

Secretariat for Education Department for Youth and Young Adult Ministry Guidelines for Hosting RENEW Theology on Tap

For the past several years, Theology on Tap has been one of the most popular and successful programs offered to the young adults of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. This speaker series offers young adults the opportunity to socialize, pray, and discuss their personal, professional, and faith experiences with fellow Catholics in a welcoming and convivial atmosphere.

In dioceses across the country, Theology on Tap programs have enjoyed similar success. As a result, RENEW International copyrighted the name. The Department for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Secretariat for Education has obtained a license for our diocese and to ensure those who sponsor a Theology on Tap program remain mindful of the purpose of this ministry, building on the guidelines suggested by RENEW International, the Secretariat for Education asks that the following set of guidelines be observed:

- All Theology on Tap programs and speakers must be approved at the diocesan level.
- RENEW Theology on Tap is to be geared exclusively toward “young adults”—people in their 20s and 30s, married and single, with and without children.
- Primarily, efforts should be made to create inviting and hospitable environment. Coordinators should use personal invitation as the method of publicity, and a key objective for any Theology on Tap event is a comfortable and socially agreeable setting.
- RENEW Theology on Tap is a process of evangelization, a strategy to meet young adults where they are and invite them into the life of the Church. Topics therefore must address the needs of a “seeker” audience, those Catholics who are interested in and curious about the Catholic faith.
- The speakers must be well informed in their field and personally respectful of Catholic teaching, but also possess a keen sense of the issues of ministering to young adults. They should address relevant concerns in practical ways.
- Speakers should be compensated for their time and expertise.
- All publicity must use the official RENEW Theology on Tap logo, which is a registered trademark and may only be used to publicize official RENEW Theology on Tap events. Under normal circumstances this logo may not be changed.
- All publicity must contain the following, in some appropriate way, so that others can contact RENEW International for further information:

**RENEW Theology on Tap, a pastoral outreach for RENEW International,
1232 George Street, Plainfield, NJ 07062-171
Tel: 908-769-5400 x159 Web: www.theologyontap.com**

- A copy of all publicity must be sent electronically to the Young Adult Ministry Leadership Team by emailing yam@diopitt.org. If you wish, this information will then be shared with young adult and young adult leaders across the diocese.
- Any non-compliance with these guidelines may result in the revocation of permission to use the Theology on Tap name and any of its derivatives (e.g., Spirituality on Tap, or something similar).