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Dear Youth Ministry Coordinators,

I have a praise report to share. Last week, we held our **2024 Youth On A Mission** (YOAM for short) – a NorCal Catholic youth leadership training at Redwood Christian Park in Boulder Creek, CA. Over 40 high school youth leaders across three dioceses – whom were nominated by their parish youth ministry coordinators – attended YOAM. Why did they have to be nominated? Because YOAM is not a retreat, but rather, leadership formation. I have to say, the caliber of openness, engagement, and servant mindset among these youth leaders was nothing short of amazing. We felt so encouraged and inspired by their witness and grateful that we've been blessed with the opportunity to serve, form, and accompany them. We are grateful to the **Diocese of Oakland** and **San Jose** for their partnership. We also want to acknowledge and thank the following **parishes in our diocese** who were represented by their youth and/or youth ministry leaders:

Good Shepherd, Elk Grove
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sacramento
Sacred Heart, Anderson
St. Clare, Roseville
St. Dominic, Benicia
St. John the Baptist, Folsom
St. John Vianney, Rancho Cordova
St. Joseph, Clarksburg
St. Joseph, Elk Grove
St. Maria Goretti, Elk Grove
St. Paul, Sacramento

Planning is under way for YOAM 2025 and I will keep you posted with updates. In the meantime, I encourage you to begin praying for and discerning the youth leaders in your community whom the Lord is inviting you to consider nominating for next year. The main criteria is that they have to already be in high school, active in the community, and are serving in some capacity.

Speaking of leadership formation, there is an opportunity for adult leaders in youth ministry to be nourished before the ministry year begins. **Marello Youth Retreat Center** is hosting a retreat called ***Missionaries of Hope*** on **August 9-11, 2024** and will be held at the center located on 6530 Wells Avenue, Loomis. For more info, please visit: <https://www.marelloyrc.org/youth-minister-formation-retreat>.

ON FIRE

What do **Katie Prejean McGrady**, **Josh Blakesley Band**, and **Joe Melendrez** have in common for 2024? They're going to be at **ON FIRE** to celebrate our **15th Anniversary!** We hope to see you and your high school youth on **Saturday, September 14** at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, California. Tickets are available now at www.onfirenorcal.com.

Ministry Days

If you haven't already marked it on your calendar, please block out **Saturday, September 28** for **Ministry Days 2024**. This year, the all-day formation conference will be held at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento. The conference is intended for all ministry leaders including parish staff. Registration info will be available soon.

May God continue to bless you during this summer.

Blessings,

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YOUTH MINISTER FORMATION RETREAT



August 9th-11th

Register on the website!

**Start: Friday 5:00 pm / End:
Sunday 12:30 pm**

**Food is provided and lodging if
desired**

Marello Youth Retreat Center

**6530 Wells Avenue, Loomis, CA
95650**

**More information on the website:
www.marelloyrc.org under the
retreats tab**

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WEDDING FEAST OF THE LAMB” - REVELATIONS 19



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