



# Archdiocese of St. Andrews & Edinburgh



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### Greeting to everyone from the Youth Office.

We are now into the second month of 2012 already. This year **Lent**, the season that leads up to and helps us to prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus at **Easter**, begins on **22<sup>nd</sup>** February, Ash Wednesday. It is, for the Church, a most valuable and important liturgical time of the year.

*"Through the traditional practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer, which are an expression of our commitment to conversion, Lent teaches us how to live the love of Christ in an ever more radical way. This Lent, let us renew our acceptance of the Grace that God bestowed upon us at the moment of our Baptism, so that it may illuminate and guide all of our actions".*

[Pope Benedict XVI's Message for Lent 2011]

**EXPO**, our new initiative for 2012, to provide monthly opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration for Young People at various venues in the Archdiocese, was held for the first time at Our lady of Lourdes, Dunfermline on Sun, 22<sup>nd</sup> January. It was attended by many young people of all ages, and was a meaningful experience for all those who took part. I hope that as many of you as possible will join us on the future occasions and avail of this special time and devotion when you can. This will be part of our preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin, from 10<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

I am also excited about the launch of a new Youth Group initiative, **'YOUCAT'** in the FIFE Deanery. You can read more about both of these items inside. I encourage all Parishes to invite other young people to join in their events so that our Young Catholics and others from across the Archdiocese can meet together to celebrate their faith and friendship on a regular basis. Please let me know if YOUR Parish/ Group/ School would like to host such an occasion.

As always, we welcome any information about and photos of events (past or future) in your Parish/ School, places you have visited, experiences you have had and/or comments and suggestions about the e-Bulletin. We love to hear from you!

Please continue to visit our Archdiocesan website [www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com](http://www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com) and our **FACEBOOK** pages on [www.facebook.com/EdinburghRCdiocese](http://www.facebook.com/EdinburghRCdiocese) and the **STANED Youth** page on [www.facebook.com/EdinburghRCdiocese#!/groups/stanedyouth/](http://www.facebook.com/EdinburghRCdiocese#!/groups/stanedyouth/) to keep up to date with all that is happening throughout the year.

God bless for now,

Anne



### Check these out.....

- ⇒ <http://www.aleteia.org/en>
- ⇒ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=huqDUCKgpT8&feature=related>
- ⇒ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sb6x9ZVa38&feature=related>

Theme: 'Go and make disciples of all peoples' (Matthew 28:19)



## WORLD YOUTH DAY RIO July 23-28, 2013

How would YOU like to be there? We are now accepting e-mails to register interest in going to Rio in 2013. To find out more about it see <http://worldyouthday.com/rio-20>

St Francis Xavier's Parish, Falkirk is interested in organising a group of young people to go to Brazil in July 2013. Young people from other parishes are very welcome to join them. The aim is to participate in WYD whilst also experiencing the work of Fr Neil Crombie SPS, a missionary priest from Falkirk, based in Sao Paulo. You will need to be at least 18 years old at time of travel.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please speak to Fr Anthony Caruana on 01324 623 567 or email [stfxfalkirk@aol.com](mailto:stfxfalkirk@aol.com) as soon as possible.

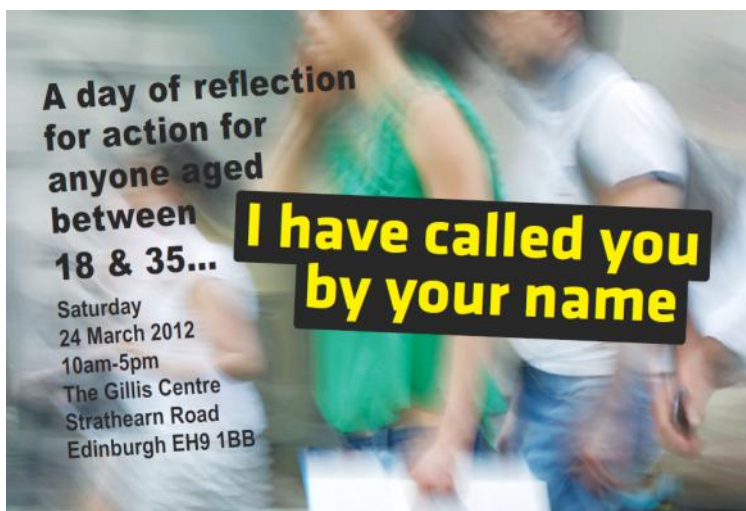
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## 50th International Eucharistic Congress June 10th—17th - Dublin

The congress takes place every four years. The daily celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of the congress. The wider congress programme includes other liturgical events, cultural events, catechesis, testimonies and workshops.

The Archdiocese will be organizing a Youth Pilgrimage to this event, from 15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> June. We will travel by ferry and coach from Troon and stay at University accommodation on a Bed and Breakfast basis.

The cost for this will be £349 approximately. Anyone wishing to take part should e-mail [anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk](mailto:anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk) to register interest. Check out the website at <http://www.iec2012.ie> and our own at [www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com](http://www.archdiocese-edinburgh.com)



*I have called you by your name.....*

**YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN RETREAT**  
**Gillis Centre,**  
**24th March 2011 10am-5pm**

A day of reflection for action and for **YOU** if you are between 18 and 35 years old. The cost is £10 and includes lunch. (Places are limited so book early, before **9th March**, to avoid disappointment. For more information and to book a place, please contact [Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk](mailto:Miriam.mchardy@staned.org.uk) or [anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk](mailto:anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk) or call 0131 623 8917

## EXPO – EUCHARISTIC ADORATION for Young People

This will take place monthly, normally on the third Sunday, at a different Parish/Deanery and all young people from the Archdiocese are invited and encouraged to take part. The hour of prayer, Scripture, reflection, silence and music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the celebration of the Eucharistic.

The next EXPO will be at **St Patrick's Church, Edinburgh on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February** following Mass at 4.30pm.

**Please come along and benefit from this special time and devotion especially if you have not experienced it before.**

<b>Our Lady of Lourdes, Dunfermline</b>	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>Mass at 5pm</b>
<b>St Patrick's, Edinburgh</b>	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Mass at 4.30pm</b>
<b>St James, Innerleithen</b>	<b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mass at 11.30am</b>
<b>St Teresa's, Craigmillar, Edinburgh</b>	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Mass at 10.30am</b>
<b>St Joseph's, Sighthill, Edinburgh</b>	<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mass at 11am</b>
<b>St Francis Xavier's, Falkirk</b>	<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June (Corpus Christi)</b>	<b>Mass at 7pm</b>



Some of the Young People who took part in the first EXPO at **Our Lady of Lourdes, Dunfermline on Sunday, 22nd January**. It was a great success. Those who took part said that it was a 'meaningful' and 'peaceful' experience and they look forward to the future occasions, outlined above. Why not come along and experience it for yourself?

## Future Events.....



**YOCAT – A monthly gathering for Young Catholics in the FIFE Deanery– launched on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> November at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Dunfermline.**

The group will meet on the last Sunday of each month for 5pm Mass, followed by discussion and supper, beginning on Sunday **29<sup>th</sup> January 2012**. All are welcome. Tell your friends. The next 2 meetings will be on Sunday **19<sup>th</sup> February** at Our Lady's of Lourdes, Dunfermline and Sunday **25<sup>th</sup> March** at St. Ninian's, Derran Drive, Bowhill, Cardenden, Fife.

## Taizé Experience JULY 2012: School Weeks at Taizé

The world famous Taizé Community is inviting UK schools to come and participate in one of two special weeks next July. For these weeks, **1-8** and **8-15** July 2012, school and college groups including **S4 – S6** students are especially invited to come and participate in the life of the community, with its daily rhythm of prayer, study and sharing. [www.taize.fr/en](http://www.taize.fr/en)





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The Ministry of Seekers is an international group of people in their twenties and thirties, living in Edinburgh. Together they explore their Catholic faith through prayer, discussions and fellowship. They meet regularly every **2nd** and **4th Sunday** of **each month** at **St. Patricks Church, 5 South Gray's Close, Cowgate at 5.45pm** following the **4.30pm Mass**. They also meet socially on other occasions to build and develop a dynamic young adult community. Come along and bring a friend.



## Youth Ministry Training 2011-2014

Module 2, 'Skills in Youth Ministry', will take place at Gillis Centre on **25/26 Feb 2012**. Even if you missed Module 1, it is **still possible to sign up and take part in all or some of the Course** and we welcome new participants at this stage. If you would like to join in or find out more about it, please contact [anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk](mailto:anne.mcevoy@staned.org.uk) as soon as possible.

Module 3 will be held on **12/13 May 2012**.



### **EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE IN JUSTICE AND PEACE**

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The theme of **Benedict XVI's** Message for the **World Day of Peace 2012**, celebrated on 1 January is "Educating Young People in Justice and Peace"..  
..... To the young, who have such a strong attachment to ideals, I extend a particular invitation to be **patient** and **persevering** in seeking justice and peace, in cultivating the taste for what is just and true, even when it involves sacrifice and **swimming against the tide**.

Dear young people, you are a **precious gift** for society. Do not yield to discouragement in the face of difficulties and do not abandon yourselves to false solutions which often seem the easiest way to overcome problems. Do not be afraid to make a **commitment**, to face hard work and sacrifice, to choose the paths that demand fidelity and constancy, humility and dedication.

Realise that you yourselves are an example and an **inspiration** to adults, even more so to the extent that you seek to overcome injustice and corruption and strive to build a better future. Be aware of **your potential**; never become self-centred but work for a brighter future for all. **You are never alone**. The Church has confidence in you ... encourages you and wishes to offer you the most precious gift she has: the opportunity to raise your eyes to God, to **encounter Jesus Christ**, Who is Himself justice and peace.

Let us look with greater **hope** to the future; let us encourage one another on our journey ... work together to give our world a more humane and fraternal face ... feel a common responsibility towards present and future generations, especially in the task of training them to be people of peace and builders of peace.

To read the entire article, visit [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/peace/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_mes\\_20111208\\_xlv-world-day-peace\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/peace/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20111208_xlv-world-day-peace_en.html)