



WELCOME to JOURNEY TO THE FATHER Catholic Youth Conference

13 - 15 JULY, 2012

St. Raphael's, Ontario

WHAT IS "JOURNEY TO THE FATHER"?

An adventure in the Catholic Faith, set in a weekend conference, with great music, talks, Mass and social time for a group of 500 high school age teens from across the province and beyond.

**COME FOR A
NEW ADVENTURE!**

GREAT MUSIC!

FRIENDS & FUN!

AWESOME LITURGIES!

**ENJOY THE
JOURNEY!**

IT'S EASY TO REGISTER

- Complete the Registration/Liability Release form and have it signed by a parent or guardian. Keep pages 3 and 4 for your info.
- Include cheque or money order for **\$150.00** payable to Journey to the Father
- Register No later than June 13, 2012
- Mail to: JOURNEY TO THE FATHER
Alexandria/Cornwall Diocese
c/o Registrations Coordinator
32 Fifth Street East,
Cornwall, ON K6H 2L4

DON'T MISS OUT - REGISTER EARLY

There are a limited number of spaces and these will fill up very quickly.

This form is for use by Youth in
Alexandria/Cornwall Diocese

Once you are registered you will be assigned a group and the chaperone will contact you the week before the conference.

Visit us online at
WWW.JOURNEYTOTHEFATHER.CA
Or call Janet Surgeson @ 613-937-3621
for more information

JOURNEY TO THE FATHER

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUTH / JULY 13 - 15, 2012

YOUTH REGISTRATION / LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

PARENT / GUARDIAN - PLEASE PRINT

It is important that you provide all of the requested information & sign this form.

Name	
Home Address (include city & postal code)	
e-mail address	Telephone () -
Date of Birth	Age: <i>(high school youth ages 13 to 19)</i>
Name of Current School and Grade <i>(minimum eligibility is for youth to be entering Grade 9 in September 2012)</i>	
Name & City of Home Parish	
Group Leader's Name (if known)	

PARENT / GUARDIAN

I give permission for the above named son/daughter to attend the Journey To The Father Catholic Youth Conference sponsored by the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall, to be held **July 13th to 15th, 2012**.

If needed for health reasons, I give permission for my child to be evaluated, diagnosed, treated and/or given medication in accordance with standard medical practice by licensed medical personnel. I relieve the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall of all responsibility and consequences that may arise as a result of this treatment. I will not hold the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall liable in the event of injury. Further, I agree to accept any and all financial responsibility as a result of scheduling medical treatment. I am also aware that photos may be taken of my son/daughter during filming of the event and I waive all rights to these films.

My child agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations stated by the Conference Committee. I understand that the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall and those transporting/accompanying the youth will not be held liable if my child fails to cooperate with the regulations and that any infraction of the rules may result in immediate dismissal from the Conference at my expense.

I will not hold the Conference liable for any missing personal items.

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Print Name of Parent/Guardian

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Date

Family Physician (Name & Phone No.)
Allergies
Current Medications
Medical History
Health Card No.
U.S.citizens only - Medical Insurance Provider - Insurance Number

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT

Name	
Address	
Phone – Home	Other

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WHO IS IT FOR?

All **high school teens – ages 13 to 19**, whether or not they practice their faith, but who would like to learn more about it.

WHICH WEEKEND AND WHERE?

July 13th to 15th, 2012 in **St. Raphael's, Ontario**
It runs from 5 p.m. Friday until 1 p.m. on Sunday.

WHO DO WE GO WITH?

Once you have registered you will be assigned a group and the chaperone will contact you the week before the conference. Arrangements will be made at that time for a meeting place at St Raphael's or to make travel arrangements if needed.

WHERE DO WE SLEEP?

Each group of teens, together with their chaperones are assigned space to sleep on ground sheets in large tents which hold 150 to 250 people. Each person brings a foam roll up pad or single air mattress, a sleeping bag and pillow.

WHO ORGANIZES THE CONFERENCE?

A Volunteer Committee from the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall, with the support and encouragement of the Bishop.

IS IT SAFE?

On duty around the clock are adult supervisors as well as a team of retired Police Officers in charge of security. All participants and volunteers are registered and wear identification bracelets.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$150.00 covers the registration fee, meals and accommodations. Parents/guardians must sign your **Registration/Liability Release Form**.

WHAT ELSE IS NEEDED?

A sleeping bag and pillow	
Foam roll-up pad or air mattress (single)	
Non-aerosol insect repellent	
A change of clothes or two. Modest and adequate for weather - <i>longer shorts & tee-shirts are permitted.</i>	
No tube tops, spaghetti straps, midriff baring or low cut tops, no mini skirts, no jeans or shorts with holes in them, no short shorts, no spandex shorts, no shirts with inappropriate language or pictures, etc.	
Second pair of shoes or sandals	
Toiletries	Washcloth and towel
Suntan lotion and a hat	Water bottle
Flashlight	Pen
Umbrella and/or rain poncho	
Green garbage bag (in case we get wet)	
Spending money (cash) for Book Store and Snacks. <i>(There is one ATM on site & most vendors do not accept debit/credit cards).</i>	

DO'S and DON'TS

♪ Please don't bring any valuables that cannot be carried with you at all times.

♪ Don't bring cellphones, ipods, etc. with you. **We are here on a new adventure.**

♪ Don't bring food on site from the cars or buses as it may attract insects and small animals to the tents.

CAN PARENTS COME?

Parents are welcome to attend the 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Mass. They can also volunteer to chaperone. Police clearance is required for group leaders/chaperones & they must also pay the Registration fee and provide an Adult Registration/Liability Release Form.

WHEN DO WE PAY?

As soon as possible, as the Conference fills up quickly. Available spaces are limited and fully paid registrations are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

REGISTRATION FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

CPAP MACHINES?

Please notify the registration coordinator no later than June 9th if anyone in your group is bringing a CPAP machine. Arrangements must be made with the electricians in advance for use of these machines.



DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL - YOUTH CONFERENCE POLICIES

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Zero Tolerance. No possession and/or consumption of alcohol or drugs is permitted on site during the conference.

PHYSICAL PRESENCE

It is expected that all conference participants will be present at scheduled sessions during the conference, and in appropriate places following the evening sessions. Roaming off the site during sessions is not permitted. Security guards will **escort out-of-place participants** back to the appropriate session.

The evening close down time is 12 midnight, with lights out at 12:30 a.m. All participants should begin moving to their designated housing areas at 11:30 p.m. An atmosphere of quiet and respect is expected following the lights out time.

At no time should a youth participant leave the site without one of their adult chaperones and First Aid or the Command Centre must be notified. *Adults are discouraged from taking youth off the site, except in the case of an emergency or prior housing arrangements.* It is to be understood that the said adult takes full responsibility for a youth once off the conference grounds.

INSUBORDINATION

It is expected that youth and adults will follow the direction of all conference staff, security and volunteers. Any instances of lack of cooperation or insubordination will not be tolerated and will be subject to appropriate discipline.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

Conference participants are expected to dress in a fashion that is modest and in good taste for a public event. **For example, no tube tops, spaghetti straps, midriff baring or low cut tops, no mini skirts, no jeans or shorts with holes in them, no short shorts, no spandex shorts, no shirts with inappropriate language or pictures, etc.**

UPBUILDING SPEECH

Participants are asked to use positive and up-building speech during their visit here. Foul and abusive language will not be permitted.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The Conference Office reserves the right to handle disciplinary situations in a way that best serves the overall conference, including the removal of a participant and sending him or her home at their own expense.

HELPFUL NOTES

TRAVELLING

Plan to arrive together with your whole group. If traveling in several cars, please stop before you arrive in St. Raphael's and convoy in together. If you are traveling from a distance, please try to make a restroom stop before arriving. It will make it easier to wait while your Group Leader goes to the Registrations Area to Check In.

ON SITE SHOWERS

Are located at some distance from the tents. We encourage everyone to make do with hairstyles that do not require a lot of fussing because space and electrical outlets will be limited.

WATER, WATER, WATER

Drink plenty of it, as it is easy to become dehydrated especially if the weekend is hot. There will be plenty of water available on site to refill your water bottles.

SLEEP, SLEEP, SLEEP

We encourage you to settle down at night. Saturday is a very long day and without adequate sleep it will be very difficult for you to appreciate the program.

MEDICAL NECESSITIES / EMERGENCIES

All prescription medicines requiring refrigeration must be taken to the First Aid Station. It is requested that all medications be carried on the person of those who are in need of medication.

EMERGENCY NUMBER

FOR PARENTS
DURING THE CONFERENCE ONLY

613-347-2457

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Catholic High School Age Youth Conference
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