what you *ultimately hope for*.
- ...how *your love for Christ* matches up with *God's love for you*.
- ...when you experienced *transformation* in Christ.
- ...how you responded to your *transformation* in Christ.
- ...how you seek *truth* in your walk with Christ.
- ...what it means to seek *God's plan* for your life.
- ...a time you experienced deep *praise and thanksgiving* to God and how you responded to that experience.

Once you figure out which question you want to answer, PRAY. Ask God to give you the right words to convey your message. Then brainstorm, write a speech with 2-3 key points, and practice, practice, practice. Practice in front of the mirror. Practice with family and friends. Practice in your bedroom. Time yourself to make sure you are between three to five minutes. Put something to simulate a microphone in your hand. Eliminate verbal fillers (umm, uhh, like, ya know), and replace them with silent pauses to create transition and make an emotional impact. Remember that you don't have to be perfect – just be YOU and tell YOUR story.

If you are selected to be a youth keynote speaker, a practice day will be planned with the other youth giving speeches. Each will have a chance to give their speech and receive constructive feedback.

If you have questions, contact Bridget Harris at 206.382.4562 or [Bridget.harris@seattlearch.org](mailto:Bridget.harris@seattlearch.org).

## Giving a Witness Talk (contributed by David Charboneau)

"Therefore, that I might not become too elated, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me."  
2 Corinthians 12:7-9

### What is a Witness?

A Witness is a short recount of how God has moved in your life. The purpose of a witness talk is to inspire and encourage, leading people into a deeper relationship with Christ.

### Tips for a Witness:

**Christocentric:** even though you are telling your story, you are really speaking about Christ. It takes great humility to give a good talk. Remember: it is not about making yourself look good or making yourself look bad—it's not about you at all!

**Concise:** a good witness is short and to the point. Don't get bogged down with details; only tell those that move the story along. If your talk is too long, it will lose its impact.

**Avoid scandal:** Many good conversion stories involve rising from the depths of sin to a life in Christ. All Christians struggle with sin. No Christians need to hear the gory details of your pre-conversion drug abuse or sex life. Such details can actually lead others to sin. At the same time, people need to know that they are not alone with their struggles and that others have overcome what they are going through. The key here is *balance*. Speak about things that are applicable in general terms. This can be tricky and involves discernment. **Your youth minister should always know what you are going to share before you share it.**

**Honesty:** Don't make things up to make your story sound better. People can generally see right through a lie or an exaggeration, and will discount anything you have to say. God is amazing, and if you are focusing on Christ, you shouldn't need to make stuff up anyway.

**Connect:** your talk should connect to your listeners in a meaningful way. It should also tie in to the other talks, lessons, etc. A good witness is tailored to the audience and the situation.

#### How to give a Witness Talk:

Find out what the parameters: What is the time frame? What is the topic? What else is going on that night or at that retreat?

Pray about what God wants you to say. Ask for the Holy Spirit to assist you in your preparation and speaking

Write it down. This will help you keep on topic and finish on time (most people speak about 160 words a minute: a typed, double-spaced page is about 3 minutes).

Share your talk with the youth minister or another core member. Ask them to give you some criticism so you can fine-tune your talk.

Rehearse your talk several times—especially if you are not used to public speaking.

Right before you give your talk, pray.

**So, do you feel called to give a talk at Youth Convention 2012?** We can't wait to hear what you have to say! However, we have a few steps for you to follow in order to get yourself onto the stage:

1. After you practice, find a way to record yourself giving your talk. Make sure you state your name and parish before you begin! Don't worry about perfection because we will spend time with you before you go on stage. We just want to hear your story.
2. Send a link to your video online to [bridget.harris@seattlearch.org](mailto:bridget.harris@seattlearch.org) or mail in a DVD to Convention Youth Keynote, 710 Ninth Ave, Seattle, WA 98104. Please include your name, phone, email, parish, and youth leader's name. Your video must be turned in by **September 28<sup>th</sup>**!
3. Have patience and trust. We are only able to have a few youth speakers during our convention each year. Our team will be sure to prayerfully make our decision and let you know by **October 5<sup>th</sup>**.
4. If you are chosen, you will be invited to a practice day on **October 20<sup>th</sup>**. You will have an opportunity to practice your speech with our planning team as well as the other youth keynotes. Please make sure you are available on this date before you apply! If there is a conflict and you would still like to apply, please get in contact with us.
5. Come to Youth Convention on **November 2nd and 3rd**! We are excited to share in this experience with you!

# Diakonia Award

“Then the righteous will ask, ‘Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, what ever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

Matthew 25:37-40

The Diakonia Award will be presented to any parish, faith community or Catholic high school youth group or organization whose youth provide an outstanding service in response to the Gospel message within their parish or community. The award will recognize only one service from each parish, faith community or school, but will honor more than one parish, faith community or school.

## NOMINATION INFORMATION

1. Any group of youth who have performed a service as described above is eligible.
2. Choose the most outstanding service project your group did and submit it.
3. Submit only one project.
4. Nominations must be submitted in the form of a typed letter and must include the name, phone #, and address of a parish, faith community/school contact person.
5. All nominations must be approved by the Youth Board, Youth Minister, Parish Priest, or Campus Minister.
6. There is a \$20.00 nomination fee. Checks may be made payable to “OYYAM.” Please attach to the typed letter of nomination. Nominations without fee will not be considered.

The awards will be presented at the Archdiocesan Youth Convention at Bellevue College.

All letters concerning nominations must be sent to:

Diakonia Award  
Archdiocese of Seattle/OYYAM  
710 9<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Seattle, WA 98104

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:** Postmarked by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Nominations submitted after October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 will not be awarded at Convention.

This award does not need an application form - only a typed letter of nomination accompanied by the \$20.00 nomination fee.

# St Timothy Award

On the occasion of the Archdiocesan Convention of Catholic Youth, the Archdiocesan "St. Timothy Award will be presented to outstanding youth from throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle.

In addition to this award, two young people from this group will also each receive a scholarship of \$500 to the school of their choice.

The **requirements** are as follows:

1. The candidate must be a senior in high school.
2. Lives as a disciple of Christ, setting a positive example for other youth
3. Witnesses to their faith by exhibiting Catholic morals and integrity
4. Demonstrates Gospel values through service to others
5. Exhibits Christian leadership in parish, school, and/or community settings

To submit an **application**, a parish, faith community should:

1. Submit the enclosed application form. **ONLY** this form should be used. Each parish, faith community may propose **ONE** outstanding youth for this award.
2. **THE APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE \$20 FEE.** Applications received without the fee will not be considered. Checks may be made payable to "OYYAM."
3. Your nomination must be postmarked by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Any applications received after that date will not be awarded at the Convention.
4. In addition to the application form, the candidate should write a statement about him/herself on a separate sheet of paper.
5. Each nomination must be accompanied by the written endorsement of the nominee's parish, faith community, Director for Youth Ministry or other parish, faith community leader and must be signed with comment by the Parish Priest or Pastoral Coordinator.
6. Letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, members of the parish, etc. may also be submitted (please **DO NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN TWO** additional letters of recommendation).

Final decisions will be made by a panel of judges. Each candidate will be contacted regarding an appointment for an interview. Those who cannot appear in person will be interviewed by telephone. Please be sure to notify us if your candidate cannot appear in person before the panel.

For questions regarding this process, please call Bridget Harris at 206-274-3175.

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION FORM, LETTERS, AND FEE TO:

St Timothy Award  
Archdiocese of Seattle - OYYAM  
710 9<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Seattle, WA 98104

# Application Form

## St Timothy Award 2012

1. Please PRINT or TYPE.
2. Nominations must be submitted on this form by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
3. Each nomination must include a 1-page statement from the candidate.
4. Each nomination must include a written endorsement from the nominee's parish youth minister and be signed with comment by the parish priest.
5. Nominations must be accompanied by the \$20.00 fee.
6. Each nominee must be a senior in high school.
7. A maximum of 2 letters of recommendation may be submitted from teachers, employers, parish members, etc.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: day (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ evening (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ROLE OR TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### ACTIVITIES IN YOUTH PROGRAMS:

*PARISH (youth activities as well as liturgical or social activities)*

*DEANERY and/or ARCHDIOCESAN ACTIVITIES*

*SCHOOL ACTIVITIES and/or OFFICES HELD*

*COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES*

### EDUCATION

[ ] high school senior

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grad. date \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

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### **PAST AWARDS AND OTHER RECOGNITION**

(List medals, certificates, plaques, scholarships, etc.)

### **EMPLOYMENT**

If currently employed, give name of employer, duties, etc.

List former employment, duties and length of service (if applicable)

### **ENDORSEMENTS**

Comment by parish youth ministry/convention coordinator:

Signature of parish youth ministry/convention coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment by Parish Priest or Pastoral Coordinator:

Signature of Parish Priest or Pastoral Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Return nomination to: St Timothy Award  
Archdiocese of Seattle/OYYAM  
710 9<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Seattle, WA 98104



# Companions on the Journey Award

**“Side by side with those who had been sent forth, there were also others, who bore spontaneous witness to the newness which had transformed their lives...”**

**Mission of the Redeemer, John Paul II**

## PURPOSE OF AWARD:

1. To encourage adults who guide and advise Catholic Youth in parish-centered or Catholic School-based youth ministry programs.
2. To recognize, from the Archdiocesan level, outstanding adults who contribute their time and talent while consistently, exhibiting:
  - Excellence in youth ministry as reflected in *Renewing the Vision*
  - Providing faithful companionship to young people as they journey toward Jesus Christ
  - An ability and desire to share their own witness to the transformation of Christ and His Church in his/her life.
  - Commitment to on-going education and formation
  - Longevity in ministry (6 or more years)
  - Commitment to young people
  - Outstanding leadership at the local and/or diocesan level

## ELIGIBILITY:

1. At least six years service in parish, faith community or Catholic School based youth ministry.
2. Recognition as a youth leader approved by the pastor, pastoral leader and/or campus minister.
3. Truly outstanding and inspiring work and leadership, significant for such recognition.

## PRESENTATION:

Presentation will be made at the Archdiocesan Youth Convention at Bellevue College.

## APPLICATION:

1. Nominations must be submitted on the attached form.
2. The Parish Priest, Pastoral Coordinator or Campus minister must endorse the nomination in writing.
3. There is a \$20.00 nomination fee. Checks may be made payable to “OYYAM.” This fee must accompany the application. Without the fee, applications will not be considered.

## DEADLINE:

Applications must be postmarked by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## SEND NOMINATIONS TO:

Companions on the Journey Award  
Archdiocese of Seattle/OYYAM  
710 9<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Seattle, WA 98104

# Application Form

## Companions on the Journey Award

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please PRINT or TYPE.
2. Nominations must be submitted on this form by October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012. No other application style will be accepted.  
Applications received after this date will not be awarded at the Convention.
3. Each nomination must be accompanied by the written endorsement of the nominee's Parish Priest.
4. Each nomination must be accompanied by the \$20.00 fee.  
Any applications received without the fee will not be considered.
5. Return the application to:  
Companions on the Journey AWARD  
Archdiocese of Seattle/OYAM  
710 9<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Seattle, WA 98104

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: day (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ evening (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ROLE OR TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

RELIGIOUS INVOLVEMENT (parish youth programs, other parish area, Campus Ministry, Archdiocesan activities) Please include dates/years of involvement and please document at least six years of involvement:

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

EMPLOYMENT (if currently employed, give name of employer, duties, etc.):

# Bellevue College Driving Directions

## From the West

Follow I-90 eastbound. Take exit 11A and follow the signs to 156th Ave. S.E. The ramp will merge you onto S. 150 St. heading North. Proceed through the first stoplight (S.E. Eastgate Way) and get in the left lane. At the second stoplight (S.E. 28th St.) turn left into BC's main entrance. Convention is in Building G (Gym).

## From the East

Take I-90 westbound to Exit 11. After exiting, follow the signs for 156th Ave. SE. At the stoplight, turn left onto Eastgate Way. Move into the right lane and turn right at 150th Ave. SE. Get in the left lane and proceed up the hill. At the stoplight (S.E. 28th St.) turn left into BC's main entrance. Convention is in building G (Gym)

