

Archdiocesan Youth Report 2016-2017

- Committee:** Co-Chairs -Patricia Lear, Marcie Killmeyer
Members - Helene Emerick, Elizabeth Goehring (Secretary), Dr. John Schultz
- Meetings:** May 14, 2016 – Event planning for 2016-2017
March 18, 2017 – Review and planning for 2017-2018
September 23, 2017 - Scheduled planning meeting for 2018

Activities

Bonfire: No bonfire was held due to the Archdiocesan 100th Anniversary celebration preparation. Helene and Marcie chaired this event.

Youth Retreat: No Youth Retreat was held due to the Archdiocesan 100th Anniversary celebration.

Archdiocesan 100th Anniversary: This event was held on November 12, 2016. Youth participation included banner procession from parishes, attendance at Hierarchical Liturgy, an interview of a young adult about Orthodoxy, and a photo contest.

Teen Retreat/Turkey Preparation: This event was held on November 19, 2016 at Holy Assumption of St. Mary Orthodox Church/St. Cyril of White Lake Food Pantry, Southside, Pittsburgh for grades 6-12. . There were 29 youth/ adults present. Because several local restaurants had cooked and prepared the turkeys, extra work was completed to help assemble boxes for additional uses. Patty chaired this event.

OCF-Talk with the Archbishop: This was held on December 4, 2016. Fr. Daniel Mathewson brought a few young adults to decorate the Archbishop's residence and have conversations.

Ice Skating at PPG Place: This event was held on Sunday, January 22, 2017. There were 30 paid skaters and many observers. Elizabeth chaired this event.

Bowling Party: This event took place on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at Mt. Lebanon Lanes, Mt. Lebanon, PA. There were 21 youth and 6 adult bowlers, 6 who paid for pizza only and 15 observers. Marcie chaired this event.

Pirate Baseball Game: This was held on July 17 at PNC Park. There were 93 participants. Dr. John Schultz chaired this event.

Church Bible Camp: Scheduled for July 29, 2017. It was cancelled due to lack of participants. We will review and try again next year.

Upcoming Events/Future Plans

Bonfire: Saturday, October 21, 2017 beginning at 4:00 with Vespers, at the Archdiocesan Center.

Youth Retreat: November 11, 2017 at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park.

Teen Retreat: November 18, 2017 for St. Cyril of White Food Pantry, Southside, Pittsburgh, PA or at Weirton Community Breadbasket.

Decorating Party with the Archbishop: December 3, 2017 from 3-6PM at the Archbishop's residence. All youth/teens are invited.

Winter Ice Skating Gathering: Sunday, January 21, 2018 at PPG Ice Rink, from 2-5PM, tentative.

Youth Bowling Party: Sunday, February 18, 2018, at Mt. Lebanon Lanes, from 3-5PM, tentative.

Campout at Archdiocesan Center: Summer date to be determined.

The Youth Committee is undergoing a transition. A few members are stepping down from many years of dedication of working with our youth. We are inviting any clergy/laity to become members of this committee. If interested, please contact Very Rev. William Evansky, frbill158@verizon.net, 724-266-5009 or the names/email addresses listed below.

Please watch for additional updates via Facebook, emails, postal mailings and the Archdiocesan website.

In addition, we once again ask ALL parishes to update and forward the name of the person responsible for coordinating youth activities in their parishes. Please include name, phone number, and email address. Also, any new ideas for new activities/projects can be submitted to:

Patty Lear, pnlear@verizon.net or Marcie Killmeyer, map_turtle@hotmail.com

Yours in Christ,

Patricia Lear and Marcie Killmeyer, Co-Chairs, Archdiocesan Youth Committee

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