

# DYC 2009 BANNER CONTEST

The Year 2009 brings thoughts of our eighth annual Diocesan Youth Conference in Collinsville at the Gateway Center. Your parish youth can show their parish spirit and creativity by entering our Diocesan Banner Contest.

We are happy to announce that based upon your feedback, we have made some changes in our Diocesan Banner Contest for the 2009 Year. We will sponsor three (3) winners in 2009. The categories will be: 1) "Best of Show" for overall excellence, 2) Best Theme (for the banner that best incorporates the Conference Theme, and 3) Best Creative Design (for the banner that expresses the most creativity). We are looking for great quality in our parish banners once again. After the Conference, your banner will be returned to you so that you can proudly display it in your parish church or youth meeting room. Or, you may wish to donate your banner to a local nursing home or some other group supported by your parish youth ministry.

Banners will be judged by your DYMAC members on Saturday afternoon at the Conference. We will sponsor an Award Plaque for first place in each category indicated above. The winning parishes will be recognized during our Conference Banquet. Judging will be based upon a "1" to "5" point system with "1" point being low and "5" points being high. Areas of judging to be utilized in determining our three winners include:

**Originality - Design - Neatness - Creative use of materials -  
Incorporation of Conference Theme**

**Please ensure that your parish follows the judging criteria closely as this is the tool to be used by the judges. Judging criteria is identified below.**

Here is the information your group will need to prepare that "winning banner":

- The Theme for the 2009 Diocesan Youth Conference is "**Rooted in Christ**". This Theme reminds us that by placing our trust in God, we can overcome the obstacles that challenge our lives. Prayer assists us in deepening the roots of our faith. The Holy Spirit strengthens us when we are tested by the trials and tribulations of life. Just as a tree needs nutrients, God's Word provides us with an abundance of nutrients to nourish our spirit and our soul.
- Your banner should be 3' x 5' and **must** have a two-inch hem or loops for hanging at the top. It is not necessary to have a pole through the banner since we are unable to hang the poles. The name of your parish and town should appear on the front of the banner. Your banner may be formatted either horizontally or vertically.
- Youth members of your parish **must** prepare your banner. Adults may provide guidance, but actual preparation, design, and creation is limited to youth members only.

Felt and burlap are great materials for making banners. **Banners should be brought with you to the Conference so they may be hung before the Opening Session on Saturday.** We will collect them upon your arrival. If you have any questions, please contact the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry at 235-9601.

Email us at [ldoussard@diobelle.org](mailto:ldoussard@diobelle.org) or return your Entry Form (on reverse) indicating your intent to place a parish banner in our Banner Contest by March 15th to:

*Office of Youth Ministry, 2620 Lebanon Ave, Belleville, IL 62221-3299/Fax to (618) 235-7114*

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**2009 DYC BANNER CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

PARISH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person submitting this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contest Deadline is March 15, 2009**