

# Diocesan Summer Camp 2006

## Report for Diocesan Convention

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

### **Camp Planning Committee Members:**

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

### **Recruiting Efforts/Information Distribution**

- Distributed magnets at convention
- Mailed postcards (Save the Date)
- Mailed registration directly to staff and previous campers, as well as directly to the parishes
- Updated the diocesan website to include registration and medical forms...huge success!
- Follow-up postcard reminding people to register by May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Mailed an info packet to campers once they registered

NOTE: We MUST implement a hard deadline to stop registrations about a week before camp.

### **Excerpt from our theme and program for the week:**

#### **DO YOU BELIEVE? \_ NARNIA CAMP**

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,  
the evidence of things not seen. – Hebrews 11:1

This year's theme is sure to remind all of us of the amazing gift God has given us in our imaginations, and how through it we can draw closer to him.

What is our journey? What story are we called to tell?

### **NUMBERS:**

Staff Campers Little Kids TOTAL

51 111 7 169 (2005: 60 Staff, 126 Campers, 186 Total)

Staff Kids Scholarships Who Didn't Pay 10 Campers received Diocesan Assistance

24 44 Campers received some sort of Parish Assistance

- Wow! Our parishes really support campers financially! (50% received some sort of assistance) What a reinforcement of this ministry!

## Camp #'s By Parish

### Staff Campers Cathedral 8 11

Christ the King	1	3
Gethsemane	0	3
Holy Family	0	1
St. Alban's	1	12
St. Andrew's by the Lake	1	0
St. Andrew's Kokomo	5	9
St. Andrew's Valpo	0	3
St. Anne's	13	31
St. Augustine's	1	1
St. John of the Cross	1	0
St. John's Elkhart	3	8
St. Michael's South Bend	4	11
St. Paul's Munster	3	5
St. Paul's LaPorte	0	2
St. Paul's Mishawaka	1	1
St. Peter's Pensselaer	1	0
St. Thomas' Plymouth	0	1
St. Timothy	1	0
Trinity Logansport	1	4
Trinity Mich. City	3	6
Other:	3	7

**Diocesan Parishes Participating: 21**

**Special thanks to the following:**

- Snacks: St. Paul's brought pop and popcorn St. Anne's brought ice cream
- Drop-in visitors pitched in with the work: Ashley Snowden, Mike Skiver, Fr. Jim Wornock, Jodi Kallenberg and friends, etc
- Camp Clergy: Fr. David Hyndman, Pastor Susan Haynes, Pastor Jane Schmoetzer, Dcn. Gloria Taylor, Fr. Charlie Deaton (Dio. of Miss.)
- Other ways parishes could help in future years: Provide Sunday Staff Lunch  
Provide Other Snack Nights

**Recommendations for Action 2007**

Fr. Charlie Deaton (musician, keynote speaker) may not be back next year, and we said goodbye this year to many other key supporters of this camp ministry: Fr. Brian and Tamsyn Grantz and family, Pastor Jane Schmoetzer and family, and Jason Beschinski. Time for some new leadership to step up!

We are looking into bringing Fran McKendree back as a musician and keynote speaker. Next year might be a good year for that if we are in transition with leadership, but we must book soon.

Other recruiting ideas for 2007:

- Parish visits
- DVD presentation
- Camp Liaison speaking at each church (possibly have that person distribute the information in addition to the church priest)
- "Sponsor A Camper" Scholarship Program (Give the Gift of Summer Camp)
- Adult camp or Family Camp for a weekend at Camp Mack
- Night for Priests to be a "Camper for the evening" (participate in evening activity, singing and daily wrap-up)

**DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP 2007**  
**June<sup>th</sup>17-<sup>rd</sup>23**