

**Archdiocesan
Junior High Youth Rally
February 18, 2012**



**2012 Information &
Registration Packet**

**St. Thomas More Parish
10330 Hillcroft St.
Houston, Texas**

**Office of Youth Ministry
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TO: Our Mother of Mercy Middle School Students

RE: 2012 Jr. High Rally – February 18, 2012

DATE: November 20, 2011

FROM: Paul H. Ledet, Jr.,  OMOM

Greetings:

Enclosed is the registration package for the 2012 Jr. High Rally. Please read careful and have a conversation with your parents and or parents have a conversation with your youth. Please adhere to all deadlines.

Attached you will find the following information:

Registration Form

Parent Consent/Liability/Waiver/Medical Consent Form

ALL FORMS MUST BE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 8, 2012 NO EXCEPTION

Total Cost per registration is \$40.00

Inclusive of the following:

Conference Tee Shirt

Food – Lunch & Dinner

The money is due – JANUARY 8, 2012 – NO EXCEPTIONS

Any questions you may see me or contact me at

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2012 Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally

Hollywood: Created Anew

Saturday, February 18, 2012
St. Thomas More, Houston
10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For all youth in grades 6th - 8th
Sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry

Featuring Jesse Manibusan



Registration: \$40.00 by January 23, 2012

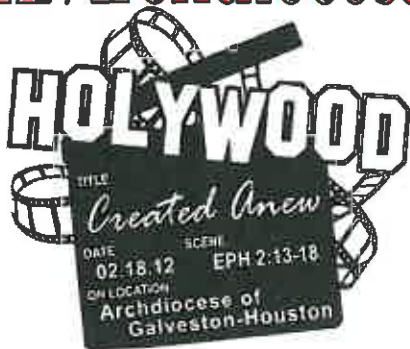
\$50.00 after January 23, 2012

Includes, Lunch, Dinner and T-shirt

Last day to register is February 6, 2012



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10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

2012 Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Registration Form

Registration: (Paid by January 23, 2012) \$40.00
Late Registration: (January 24, 2012 — February 6, 2012) \$50.00

Includes: Mass Grand Midway Lunch & Dinner T-shirt
Dance Workshops Music Games

___ Youth ___ Chaperone (21 yrs. or older)

Parish/Group: _____

First Name: _____ **Last:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **M/F** _____

Age ___ **Grade in school (Please Circle One):** 6th 7th 8th

T-shirt size: _____ (SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL, or XXXL)

Do you need a vegetarian option for meal? _____

Return this form to your adult contact with the following items:

- Payment**
- Parental Consent/Liability Waiver & Medical Consent Form.**



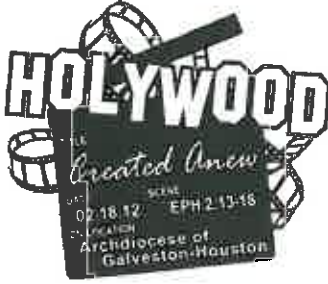


2012 Junior High Rally Code of Conduct

Parish contacts are responsible for the youth they accompany. Each parish should send one adult for every six youth. Adults should review these guidelines with each participant before they arrive at the rally.

- Each participant indicates complete understanding and agrees to abide by these guidelines by signing the space provided on the Archdiocesan Permission and Liability Form.
- I agree to have the best possible time at the rally, and to share the spirit of Christian joy and friendship with other participants.
- I agree to be prompt, to attend all rally sessions, and to participate in all rally activities.
- I agree to wear my Junior High Rally nametag around my neck during all rally activities.
- I agree not to use alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs while at the rally, nor to be present while others use these substances.
- If I have a cell phone, I agree to have it turned off during all sessions this includes texting. I agree not to bring video games, MP3 players, or computer pads or tablets.
- I agree to respect all property of St. Thomas More Parish. I shall not destroy nor remove any property of the facility. I will be financially responsible for any damages that I may cause.
- Lastly, I agree, with God's help, to contribute to the overall success of the 2012 Archdiocesan Junior High Rally.
- Note: I understand that if I do not observe these guidelines at any time, I may be asked to leave the rally.

(Please sign in the spot located on the Archdiocesan Liability and Medical Release Form)



2012 Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally Frequently Asked Questions

How much is the registration fee?

The rally registration fee is \$40. Registration deadline is January 23, 2012. The registration fee is \$50 after the January 23rd deadline. Those registering after January 23rd deadline may not be guaranteed a T-shirt. **NO NEW REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER FEBRUARY 6, 2012!**

What is included in the registration fee?

All activities and sessions, Saturday entertainment, T-shirt, lunch and dinner.

Do chaperones have to pay?

Yes, all chaperones receive the same benefits as the youth participants.

Will participants need additional money?

The youth may want to bring a couple of dollars for souvenirs merchandise and extra snacks which will be sold.

What is the cancellation policy?

Registration fees are non-refundable. However, substitutions may be made.

What is the substitution policy?

Substitutions can be made by using the Substitution Form. A fee of \$10.00 will be charged for each substitution. (Not guaranteed a T-shirt) All paper work must be fully complete or the substitution will not be accepted. Substitution Forms must be faxed or mailed to the Office of Youth Ministry.

Who may attend the Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally?

Sixth through eighth graders are invited to attend the rally! The Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally is developmentally appropriate for early adolescents. Participants younger than 6th grade and older than 8th grade will not be permitted to attend the Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally.

Who may chaperone the Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally?

Individuals must be at least 21 years or older, and have been cleared through the Safe Environment/VIRTUS Program to be considered a chaperone for the Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally. There must be at least one adult for every six early adolescents in attendance.

What time is check-in and registration?

Rally check-in will begin at 10:30 a.m. Only Parish contacts need to come to the registration table to receive the rally materials for their parish group. For those who have all their paperwork in and are not making substitutions, registration is quick and painless. Please make sure that you do not arrive earlier than the set time. This will allow our team to complete set-up and rehearsals.

When will we receive the rally t-shirts?

T-shirts will be given to the parish contact at the registration table. Most people like to wear their T-shirt over their clothes for the day.

What should we bring to the rally?

Most groups like to bring small items to trade. We provide lunch and dinner. If someone in your group has dietary restrictions, and/or would want more snacks, drinks, etc., you may want to bring those as well. Youth will also be ask to bring an item to donate to one of our local charities. We will announce the items we are collecting this year in a special update to parishes.

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM & LIABILITY WAIVER

Participant's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____ City/Zip Code _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Alternate Phone Number: (____) _____ Cell Phone or Work

Parish or Catholic School _____ Grade _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Participant's Email Address _____

T-Shirt Size (Circle One): Small Medium Large XL XXL XXXL

CONSENT & LIABILITY WAIVER

**Important! To be filled out by the Parent/Guardian for youth under 18 years of age.
If participant is 18 years of age or older, consent must be signed by the individual**

I (name of parent/guardian) _____, grant permission for my child, (participant's name),
_____ to participate in **2012 Archdiocesan Junior High Youth Rally** to be held
Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Houston, Texas.

I agree on behalf of myself, my child's other parent if known or living (name of parent), _____, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns and defend the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, the sponsoring parish (its pastor, youth ministry leader, principal, other agents, etc.) or any representatives associated with the scheduled activity unless the parties involved were careless and negligent.

In signing this form I certify that all information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature (Parent/Guardian) _____ Date _____

YOUTH PARTICIPANT: In signing the line below I agree to abide by any/all policies and rules established for this event/activity (see Code of Conduct). Should I not be able to maintain the guidelines and expectations of the adults and my peers, I understand that there will be consequences for my actions, including being removed from the activity and being sent home at my parent's expense.

Signature (Youth Participant) _____ Date _____

VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

As parent/guardian, I understand that promotional pictures and videos (individual and group) will be taken during this event. I give permission for my son's/daughter's picture to be used for promotional materials (newsletter, web page, calendars, power point, video etc.) in highlighting the event.

Signature (Parent/Guardian) _____ Date _____

Medical Matters

I hereby warrant to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child. Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only those in accordance with your wishes:

Emergency Medical Treatment

In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor.

In the even of an emergency and you are unable to reach me, contact:

Name & Relationship _____ Phone _____

Family Doctor _____ Phone _____

Medications

My child will bring all such medications, well labeled, that are necessary. Names of medications and concise directions for seeing that the child takes such medications, including dosage and frequency are as follows

My child is taking the following medication at the present time.

Medication(s): _____ Dosage: _____

Administer: _____

Please choose only one of the following

_____ I hereby **Do Not Grant Permission** for medication of any type, whether prescription or nonprescription may be administered by my child unless the situation is life threatening and emergency treatment is required. **(Please initial)**

_____ I hereby **Grant Permission** for nonprescription medication (such as Tylenol, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed advisable. I understand that Aspirin will not be given to my son/daughter. **(Please initial)**

Medical Conditions Information: (Archdiocesan personnel will take reasonable care to see that the following information will be held in confidence.)

My son/daughter has:

- Has had an episode the following or has been diagnosed: Seizures Asthma Diabetic
- Allergic reactions to the following (foods, dyes, latex etc.) _____
- Has had a medical surgery within the last six months? Yes No Still under doctor's care? Yes No
- Has a medically prescribed diet? _____
- The following physical limitations? _____
- Immunizations current and up to date: Yes No Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization _____
- You should also be aware of these special medical conditions of my child (e.g. depression, anxiety, etc.): _____

Insurance Information: No, I do not carry medical insurance at this time.

Insurance Carrier: _____ Name of Insured: _____

Insurance Policy Number: _____

Father's Name: _____ Day Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Day Phone: _____

In the event it comes to the attention of the chaperones associated with the activity that my child becomes ill with repeated symptoms such as headache, vomiting, sore throat, fever, diarrhea, I want to be called immediately. If this will be a long distance call, I want to be called collect (with phone charges reversed to myself). I fully understand the foregoing statements and sign this Parental/Guardian Medical Consent Waiver knowingly, freely, and willingly.

Signature (Parent/Guardian) Parent/Guardian must sign for anyone under 18 years of age. _____ Date _____

Signature (Participant 18 years of age or older must sign own consent) _____ Date _____