

## CHRISTpower 2011

Dear Teen,

CHRISTpower is a weeklong service retreat that will be taking place in the Jefferson City area **July 10-16, 2011**. The weeklong experience is designed to make you more aware of the importance of service to those in our community as part of our Christian life and to help you discern the future God has planned for you. Helias High School will be the host-site of the retreat. We will be using the High School facilities for showers and overnight accommodations. During the day we will be working at various service sites in the Jefferson City area (e.g. Salvation Army, Jefferson City Day Care, Cole County Residential, Capital Projects, Special Learning Center, Villa Marie Skilled Nursing, and helping some parishes). The evenings will allow time to discuss our daily experiences and to focus on our Theme.

A typical day's agenda includes: Awake at 7:00 a.m., go to chapel for prayer, breakfast, clean-up breakfast area, pack lunches, head to the service site, return to Helias, free time, Mass, dinner, meditation talk pertaining to the theme, discussions, lights out at 11:30 p.m. The cost for the week is \$125.00. Due to financial strains for some during these economic times, we have decided to **reduce the fee** again this year.

CHRISTpower will begin on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening is Family Night, when your families (ONLY family members please – due to our cost involved in the meal) are invited to join us for mass, dinner and observing the team competitions. Families are also invited to join in our closing mass Saturday morning at 10:30AM.

Applicants must have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade as a minimum, through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in 2011.

*All applicants are expected to arrive on Sunday evening and remain throughout the week until closing services on Saturday. The week is structured to build upon the preceding day's experience. Missing any portion is detrimental to the individual as well as to other participants and to the dynamics of the week. It also complicates the planning process for the leaders. Thus, for the Greater Good of the entire group, only teens willing to commit to the full week should consider this year's CHRISTpower.*

CHRISTpower will involve youth from parishes throughout our diocese, but enrollment is limited. If you are interested in participating in this opportunity to serve your community and grow in your faith, please fill out the application, the recommendation letter from your pastor, the Teen Expectations, and Liability, Medical, and Photo release forms. Applications will be accepted on a "first-come-first-to-serve" basis, using the "post mark date". Return all forms and a copy of your medical insurance card with the entire \$125 fee or a NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$50 to: **CHRISTpower2011 c/o The Catholic Center, Att: Fr. J. Corel, P.O. Box 104900, Jefferson City, MO, 65110-4900. Make checks payable to St. Joseph Cathedral-CHRISTpower.** Application deadline is "postmark date" of **May 24, 2011**. If you have any questions regarding this week of CHRISTpower, feel free to contact your parish director of youth ministry, your pastor, or [christpower2011@yahoo.com](mailto:christpower2011@yahoo.com), for more information. You will be notified when your application is received. If you choose to send only the NON-REFUNDABLE deposit to hold your spot for CHRISTpower, the final payment will be due by June 14, 2011 to **RETAIN** your spot. If payment is not received by that date your spot will be filled from the waiting list.

Yours in Christ,

CHRISTpower Committee 2011