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The Diocese of Knoxville

Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

July , 2011

Dear Pastor:

This year's Diocesan Youth Mass and Extravaganza will once again honor outstanding Youth and Adult Leaders throughout the Diocese. Each parish is asked to participate in and acknowledge young people and adults who work with them. The Youth Ministry Recognition Awards are to be presented at a Mass on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart with the Most Reverend Bishop Richard F. Stika of the Diocese of Knoxville presiding.

This liturgy is a wonderful opportunity to join with other youth, Coordinators of Youth Ministry and their families from the various areas of our Diocese in recognition of teenagers and adults who contribute to parish youth ministry.

Each parish is invited to recognize two outstanding high school youth for their service to family, community, school and parish. Also, each parish may nominate two adults who have faithfully lived out their baptismal call of dedicated service to youth through youth ministry.

Two additional awards are to be conferred that day. **The *Timothy Award*, which is the highest recognition for ONE high school youth in each deanery.** It acknowledges those who selflessly serve their peers through youth ministry with unwavering commitment and dedication. **The *Companions on the Journey Award* is presented to ONE adult from each deanery** who has been extraordinary in his or her service to youth through youth ministry. The applications and descriptions are enclosed for your careful consideration.

This mass will continue to acknowledge and install the young people chosen to advise the office through their participation in the Diocesan Youth Ministry Advisory Council (DYMAC) along with the traditional festivities directly after the mass that will include inflatable games, music, and food.

Kindly mail the Youth Recognition information to me at the office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries by September 1, 2011, indicating on the attached form whether or not you will be able to concelebrate this Mass.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert T. Forsythe".

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