

Coalition with Young Adults – RAISING THE TIDE

24 April 2010. The Coalition with Young Adults (C-YA) will host a one day symposium, *RAISING THE TIDE*, to discover how the Church within the Diocese of Cleveland can best harness the strength of collaboration to meet emerging needs of Catholics in their 20's and 30's, both married and single, with and without children, so as to inspire a culture of mission-minded living among the next generation of Catholics. The day will include a keynote presentation, facilitated dialogues, presentation of latest young adult research and trends, and provide opportunities for greater networking and resource sharing.

Location: Notre Dame Education Center
13000 Auburn Road
Chardon, OH 44024

Time: 9:30 a.m. Registration & morning hospitality
10:00 a.m. –4 p.m. Symposium Schedule, lunch included
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Cost: \$5.00 –Thanks to a grant from the Sisters of Charity we are able to offer this high-quality day at minimal cost!

Registration: The Coalition with Young Adults has requested that the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry handle registrations on their behalf. Registration forms will be made available beginning mid-February. More info to come: if you need to speak with someone directly about registration please contact Margaret Vogel at 216-334-1261 ext 28.

Planning Committee: Sr. Mary Ann Spangler, Sr. Kate Hine, Sr. Virginia DeVinne, Vanessa Griffin-Campbell, Tony Vento, Margaret Vogel. If you would have questions about *Raising the Tide*, or would like to become a member of the planning committee please contact Sr. Mary Ann Spangler at 440-356-6560.

Why is C-YA holding this day?

According to recent CARA research, adults between the ages of 18-40 comprise 40% of the U.S. Catholic population. The Coalition with Young Adults, with alliances among more than a dozen Catholic ministries and diocesan offices, is leading the way in developing collaborative models to engage this significantly high number of Catholics. Last year C-YA conducted an inventory within the Diocese of Cleveland to draw together a fuller understanding of how young adults are currently beginning engaged in the mission of the Church and their individual vocations. This symposium grows out of that work.

Raising the Tide symposium aims to:

- Share data collected in the inventory so as to inform those working with young adults (or those who desire to work with young adults) regarding local trends, challenges, and areas that will benefit most from collaboration, especially around the topic of vocation in the broadest sense of the word.
- Foster collaborative dialogues among C-YA member agencies, Catholic workplaces, the broader ministry community, and young adults, so as to more become more effective as we serve both our organizational and baptismal missions.
- Engage participants more fully in the collaborative spirit and vision of C-YA while gathering feedback to inform the next phase of C-YA's strategic plan.

Why should I make this day a priority for myself and members of my staff? In short -we will be incomplete without you. For more reasons, check out the Top-10 list on the next page...

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Top-10 Reasons to Spend April 24th with C-YA

1. As a member of the Coalition with Young Adults, you will be able to connect with other agency members and discover new resources and possible partnerships.
2. You will be able to understand what is going on behind all the minutes you receive each month!
3. Men and women in their 20's and 30's comprise 40% of the US Catholic population –wouldn't your work benefit from their gifts?
4. Your wisdom is needed and your witness is powerful! One of the things we learned through the inventory was that most of you are leading within your organization because you have a powerful drive to connect something that is meaningful to you with others. This day has potential to re-charge your own sense of mission while lighting the fire for others!
5. CARA research indicates that young Catholics strongly identify with a sense of charity and service for others. Let's help them discover ways to bring this energy to Catholic missions, workplaces, and ministries in our local communities.
6. Each of us is busy... *Raising the Tide* will give us time to take in the long view and enjoy being co-workers in the vineyard! We are connected Church not silos of effort. Take time to step away from the immediate to discover what is waiting to be born, or find new hands to help.
7. Young adults need mentors in the faith! Life is complex and living in genuine discipleship requires relationships grounded in faith. Let's show them how it's done!
8. There will be a nice lunch and you can sleep in Sunday since Mass will conclude our day!
9. Our expo area allows you free space to display information on your programs and services so local young adults can learn more about who you are.
10. **What we can do together is greater than what we can do alone!**