

Report for the Committee on Young People's Work  
To the One Hundred and Thirty-First Council  
Of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Since my last report to you, the Committee on Young People's work has hosted three events for the diocese. A fourth which had been scheduled for young adults in mid-January was cancelled due to lack of interest. The three events which were held are staples of our program: Winter Camp, Spring Fling, and Summer Camp. We were privileged to hear many stirring messages which all centered around the theme of the Holy Spirit's work. At Winter Camp, the Reverend Jerry Mclynn led us through some of the Holy Spirit's major work in the Church and her members. At Spring Fling, held the weekend after we celebrated in a heightened way our Savior's triumph over Death, Mr. Steven Hoopes and the Rev. Cedric Benner demonstrated how the power of the Resurrection is applied to us personally in the work of the Holy Spirit. At Summer Camp, the foundation that had been laid at the previous events was built upon as we discussed the implications of our Baptismal and Confirmation vows to "resist the world, the flesh, and the devil." Deacon Jason Holloway and the Very Reverend William Jenkins were our speakers at this event and they ably preached the necessity of using the grace given by the Spirit, both by sacramental and non-sacramental means, to deny self and daily take up our cross and follow Christ. (Lk. 9:23)

As always, the COYPW implores the prayers of all the faithful as we carry out the important work of aiding families and parishes in making disciples of our youth. It is a monumental struggle to attempt to counter the prevailing influences of our culture, yet it is a worthy fight. Aside from prayer, there are other concrete methods of contributing to the work of this committee. Chiefly, we are currently seeking two speakers for Winter Camp, March 2-4 2012. If you would be interested or know someone who would be, please contact Billy Jenkins at [wjenkins@loyola.edu](mailto:wjenkins@loyola.edu). Please also be sure to advertise events that this committee sponsors in your parish bulletin and in your youth group. Because of our steadily growing numbers, we have promised the camp we use for our Winter retreat at least 100 participants. We can reach that number but we need the help of all our parishes to do so. Besides, it is fun!

To all counselors and leaders, Bishop Hicks and Reverend Abboud, and any others who have sacrificed, financially or with their time and efforts, you have my gratitude. The Lord loves those who give of themselves liberally and I urge you to continue doing so.

Yours in the Divine Mercy,  
Billy Jenkins