

Dear Clergy and Lay Leaders:

Please take a moment to learn more about this exciting event for young people from across the nation and the globe. The deadline for EYE is fast approaching. I have included a Flyer for your Youth Groups. We would like to try to have all applications in by March 31st.

What:

The Episcopal Youth Event (<http://www.eye2008.org/>) is fast approaching and the Diocese of Pennsylvania is committed in taking the best group of youth and adults from all over the diocese. The Episcopal Youth Event (E.Y.E.) will be held at Trinity University (<http://www.trinity.edu/>) in San Antonio, Texas (<http://www.sanantoniovisit.com/>).

Mandated by the General Convention (<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/gc/>), E.Y.E. is the second largest event in the Episcopal Church and the single largest youth event in the Episcopal Church (<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/>). It is attended by some 1,500 young people, adult sponsors, bishops, staff and resource people.

E.Y.E. is an opportunity to meet other youth from around the world and experience the church on a global level. The event community gathers regularly as a large group for worship, program, music, and fun! Participants also meet daily with a small group. And there will be a variety of other activities, including festivals, forums, workshops, sports/recreation, and free time round out the schedule.

Theme:

“Sown in the Heart of Christ”

“Listen! A sower sent out to sow...for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who bears fruit and yields” (Matthew 13:3, 23)

E.Y.E. aims to inspire and empower youth as Christian apostles. E.Y.E. is designed to be an immersion experience in the baptismal covenant and to extend the mission and ministry of the Church.

When:

Applicants must be able to depart on July 7 and return on July 13, 2008.

Who:

All youth that have just finished grades 9-12 and adult leaders/volunteers from all the Churches in the Diocese of Pennsylvania are welcome to apply. A rector recommendation is required for all participants. Scholarship funds are available. Applications must be received by March 31. There are only 25 spaces for this event.

Cost:

The cost is divided into thirds as youth are sponsored from both their home parish and the diocese:

\$350.00 from Parish, \$350.00 from Youth, Diocese pays \$350.00.

Total cost \$1,050.00 this includes travel, lodging, food, program fees, and a group visit around San Antonio.

Scholarships are available for participants and churches as needed.

The Official Informational Brochure:

http://l.b5z.net/i/u/6096575/i/EYE_Save_Date_Brochure.pdf

More Information:

Attached you will find:

- 1) Application for EYE 2008 from the Diocese of PA

- 2) Rectors Recommendation Form from the Diocese of PA
- 3) Scholarship Application

Thank you for your time and continued support of youth and their ministries.

Sincerely,

-Susannah

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