

2009 SILENT BASKET AUCTION



Concept

1. We are happy to announce our 8th Annual Silent Basket Auction. Beautiful "baskets" full of goodies will be auctioned off at our 2009 Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) on March 28-29 at the Gateway Center in Collinsville, Illinois.
2. This is the major fund-raiser sponsored for the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry annually. Your support of this effort benefits the outreach of the Office of Youth Ministry. Funds are utilized to present a variety of Diocesan programs and opportunities for youth including service outreach to the community, scholarship funds, and special projects.
3. Each parish in attendance at the DYC should bring at least one basket(s) with a theme of their choosing.



Theme Ideas

Cooking - the parish cookbook, cookie cutters, various ingredients, and measuring spoons all inside a mixing bowl
Sports - a team jersey or T-shirt, tickets to a ball game, trading cards, and a poster all inside a team trash can
College - junk food, soda, notebooks, pens, Wal-Mart gift card, and washing detergent all inside a laundry basket

4. In past years, baskets have ranged in price from \$35 - \$75. Less expensive baskets seem to sell better, so your parish is welcome to donate two smaller baskets rather than one large basket. We ask that each parish donate what they wish. Remember to ask local businesses for donations.

Baskets:

1. All contents should be inside a container (basket, cooler, laundry basket, bowl, etc.) and enclosed in shrink-wrap, plastic wrap, cellophane, or a clear bag.
2. Each basket should also have attached to it a note identifying all contents of the basket, the total value of the basket, & the parish name. (You may want to identify the business or person that donated the item for your basket.)

Auction:

1. The baskets will be on display throughout the Conference for viewing and bidding.
2. A Bidding Sheet will be in front of every basket. Each bidder will write his/her name, address, phone number, parish and bid.
3. All bidders will be held to their bids, so bids need to be realistic.

NEW to the Auction This Year:

1. There will be a mystery basket raffled off.
2. There will be minimum bid increments of \$5.
3. Each basket will have a minimum bid.

Your support of a donated basket and your participation in our Conference Basket Auction are greatly appreciated as we continue to grow leadership for our Church. If you have questions, feel free to contact Ella York by phone at 618-841-9716 or by email at ella@siu.edu.