

# Jr. Youth Updates-- March 2017

## Recent Events:

**We recently attended DYC** (Diocesan Youth Conference).

It is the annual youth conference for high school teens and 8th graders hosted by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. It is a 3-day conference which includes live music, great skits, keynotes, teen witnesses, breakout sessions, Mass with our Bishop, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction, confession, cajun dancing, a talent show, games and lots of fun and great food. Each day begins and ends with prayer and there is a prayer chapel with the blessed sacrament all weekend which you can visit at any point in time.

This year's theme was "Breathe New Life."

It challenged us to "Root" our lives in faith!

A note from Mrs. T: *As an adult, I can tell you that DYC has and continues to change my life. It is a beautiful and fruitful experience.*

### **EXILE NIGHT**

This event was held at Our Lady of LaSalette in Sulphur. It was put on by The Legion of Mary of LaSalette Church. The Legion of Mary is a group of adults dedicated to praying the rosary and doing the work of our Mother. EXILE NIGHT taught us about the persecution in the Middle East. Christians need our help and prayers. **You can get involved by writing letters of faith to kids and families like yours.** All they want is to love and serve the Lord like you, but are forced to renounce their faith, and not to worship Jesus. If they do not chose to stop loving Jesus, their parents could loose their jobs, be made to leave their country with nothing, pay a special tax that is very expensive, or be killed. This persecution is happening now! Everyday there are missionaries who travel to the Middle East putting their own lives in danger to offer support for our Christian brothers and sisters. They along with those choosing to live their faith in the midst of such danger are living day martyrs for our faith. Pray for them. Pray for their strength.



## Upcoming Events:

### **ABBEY FEST: MARCH 25**

The Abbey Youth Festival is an apostolic service of Saint Joseph Abbey and Seminary College. It is designed to provide young people with an opportunity to experience a day of prayer and faith formation with an exposure to the Benedictine tradition. Its focus is evangelization and vocational discernment by means of Liturgy, prayer, worship, music and education appropriate for Catholic young people ages 13 and up!

### **Abbey Youth Festival 2017**

**"Be It Done Unto Me"**

**Saturday March 25, 2017**

**Feast of the Annunciation**

### **SAVE the date: June 12th June 16th**

Our Lady of Prompt Succor

### **Vacation Bible School**

Theme: *"Mary Leads Me Closer to Jesus"*

The church needs **YOU!**

Staff member sign up now!

You will receive a **Crew/Staff T-shirt** and enjoy **DAILY Fun** after VBS activities such as...

ICE-CREAM and ICE BREAKERS DAY

Bowling DAY

WATER SPORTS DAY

Laser TAG!!!!!!!!!!

## Meet the Staff of DOLC:

### **Mrs. Milissa Thibodeaux:**

For those of you who have not met Mrs. T, she is the DOLC youth minister. She is the one who plans and facilitates all our youth activities in the diocese. The CORE team are under her direction. She has a huge heart and loves her life vocation to work with the youth. She loves YOU!

### **Mrs. Caroline Matte:**

Mrs. Caroline is the bookkeeper of DOLC youth ministry. She receives the money to pay for our activities. She also attends and staffs all the events. She is very nice and you can ask her for help anytime.

**CORE team** members are chosen by Mrs. T. She is looking for teens at the end of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth will plan and staff all retreats and rallies for the diocese. It is a time of fun, growth, faith, friendships, and leadership.

Any teen interested should attend the **CLI retreat June 27 – July 3**

## Parent Notes:

#1 Our Wednesday munchies are in need of assistance. If any parent is willing to donate snacks for the youth house please drop them off 8am-3pm next door at to the education building. Ideas: hot dogs/buns, nachos, pizza, frozen chicken pattie/buns, chicken nuggets, mac-n-cheese... Kids also are low on Dr. Pepper, Coke, and Sprite.

#2 Please make sure you have responded to the Remind Text to insure you are receiving information.