The Office for Catechesis & Youth Ministry
and St. Benedict Parish
are proud to present . . .

YOUTH 2000
Retreat

February 29 - March 2, 2008
St. Benedict’s Parish - Chicago, IL

“Set the Eucharist at the center of your personal life and community life: love the Eucharist, adore the Eucharist, and celebrate it… Live the Eucharist by testifying to God’s love for every person.”

- Pope John Paul II
World Youth Day, Rome, 2000

Retreat led by on-fire, outstanding speakers!!

Friday, February 29, 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 1, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 2, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

RETREAT INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS

For more information, call 773-588-6484 or email: YOUTHretreat@StBenedict.com

Information and registration forms available at:
http://www.catechesis-chicago.org/youth/youth_ministry.htm

† Inspiring Talks † Eucharistic Adoration † Lively Music
† Group Workshops † Personal Testimonies † Sharing Faith

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A weekend for, of, and by young people
Youth and Young Adults, Ages 13-30 are invited!

St. Benedict Parish
Come Home to St. Ben’s
GENERAL INFORMATION
The YOUTH 2000 Retreat will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 29, March 1 and 2, 2008 at St. Benedict’s Parish in Chicago, IL. All youth and young adults, ages 13-30 are invited. If you have any questions after reading the following information, please email YOUTHretreat@StBenedict.com or call (773) 588-6484.

REGISTRATION
The Registration Form and Liability Release are enclosed. All participants, including chaperones, must complete the Liability Release Form. All forms for participants age 17 and younger must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and must be completed in advance of the weekend. Participants are encouraged to pre-register. Participants who wait to register at the door must have Liability Release and Registration Forms signed by a parent or legal guardian and will only be allowed entrance if space is available. Return completed registration forms by February 18th. The registration fee is $40 per person. Additional donations to help offset the costs are gratefully accepted.

CHAPERONES
There must be one adult chaperone, age 21 and over, for every one to seven youth under the age of 18. Chaperones must arrive with, attend and stay with their youth during the Retreat. All chaperones and volunteers must fulfill and be in compliance with Archdiocesan policies and requirements for providing a safe and secure environment for minors. Chaperones must have attended a VIRTUS seminar and have completed a background check. Proof of VIRTUS seminar attendance must be provided to the retreat team for all chaperones.

MEALS
Lunch, dinner and a drink with each meal will be provided on Saturday. The cost for these two meals is included in the $40 registration fee. Leaving the retreat site for these meals is not an option.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS
Press Releases and a sample bulletin notice for a Parish Bulletin are available. Please call if you would like a copy. Any part of this brochure can be copied and or enlarged for promotion of the Retreat.

YOUTH 2000 relies on private donations. Your donations are welcome to help us meet our needs and expense. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to YOUTH 2000 and mail it to the National Office: YOUTH 2000, 6225 Boca Raton, Dallas, TX 75230.

Program: “I Am The Bread of Life” Jn 6:35

Friday, February 29th
6:00 p.m. Registration
6:30 p.m. Music
7:00 p.m. Welcome/Introduction and Rosary
7:30 p.m. Mass
8:45 p.m. Short Break
9:00 p.m. Talk
9:45 p.m. Music, Meditation, Adoration
11:00 p.m. Closing

Saturday, March 1st
8:00 a.m. Music
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. Talk
9:45 a.m. Workshops
10:30 a.m. Short Break
10:45 a.m. Music, Meditation, Testimonies
noon Lunch
1:30 p.m. Talk/Examination of Consciences
2:15 p.m. Workshops
3:00 p.m. Break
3:30 p.m. Music, Meditation, International Rosary
4:30 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Talk
8:15 p.m. Music, Meditation, Adoration
9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Procession
10:00 p.m. Closing

Sunday, March 2nd
8:00 a.m. Music
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m. Talk
9:00 a.m. Rosary
9:30 a.m. Short Break
10:00 a.m. Benediction and Reposition
10:15 a.m. Crowning of Mary
10:30 a.m. Mass
12:00 p.m. Testimonies
12:30 p.m. Closing

† Priests will be available for Confession throughout the entire weekend.

“Every part of the retreat is meant to help you grow in true and lasting love for Jesus Christ in His Church so that you can live as a Catholic in the culture of today with a deep peace, firm hope and Gospel courage, and invite other young people to do the same. I invite you to join other young Catholic men and women for these days of worship, reflection, learning and celebration. Your participation will help you to know and love the Lord more deeply and to share our Catholic faith more effectively with others.”

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
MAPS & DIRECTIONS

Saint Benedict Parish is located at 2215 W. Irving Park Road; Chicago, IL 60618, approx. 2½ miles east of the Kennedy Expressway, and two miles west of Lake Shore Drive (see map). NOTE: St. Benedict’s parking lot is small and will be reserved for special needs participants, so please consider carpooling or public transportation. Parking on neighborhood streets is permissible.

CONTACT US:
St. Benedict Parish
2215 W. Irving Park Road
Chicago, IL 60618
773-588-6484
fax: 773-588-4927
YOUTHretreat@stbenedict.com

HOUSING

YOUTH 2000, St. Benedict’s Parish, and the Archdiocese of Chicago are not responsible for housing or for any overnight accommodations. The information provided regarding hotels is strictly for your convenience. YOUTH 2000 has no relationship with these hotels. St. Benedict’s Parish, the Archdiocese of Chicago have no relationship with these hotels. If selecting a hotel, you should determine based on your own investigation whether or not it is an appropriate and safe place for you to stay. Transportation is not provided.

Area Hotels:

Best Western
Hawthorne Terrace Hotel
3434 N. Broadway Avenue
Chicago, IL 60657
(773) 244-3434
www.bestwestern.com

Days Inn – Gold Coast
1816 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60614
(312) 664-3040
www.daysinn.com

Days Inn – Chicago/ Lincoln Park
644 W. Diversey Parkway
Chicago, IL 60618
(773) 525-7010
www.daysinn.com

Four Points by Sheraton
Chicago O’Hare Airport
10249 W. Irving Park Road,
Schiiller Park, IL 60176
(847) 671-6000
www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/index.html

Holiday Inn – Skokie
5300 W. Touhy Ave
Skokie, IL 60077
(847) 679-8900
www.ichotelsgroup.com

Motel 6
Chicago O’Hare - Schiller Park
9408 W. Lawrence Avenue
Schiiller Park, IL 60176
(847) 671-4282
www.motel6.com

Travelodge
Chicago O’Hare / Rosemont
3003 Mannheim Rd.
Des Plaines, IL 60018
(847) 296-5541
http://www.travelodge.com

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From the South or Southwest
Take I-90/94 West to Western Avenue Exit. Turn Right (North) on Western follow approximately 1.8 miles to Irving Park Road. Turn Right (east) on Irving Park Road and follow three blocks to Church.

From the West or Northwest
Take I-90/94 East to Irving Park Road Exit. Turn Left (east) on Irving Park Road approximately 2.5 miles to Church.

From the North
Via Lake Shore Drive – take Lake Shore Drive south to Irving Park Road; turn right (west) on Irving Park Road for approximately 2 miles. Church is on left.

Via Western Ave — Western Avenue South to Irving Park Road, turn Left (east) on Irving Park Road and go three blocks. Church on right.

From Downtown
Via Lake Shore Drive – take Lake Shore Drive north to Irving Park Road, turn Left (west) on Irving Park Road, follow Irving Park approx. 2 miles to Church.

Via Western Ave — Western Avenue north to Irving Park Road, turn right (east) on Irving Park Road and follow three blocks to Church, on right.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

CTA — This information is for your convenience. Please check their website www.transitchicago.com or call 312-836-7000 for schedules and fares.

Blue Line (Inbound from O’Hare)
Take Blue Line to the Irving Park Stop. Take #80 Irving Park Bus East to N. Leavitt Street Stop

Blue Line (Outbound from Loop)
Take Blue Line (O’Hare) to the Western Avenue Stop. Take #X49 Western Express North to Irving Park Road Stop. Walk three blocks east on Irving Park to church.

Brown Line
Take Brown Line to the Irving Park stop, walk ½ mile west to St. Ben’s (or take #80 Irving Park bus west to Leavitt Street stop).

METRA
Union Pacific District Northwest Line to the Irving Park stop. Take CTA’s #80 Irving Park Bus east to Leavitt Street stop. Please check their website www.metrarail.com or call 312-836-7000 for schedule and fare information.
POPE JOHN PAUL II

♫ As a priority in your response to the call for a new evangelization, I am heartened to learn of your resolute efforts to bring further energy to youth ministry. The growth of such groups as YOUTH 2000 and the development of university chaplaincy programs are evidence of the desire of many young people to share in the Church’s life.

♫ I learned a lot about how I’m supposed to live my life as a Catholic. I also grew closer to God through adoration and prayer. I feel more confident in spreading God’s word everywhere I go.

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♫ I got reacquainted with God and Jesus and I felt one with them. I got peace, happiness and joy from the retreat, a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit, and I have a new understanding of faith.

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– Pope John Paul II

THE BISHOPS

♫ It was inspiring to witness the faith of the young people and their obvious love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

♫ It is a unique opportunity for you to encounter Christ in the Eucharist, to learn about Mary and the Church, as well as build new friendships based on our Catholic faith. … As I am sure you agree, you play a vital role in the Church. It is Jesus’ love that calls us to this role.

♫ It is to you, young people, that the task first falls of bearing witness to the Faith and bringing into the third millennium the Gospel of Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, the Life …”

♫ “May the Immaculate Heart of Mary guide and protect this beautiful spiritual initiative, YOUTH 2000, and lead each one of you to respond with enthusiasm that you may be in the world, true carriers of God’s love, peace, joy, and unity.”

– Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza

THE TEENS

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– Teresa

– Mary Ann

– Emma

– Brent

– Ernie

MOTHER TERESA

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- Includes lunch and dinner on Saturday
- Does not include housing

Send $40.00 Registration Fee (checks payable to St. Benedict Parish) and completed Liability Release form below by February 18, 2008 to:

St. Benedict Parish – YOUTH 2000 Retreat
2215 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago IL 60618

* LIABILITY RELEASE FORM BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS AND CHAPERONES *

LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

Name of Activity: YOUTH 2000 Retreat
Location: St. Benedict Parish, 2215 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago IL 60618
Phone: 773-588-6484  (fax: 773-588-4927)
Date of Activity: February 29 - March 2, 2008

The undersigned do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless YOUTH 2000, Inc., and St. Benedict’s Parish and the Archdiocese of Chicago from and against any and all liability, claims, demands, lawsuits and expenses of any kind arising from personal injury, sickness, death or property damage of any kind whatsoever which may be incurred or suffered by the undersigned and/or participant (if participant is under 18, 18 or older).

The undersigned further agree to indemnify and hold YOUTH 2000, Inc., and St. Benedict’s Parish and the Archdiocese of Chicago and its respective members, directors, employees, and agents (collectively, the “Indemnities,”) harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, lawsuits, and liabilities, including attorney fees and expenses and costs sustained by the Indemnities as a result of negligent, willful or intentional acts of the undersigned and/or participant (if participant is 18 or under, 18 or older).

If participant is under 18 years of age, I (we) the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the participant, do hereby grant permission for our child to participate fully in the YOUTH 2000 Retreat and all of its activities and hereby give permission to YOUTH 2000 and St. Benedict’s Parish and the Archdiocese of Chicago to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not limited to emergency surgery and I (we) fully and completely assume all responsibility for all medical bills.

Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, I (we) assume all responsibility and transportation costs.

This form MUST be signed by ALL participants. If participant is under 18, parent or legal guardian must sign.

NAME: __________________________________________  AGE: ______  SEX: M _____ F _____
ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _______________________________________________________
TELEPHONE ( ___ ___ ___ ) ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___  CELL PHONE( ___ ___ ___ ) ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___
EMAIL: ________________________________________________________________

**PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) SIGNATURE
(1) __________________________________________ DATE _______________________
(2) __________________________________________ DATE _______________________

CHAPERONE’S NAME (who will attend Retreat with youth): ________________________________

PARISH / GROUP: ________________________________________________________________

PARTICIPANT’S SIGNATURE (if 18 or older): _________________________________________

NOTE: ANY PARTICIPANT UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE A WRITTEN PERMISSION SIGNED BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN TO LEAVE THE RETREAT DURING RETREAT HOURS.

Youth Ministers, Chaperones and Volunteers, MUST complete the other side of form.
YOUTH MINISTERS, CHAPERONES, AND VOLUNTEERS HELPING WITH THE YOUTH 2000 RETREAT

All youth ministers and chaperones coming with a group, and all of the volunteers helping with the YOUTH 2000 Retreat MUST submit the following documents to the Sponsoring Party Registration Committee prior to the Retreat. No exceptions. Those arriving at the Retreat without the following documentation will not be admitted.

• The signed and completed YOUTH 2000 Retreat Registration and Liability Release Form (front side of this page).

• A letter from your parish or diocese stating you are in compliance with the Zero Tolerance Policy issued by the USCCB and that you have completed the training required by your Diocese and have completed a current background check. Attach the letter to your completed Registration and Liability Release Form, along with proof of completion of VIRTUS seminar.

NAME: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Circle one: *youth minister  *chaperone       *volunteer

PARISH / GROUP: _________________________________________________________________________________

CITY _________________________________ STATE__________ ZIP__________

PHONE NUMBER OF PARISH (________)____________________

For Registration Committee Use Only

Compliance letter received: Yes ___________   No _____________

Received by (Registration Committee Volunteer name): ____________________________

YOUTH MINISTERS AND CHAPERONES

There must be one adult chaperone for every seven youth, age 17 and younger, in your group.

_____ Number of youth in your group, age 17 and younger, attending the YOUTH 2000 Retreat

_____ Number of chaperones attending the YOUTH 2000 Retreat with your group

Names of adult chaperones for your group (to be completed by the youth minister/chaperone in charge of the group):

1. __________________________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________________________________________
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