

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

It's time to be Boldly Sent once again, and this year we're upping the ante a bit.

While the traditional Sunday youth rally is a whole lot of fun, this year we're adding two more elements to the equation on Saturday to help you and your youth experience a full weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun. With no NCYC this fall, our hope is that Boldly Sent can help you in your efforts to carry momentum from last year's Conference and parish ministry to this year's.

### **SATURDAY—Boldly Sent Evangelization Day**

On Saturday, October 20th, parishes throughout the Des Moines metro are going to host a day of their youth being Boldly Sent into their communities on a mission of evangelization, charity, prayer, and service. THANK YOU to those of you who have agreed to host these already! I'll continue to be in touch over the coming days and weeks to offer assistance in any way with these. If you are interested in hosting one, please let me know right away. In order to be in town for the Dodgeball tournament (see below!), I'm helping many parishes who are a long drive outside the metro to partner up with in-town parishes for this day of being Boldly Sent. The goal is for all of our youth, from wherever they are in the Diocese, to experience a day of spreading the Gospel in service, preaching, and charity together.

### **SATURDAY—Boldly Sent Dodgeball Tournament**

At 4pm that Saturday, at the Wellmark Downtown YMCA, our day of being Boldly Sent in charity to our neighbors will turn into a day of boldly sending dodgeballs at one another, as we continue the weekend with the First Annual Diocese of Des Moines Dodgeball Tournament. Parishes are allowed to bring as many teams as they would like for this wild afternoon, so feel free to flood the bracket. A PDF with rules can be found on the Boldly Sent website under "Leader Resources". During the dodgeball tournament, we'll host a pizza party and social for the teams who aren't currently playing and for those youth are less athletically inclined, or unable to play for whatever reason.

### **SUNDAY—Boldly Sent Youth Rally**

On Sunday, we rally! Starting at 9am and wrapping up at 5pm at the Iowa Events Center, our day together will feature Katie Prejean-McGrady as our keynote, adoration throughout the day, opportunities for reconciliation during the breakout sessions and lunch, and Mass together at the end to boldly send us on our way. In the exhibition area, organizations from around the region will once again be present to showcase the variety of ways youth and adults alike can grow in faith and service.

For breakout sessions, we've decided to simultaneously broaden our scope and focus it, with separate tracks for junior high, underclassmen, and upperclassmen. There will only be three topics for each track, and they will be the same in the morning and afternoon, so that youth who miss one in the morning they were interested in can go to it in the afternoon. Topics and speakers will be announced for these soon. There will once again be an adult track of breakout

sessions, but for these there will only be one track, with everyone together for both morning and afternoon sessions.

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration is \$40/person for Saturday and Sunday, \$30 for Sunday only, and is now live at [www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent](http://www.dmdiocese.org/boldlysent). After youth and adults register online, they will be asked to download the registration form and return it to you right away. I will follow up every week to make sure our list of attendees matches, and so that you know who to expect paperwork from. Sending paperwork directly to me is also an option, and I will let you know when/if anyone does that.

If you would prefer to register a group, rather than direct your youth and adults to register individually via the website, please download the Offline Group Registration Spreadsheet, which also includes directions for registering your group. In order to ensure adequate food and space for everyone, along with the ability to accommodate any special needs our youth or adults may have, the registration deadline is Friday, October 5th. Walk-in registrations are possible, but not encouraged, in order to ensure adequate food and accommodations for everyone.

Thank you so much for all that you do for our youth, and thank you for helping to make this year's Boldly Sent one to remember! As you know, experiences like this can be truly transformative in the life of a teen, and can plant seeds of which harvests will be reaped for decades to come. I know this email was a lot to take in, but I appreciate you reading it, and please let me know of any questions or concerns you may have!

In Christ,

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