



National Association of  
Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders

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Dear NACYML Members,

This coming year marks the sixth anniversary of the National Association of Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders. These have been years of building a foundation, growing membership, and establishing a presence and identity within the youth ministry community. Moments of challenge and frustration have been greatly outnumbered by the generosity and giftedness of NACYML members in responding to the requests we have made to build this professional network.

NACYML highlights from 2009 include:

- a strong showing and presence at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City.
- a formal plan for collaboration and partnering with local professional associations.
- opportunities for all diocesan directors of youth ministry to become NACYML members.
- an updated OnCourse offering in the form of a webinar series. Offered in collaboration with Ministry Training Source, presenters are slated to include: Dr. Charlotte McQuorquodale and Leigh Sterten, Mike Patin, Sister Kieran Sawyer, SSND, Chris Semmel, Ann Marie Eckert and Dr. Bob McCarty.
- the completion of the writing of Certification Competencies for Volunteers.
- the discernment of four new members to the leadership team.
- members of NACYML continue to represent the youth ministry community in parishes, dioceses and youth serving agencies.

In 2010, benefits of membership will include:

- receive discounted rates for the OnCourse Webinar series.
- resources, programming ideas and professional development opportunities through the members only webpage.
- ongoing possibilities for networking through the NACYML Facebook and Linked in pages.
- participation at the biennial membership meeting in New Orleans in December, 2010.

By working together, the membership of NACYML is making a significant contribution to the field of Catholic Youth Ministry. Each member brings unique talents to the organization; talents and gifts that are needed to promote the practice and profession of Catholic youth ministry.

Enclosed you will find your membership renewal form for 2010. Please ensure that all information is correct and return with payment by either credit card or check. Please renew your membership by February 1<sup>st</sup>, as this is the date when non-renewals will have access to the NACYML members' website removed. Membership is based on a calendar year, expiring on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. You may also renew your membership online via the NACYML web site (<http://www.nacyml.org/>).

We continue to be grateful for your commitment and contribution to this member-driven organization. We look forward to your continued membership and your ongoing assistance in building and growing the important ministry we share.

With Thanks and Blessings,

Mary Mueller  
Chair, NACYML Leadership Team