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Reverend and dear Father,

In his first pastoral letter, *The Church Alive!* Bishop Zubik wrote that “our young people today have a strong sense of apostolic zeal in serving the needs of others and want to make a difference. So often, however, the materialist and secular culture in which we live makes it difficult for young people to embrace their faith. The Church must find effective means to reach out to our youth and young adults and enable them to become active members of the Church community.”

Each year, the Department for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, within the Secretariat for Education, highlights our ministry to young adults by sponsoring Young Adult Sunday. We once again we **invite you to participate in the celebration of the Eighth Annual Young Adult Sunday scheduled for August 2, 2009**. Young Adult Sunday was introduced to our diocese in 2002 and over the years it has been an effective way to reach out to young adults to encourage them to become active in our parishes. The theme of this year’s event is *You Our Are Hope* with a focus on recognize the importance of connecting young adults with God and asking them to share their many gifts in the Church.

For your convenience, sample materials are enclosed to help you promote and celebrate this event in your parish. The 2009 Young Adult Sunday information packet contains the following:

- [A promotional flyer for Young Adult Sunday](#)
- [A flyer promoting our Kickoff Mass/Social for Saturday, June 27, 2009](#)
- [Sample bulletin announcements](#)
- [An action plan suggestion sheet](#)
- [Young Adult Sunday event checklist](#)
- [2009 Young Adult Sunday Parish Event Information Form \(submit by July 10\)](#)

For your information, additional materials will be uploaded to our young adult ministry website throughout the summer. These materials include additional flyers, event ideas and liturgical resources. The address for the website is: www.yampgh.org


Over the course of the past seven years, many parishes successfully implemented Young Adult Sunday and utilized our information packets. This year, our efforts to increase participation include a Young Adult Sunday Kickoff Mass at Saint Mary of Mercy Parish on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. As part of this event, the Young Adult Ministry Leadership Team is also coordinating a tailgate party before the 7:05 Pirate game vs. the Kansas City Royals. Parishes are asked to coordinate young adult participation and order tickets through the Department for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Please take a moment to review these materials and pass them along to your young adult leaders to implement. I am particularly grateful to Gary M. Slifkey, Associate Director of the Department for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, for his leadership and oversight of this important ministry plan. He is available to assist you in any way regarding these materials (412-456-3140).

May God's blessing be upon you as your parish continues to connect young adults with the Catholic faith.

With every best wish and prayer, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Kris Stubna". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Reverend Kris D. Stubna, S.T.D.
Secretary for Education

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Mr. Gary Slifkey

Enclosures