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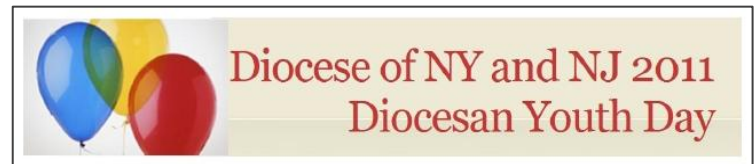
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*The following is from the chairperson and project coordinator, Father Jason Vansuch, regarding the upcoming **Diocesan Youth Day**.*

Dear Reverend Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!



Greetings to all of you and your families. At a recent Diocesan Council Meeting, His Grace Bishop MICHAEL discussed the possibility of holding a **Diocesan Youth Day** for the children of our Diocese to be held at Six Flags Great Adventure located in Jackson, NJ. The main focus of this Youth Event is to bring the children of our Diocese together in prayer, Christian fellowship, and lots of fun!

In discussing this youth event with His Grace and under his guidance and direction, we have decided on a date for The 2011 Diocesan Youth Day. With the blessing of His Grace, the 2011 Diocesan Youth Day will be held on Thursday August 18, 2011. Please refer to the enclosed flyer which contains the schedule of events for the day as well as important information pertaining to this event (price of tickets, transportation, meals, directions, etc.)

As this is a Diocesan sponsored event, His Grace will be joining us for the day at which time the youth of our diocese will be able spend some time with His Grace in prayer and fellowship. A special feature at this year's gathering will be a 'Question and Answer Session with His Grace' or better known as 'Stump the Bishop'. To help prepare for this Q&A session, we are asking all of the youth participants to send in questions they may have for His Grace. These questions can range from asking about life as a Bishop, life in the Diocese or life in the Church. These questions can be sent in with your registration forms or you may wish to bring them with you when you come for Youth Day.

As we are looking to have as many of our youth present for this event, we will also need chaperones. Currently, besides me, we will have some of our diocesan clergy and faithful serving as the chaperones for this event. If you are able to offer your time and be a chaperone, we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact me as soon as possible so that we can begin to make arrangements.

You will find a registration and permission form for your children on the special website for the event. If you would please fill out, sign and return the form to me no later than TUESDAY AUGUST 2, that would be great. We would greatly appreciate it.

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