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# Youth Ministry News



*Walking with Parishes and Campuses to empower youth, young adults and college students into a deeper understanding of and participation in the faith community.*

## JESUS DECODED

*Catholic Belief versus Modern Fiction*

[www.jesusdecoded.com](http://www.jesusdecoded.com)

Was Jesus really married to Mary Magdalene? Did the Catholic Church suppress various secret Gospels that "tell the real truth" about Jesus and the early Church? Did Deception and politics determine which books were included and excluded from the Bible?

These are questions that some readers of Dan Brown's best-selling novel *The Da Vinci Code* are asking. And with the worldwide debut of director Ron Howard's film version of the novel coming in May, many others are certain to be exposed to the sensational claims which call into question fundamental orthodox beliefs about Jesus and the Church. To help separate the Catholic truth from fiction, the Catholic Communication Campaign has produced *Jesus Decoded*, a new hour-long documentary that presents clear and accurate information about the person of Jesus, his disciples, and the formation of the books included in the official canon of the Bible.

Shot on location in Israel, Turkey, and Italy, and making use of an international group of scholars versed in art, history, and Scripture, *Jesus Decoded* offers a solid *Catholic* response to "Da Vinci Code believers," concentrating especially on the first three centuries of the development of the Church. The documentary will be distributed to NBC TV stations for broadcast the weekend of May 20 and it will be available to purchase on DVD and video at the same time. Watch *Jesus Decoded* on NBC or order a DVD of this groundbreaking film for just \$19.95 (plus S&H) by calling 1-800-235-8722.

**DISCOVER A TRUTH MORE POWERFUL THAN FICTION.**

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# Items of Interest

May 9	Theology on Tap—Findlay
May 11	Theology on Tap—Toledo
May 11	Theology on Tap—Willard
May 16	Theology on Tap—Findlay
May 18	Theology on Tap—Toledo
May 18	Theology on Tap—Willard
May 23	Theology on Tap—Findlay
May 25	Theology on Tap—Toledo
June 8-10	Putnam County Y.E.S.
June 13	Cedar Point Day
June 23-25	Back to Heartland Y.E.S.
July 14-16	Youth Conference—Bluffton University—Sr. High
July 21-29	Eagle Eye Summer Institute—Sr. High
August 2-5	Toledo Y.E.S.
August 8	Maumee Bay Leadership Institute
November 30-December 3	National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry—Las Vegas, NV



# Theology on Tap

Willard, OH @ 6:00 pm  
224 Varsity Club Restaurant  
(On Rt. 224 East of Willard)

May 11: "Theology of Prayer: Tools for Everyday Prayer": Barb Pifher

May 18: "Theology of Life: Finding Your Way" Fr. Michael Zacharias, Associate Pastor, St. Peter Mansfield

For more info, please contact Nancy Verhoff-Martin at (419) 935-0946.

Findlay, OH @ 6:30 pm  
Steve's Dakota Grill

May 9: "I get knocked down, but I get up again"

May 16: "Gratitude is an Attitude"

May 23: "Finding Faith in Finance"

Topics may switch nights as speakers are still being sought. Check [www.cyss.org](http://www.cyss.org) for updates.

For more info, please contact Nancy Pisarski at (800) 926-8277 x605.

Toledo, OH @ 6:00 pm  
Ground Round on Dussel

May 11: "God is my CEO": Dan Anderson of The Andersons

May 18: "Un-coding Da Vinci": TBD

May 25: "Secret of Happiness": Ruth Ann Leidorf

For more info, please contact Nancy Pisarski at (419) 244-6711 x605.



Camp Courageous  
Clean Sweep Days!!  
May 13 & 20  
9:00-2:00 p.m.

Camp Courageous is looking for volunteers to give camp a "clean sweep". These days are open to individuals, families, or groups! They plan a lot of indoor & outdoor cleaning for camp. A great way to give some time to a program that provides camping services for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Lunch is provided. Please dress for the weather and come on out!

Please let Cheryl know if you are coming...  
12701 Waterville Swanton  
Whitehouse, OH 43571  
419.380.4003  
[www.campcourageous.com](http://www.campcourageous.com)

### CONFERENCE PACKETS

Conference Packets are available online in pdf format. If you have misplaced yours or need a specific page, please download the packet and spread the word! To read the file, you will need Acrobat Reader which is a free download from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com). There are also more than 30 promotional DVD's around the diocese, so please share them and show them to your groups!

### Upcoming Y.E.S. Dates

Here are the dates we know of for upcoming Youth Elect Service opportunities. Please let us know of any others that may be happening or try to join one that is already going on!

Hearthstone— June 8, 9, 10

Back to Heartland—June 23, 24, & 25

Toledo Y.E.S.—August 2, 3, 4, & 5



Cedar Point Day—June 13, 2006  
Fun for the entire family!!!

Our annual Cedar Point day is a great way to kick off the summer for your group and their entire families! We have discounted tickets available for purchase on June 13. The price for small children and seniors has dropped to \$10, so make it a day for the entire family! We will also have cups for \$5 that you can re-fill with soft drinks all day long. Please post the enclosed flyer with all the details for your group and their families to see!

### *Training Opportunities!*

Here are a couple of great training opportunities for you and your ministry through Catholic Charities!

Three day training session for Peer Support Group Leaders at St. Thomas More in Bowling Green June 22-24, from 9:00-4:00. Registration is \$75 if received by June first and is limited to 20 people. Fee includes course textbook and handouts. CEU's available.

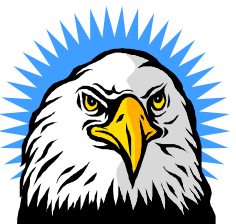
Tinsel and Tears program training is offered for bereavement group facilitators at two different locations. August 10, from 7-9pm at St. Mary in Defiance and August 12, 10-noon at St. Mary in Norwalk. This program just requires pre-registration.

For more information on either of these programs please contact Germaine Kirk, Social Ministry Coordinator at 419.244.6711x431.

### *"The Eucharist and the Role of the Body in our Quest for Fulfillment"*

Eagle Eye Summer Institute—July 21-29, 2006

Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry has partnered with the Community of St. John to bring this summer institute back! If you have youth that are over 16 through graduating Seniors that want to go deeper in their faith, this is for them. The institute is an intensive week of monastic prayer, study, hiking and genuine friendship. For more information or go to [www.cyss.org](http://www.cyss.org).



**Forming Adolescents in the Faith**

The *National Directory of Catechesis* emphasizes a systematic and intentional approach to adolescent catechesis within a comprehensive youth ministry, identifying the need for creative methodologies, formats, and settings, while providing solid content.

To further the comprehensive approach to adolescent catechesis, the NFCYM, National Conference for Catechetical Leaders (NCCL), and National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) are collaborating together on the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis. The Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis meets regularly to enhance the quality of adolescent catechesis, especially through a comprehensive approach to faith formation in parishes and schools across the country.

The first four of ten articles from the Partnership for Adolescent Catechesis are now available online. Check out these great resources at [www.nfcym.org](http://www.nfcym.org).

**2006 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry Nov. 30—Dec. 3, 2006  
"...And the Desert Shall Bloom"**

Where: Riviera Hotel—Las Vegas

Cost: \$210 for Registration  
\$99/night+tax per hotel room  
\$200ish for flight

\$some money for food and extras

Equals a great time for all with many opportunities for further development and education. This is a great opportunity especially since the next two National Conferences will be coming to Ohio!!! Go to [www.nfcym.org](http://www.nfcym.org) for more details and lists of speakers!

Please let us know if you are planning to attend so we can add you to our list.



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