

## HELP YOURSELF!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

At the 2009 Diocesan Youth

Conference, there will be strategically

placed recycle bins for your unwanted

recyclable products at the Gateway

Center and at the hotel. Please

remember to place your paper and

plastic products into the recycle bins

instead of the trash can!

Help your friends, community and

yourself out by making the world a

better place to live and remember to

**“GO GREEN FOR GOD!”**



### One tree can make a difference...

- ♥ The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours per day— U.S. Dept. of Ag.
- ♥ The planting of trees improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion. This allows more recharging of the ground water supply. Wooded areas help prevent the transport of sediment and chemicals into streams.-U.S. Dept. of Ag.
- ♥ One acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people.-U.S. Dept. of Ag.
- ♥ Healthy, mature trees add an average of 10 percent to a property's value.-USDA Forest Service

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**Diocesan  
Youth  
Conference  
Service Project**

**March 28-29, 2009**

# Going Green for GOD...



In conjunction with this year's DYC theme, "Rooted in Christ," our service project is getting back to our roots and focusing on nature. For DYC '09, we will focus on changing our community one *green* step at a time.



**Plant a tree in your community**



**Collect "wish list" items for our "best friends" at the Humane society**



**Use recycle bins provided at the Conference Center**



## **YOU CAN HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!**

Become "rooted" in your community by planting a tree with your youth group! For information regarding planting seasons and tree types, please visit [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

Visit your local nursery, pick up a tree, find a location, plant your tree and become rooted in Christ!

When you plant your tree, please say this prayer:

Dear Lord, Please bless this tree and help it become rooted to the earth as we are rooted in Christ. Please help it grow and become strong as you help your children on earth. Let it be shelter for those on a warm summer day, beauty for those who admire God's natural wonders, and strength for those who want to grow with God. In your name we pray, Amen.



## **Help your Friends**

♥ Realizing that we face challenging economic times, our focus on the Environment calls us to respect all of God's creations - including animals. Therefore, we selected our service collection project to aid abused and neglected animals.

♥ This year, we ask our parishes to bring supplies for the Humane Society. The Humane Society of the United States estimates that animal shelters care for between 6–8 million dogs and cats every year. To help care for these animals, we have contacted many of our local humane societies asking for a supply list.

♥ Supplies needed are: kitty litter (the kind that clumps), buckle collars, bowls, leashes, puppy pads, pet toys and blankets. The Humane Society also collects coupons for pet food and treats!