



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**DIOCESE OF TUCSON**

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 4, 2009

Dear Pastors, Youth Ministers, High School Principals, and Advocates for Youth!

It is important to recognize the leadership development and positive contributions of our youth to Catholic parishes, high schools, and youth movements. It is often through participation that a teen will experience personal growth in faith and a richer understanding of Catholic tradition. Through parish youth ministry programs, high school Campus Ministry activities, and Catholic youth organizations/movements, teens have varied opportunities to develop leadership skills in the areas of **Catechesis and Evangelization, Community Service and Social Justice, and Prayer and Worship.**

I invite you to participate in our sixth annual diocesan **Pope John Paul II Youth Recognition Award Dinner and Celebration.** The purpose of this event is to recognize and affirm the outstanding high school youth in the Diocese of Tucson.

The awards ceremony and dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 13, 2010**, at **St. Francis de Sales Parish, 1375 S. Camino Seco** (Camino Seco/22<sup>nd</sup> St.).

**The schedule for this evening will be as follows:**

<b>6:00 – 6:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Arrival - seating</b>
<b>6:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Welcome, Opening blessing</b>
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Dinner is served</b>
<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Award ceremony</b>
<b>8:30 – 8:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Conclude</b>

In choosing award recipients, I recognize that numerous teens participate in parish youth/high school campus programming. It is helpful to keep in mind that this award is designed to recognize those **high school teens** who have made significant contributions to parish/school life by demonstrating leadership qualities and extraordinary commitment over a period of time. Choose one to three students who are preferably in their last two years of high school who have most clearly demonstrated the dedication and follow through called for in this award.

**The following categories provide the basis for selection of honorees:**

***Catechesis and Evangelization***

This category includes teens who serve in Religious Education programs as teachers and/or aides. This would also include peer leaders in a program who serve as retreat leaders, discussion group leaders, etc.

### ***Community Service and Social Justice***

This category includes teens who have shown commitment and dedication to participation in service opportunities through the parish, school, or community: soup kitchens, mission trips, food drives, etc.

### ***Prayer and Worship***

This category includes teens who share their gifts in the setting of liturgical celebrations. Active roles include Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Cantor, Choir member, Musician, Altar Server, Greeter.

It is left to the discretion of the local parish/school personnel who advocate for youth to determine the criteria for selecting honorees. **Please submit no more than three (3) names and remember that they must be high school teens.** You need not recognize someone from each category.

This is a special opportunity for your parish/school to affirm the young men and women who take on these leadership roles. We hope you will choose to participate!

**Please respond to this invitation by completing and returning the enclosed two forms:**


- **YOUTH RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS:** the youth minister or pastor must submit names of honorees no later than **FEBRUARY 26, 2010**, for inclusion in the event program and for a personalized certificate.
- **RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT:** Because of space and preparation requirements, the final number for reservations and full payment must be received from youth minister/pastor **NO LATER THAN MARCH 4, 2010.**

**Cost for this event is \$12 per person. The committee *strongly suggests* that your parish/school or organization cover the cost of your honorees. Guests of the honorees would cover their own costs. Guests may include parents, siblings, other teens from the youth program, pastoral staff members, adult youth workers, etc. *The youth minister/adult sponsor is responsible for inviting the teens and their guests, collecting any monies due, and making all reservations for their entire parish group. One check for all participants from the same parish, please.***

Since this is a semi-formal occasion, we ask that all participants be reminded of appropriate dress. For females: dress, skirt and appropriate blouse/sweater; for males: dress pants with a collared shirt.

Questions and concerns regarding the event may be directed to any of the committee members listed below. Thank you for your prayers, cooperation, and support of this event.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, D.D.  
Bishop of Tucson

### **The Youth Recognition Event Committee:**

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**JOHN PAUL II YOUTH RECOGNITION**  
**RECIPIENTS 2010**

*(to be completed by parish/school youth/campus minister or pastor)*

Parish/School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/School Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT (or TYPE) names clearly to avoid spelling errors.**

To allow time for printing of certificates and programs, please submit names by **February 26, 2010.**

**Name of Teen**  
**(Print)**

**Phonetic**  
**Pronunciation**

**Category**  
**of Award**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail/fax or e-mail this form to:**

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*(For payment instructions see enclosed reservations form)*

Return *this* form by **FEBRUARY 26, 2010**

**JOHN PAUL II YOUTH RECOGNITION 2010**

**RESERVATIONS**

*(to be completed by parish youth minister, pastor or his delegate)*

Parish/School: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, we will be participating in this event! Our total number of reservations and payment is included and indicated below.

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**PERSONS ATTENDING:**

# of youth award recipients attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

# of additional guests attending \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE NOTE: NO RESERVATIONS OR PAYMENTS CAN BE TAKEN AT THE DOOR***

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Please return this form and payment: **NO LATER THAN MARCH 4, 2010**

**\*Check payable to:**  
**Diocese of Tucson**

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*\*If possible, one check for all participants from same parish is preferred*

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