Closing Eucharist

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

• Various activities included: daily program and worship, waterfront, hikes to the cross, boating, “Gross Games”, scavenger hunts, daily devotionals, arts and crafts, field games, singing, free time, low ropes course, campfires, and prayer.

August 7 2004: “Thank You” Staff Barbeque at the Gray’s

Accounting for Money (See Diocesan Budget)

Recommendations for Action for 2005

- Camp Mack is worth every penny! We believe we want to keep the commitment to Mission Village despite the fact that our numbers didn’t warrant the extra space in 2004. We believe that the three separate camp areas will enable further growth, and allow us to take advantage of the best accommodations Camp Mack has to offer.
- The camp staff is a wonderful asset to the diocese. Most members volunteer a week of their time to the youth of the diocese. Early recruiting helped create the opportunity for a larger number of youth to attend camp, however, we have still struggled to find an adequate number of adult male counselors. This could restrict the number of boy campers in the future.
- The follow-up party at our house was/is a great fellowship experience. We think it creates a community of people that want to return for the following summer, and sometimes draws new people into the group.
- Thank you, Greg Croyle, for the amazing database program! ! !!! (This system would have possibilities for other diocesan ministries.) In 2005 we hope to expand its capabilities.
- We recommend keeping the staff Eucharist as a kick-off to the week.
- In 2005, we plan to send camp registration forms to each of the previous year’s campers, as well as the standard packet sent to each parish in 2004. There continues to be a lack of communication.., many young adults, adults, and potential campers were unaware of this wonderful opportunity the diocese offers. We need parish level involvement (possibly in the form of slide show promotions, personal testimonies, or short skits) to recruit new campers, and to notify them of scholarship options.
- This year, a creative solution to a lack of priest involvement was to have a “Priest of the Day”. Fr. Ben Jones, Fr. Dick Kallenberg, and Fr. David Ottsen all took part in a day at camp and ministering to camper needs. Bishop Little was also present for most of the week. Fr. Charlie Deaton (Mississippi) was the musical headliner and program emcee. We hope to have a larger number of parish clergy commit to being at camp in 2005.
- The diocesan website was a valuable tool in supplying various forms and information for camp.

Diocesan Summer Camp 2004

Report for Diocesan Convention

Respectfully Submitted by Kim and Tim Gray, Camp Directors, Cathedral of St. James

Summary of Activities for 2004

Camp Planning Committee Members:

Fr. Brian and Tamisyn Grantz, St. Anne's, Warsaw
Jason Beschinski, Cathedral of St. James, South Bend
Erica Vitale, Cathedral of St. James, South Bend
Katy White, St. Michael and All Angels, South Bend
Anne Carboneau, St. Michael and All Angels, South Bend
Kim and Tim Gray, Cathedral of St. James, South Bend

Camp Planning Committee Meetings:

January 3 2004
February 7 2004
March 6 2004
April 17 2004

May 23' 2004: All Staff Meeting/Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Training

• Included camp nurses, planning staff, counselors, counselors-in-training, and program staff.

• In addition to finalizing camp plans and organization, all staff participated in prevention of sexual misconduct training, lead by Katy White, St. Michael and All Angels, South Bend.

June 13 2004, Camp Mack, Milford, IN

Diocesan Summer Camp, "Summer Holiday"

• 141 total, 45 staff, 96 campers

• This year's theme, "Summer Holiday", celebrated various liturgical holidays to teach the basics of Christianity. Each day was planned around a different seasonal holiday, in which the campers were surprised by waking up to Christmas carols, Easter baskets, and much more.

• Daily Themes:

Monday: All Saint's Day (Halloween).. .The Gift of Community
Us with God (Matthew 18:20)
Tuesday: Christmas...The Gift of Christ
God with Us (John 3:16)
Wednesday: St. Patrick's Day.. .The Gift of Faith
God in Us (Ephesians 6:10-11)
Thursday: Easter.. .The Gift of Life
God for Us (John 14:6-7)
Friday: Pentecost.. .The Gift of the Spirit
God from Us (1 Corinthians 12:4-13)