



Happy Easter!

I am writing on behalf of the planning group for the parallel event for young people that takes place as part of Adoremus. The planning group is comprised of representatives from diocesan youth services, religious orders, youth organisations, and students. This letter is to give practical information to each religious order within CYMFed in regard to the event to take place in Liverpool on Sept 8th. For those who have knowledge of Embrace, rather than have two events for young Catholics in Liverpool within a few months of each other, energies this year will be focused on the National Youth Congress. This will be a unique event in the life of the Church in England and Wales and one which we hope each youth organisation will be able to send delegates to.

Why have a Youth Congress?

- ◇ Youth leaders, chaplains, priests asked what provision there was for young people at the Eucharistic Congress?
- ◇ It will offer an age appropriate participation for young adults as has been the custom at Eucharistic Congresses in other parts of the world.
- ◇ In this year of the Synod on “Youth, Faith and Vocation Discernment,” it is a great opportunity to gather young people together.
- ◇ It gives a unique opportunity for young people to focus on Eucharistic catechesis and prayer.
- ◇ The cost of the Main Congress is prohibitive for many young people, schools, youth services. The Youth Congress will enable participation of groups of young people which is in the reach of their sponsoring groups.

Congress Aims:

- ◇ To give young people a positive experience of being a young Catholic today.
- ◇ To help young people experience how God speaks to them through the celebration of the Eucharist.
- ◇ To foster in young people a deeper love of Christ through exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

- ◇ To help enable young people to live the Eucharist through witness, proclamation, care for the broken in society and love for the planet.

Where is it?

The Youth Congress takes place in the Auditorium which is situated in the Echo Arena Complex. It is adjacent to the main arena.

Who is the Congress aimed at? Those 13-20 years of age.

Allocation: 40 delegates places have been reserved for each diocese.

What will happen on the day?

Doors open at 10.30am. The day proper begins at 11.30 with opening worship and ends at 5.30 with a time of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The people who will be contributing and presenting to the Congress will be young adults themselves, Jo Boyce, Rise Theatre, Cafod, Bishop Robert Barron, Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop McMahon. There will be three age appropriate 'streams' run by different youth ministries in England and Wales.

- 13-15 year olds-Animate
- 16-17 year olds-Salesians
- 18-20 year olds-Joel's Bar

Safeguarding: Lorraine Leonard of the Salford Diocese is the Safeguarding lead.

Where to find more info? www.adoremusyouth.co.uk

Barriers: There are barriers which include the date being so close to school holidays, the lead in time for organisation and for some, the distance to Liverpool. The opportunities are that this is a unique event in the life of the church in this country, it ties in a very positive way with the Synod, it will give a focus to promote Flame in 2019 with young people who may not have been before. For most of the country, Liverpool lies within a three hour drive.

I am happy to answer any queries that you may have. A booking form is enclosed and we will follow up this letter with an electronic version. We aim to have registration complete by 11th June. If your diocese would like less tickets, more tickets or none at all it would be useful to have some feedback to aid the planning process.

We look forward to welcoming you to Liverpool, which is a wonderful city for this unique event.

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