

NH Catholic YOUTHFEST '08

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Important Information

What is NH Catholic YOUTHFEST?

NH Catholic YOUTHFEST is an annual, one-day, experience for all Catholic Youth (grades 6-12) featuring inspiring speakers, rockin' music, Mass, a concert, fun, friends and more. It is an opportunity to be part of the exciting youth community in the Catholic Church in New Hampshire and beyond.

How much does it cost?

Registration: The registration fee is \$25.00 per person. All late registrations are \$35.

Deadlines: March 21st - \$5 Deposits Postmarked. April 18th – Final Payment is due.

Please Note: There are financial assistance opportunities for those students in need...call Joe Malinowski @ 603-742-7931.

One fee includes: Music, Speakers, Workshops, Mass, Dinner, and Concert by Matt Maher

What will happen during NH Catholic YOUTHFEST?

Saturday, May 3rd Schedule, Sullivan Arena (for grades 6-12)

10:00 am	Registration/Check-In Opens
10:30 am	Music with Jon Niven and Band begins
11:00 am	Welcome and Theme
11:30 am	Kick off Activities, Fun, Games, Music, Prayer and more!
12:30 pm	Lunch (Bag Lunch)
1:15 pm	Keynote Speaker: Paul George
2:00 pm	Breakout Session I: Shannon Rothkopf/ Mike "Gomer" Gormley
3:00 pm	Breakout Session II : Shannon Rothkopf/ Mike "Gomer" Gormley
4:15 pm	Mass with Bishop McCormack
5:30 pm	Dinner (provided)
6:30 pm	Concert with Matt Maher and Band
8:00 pm	Thanks for coming, drive safely!

(subject to change)

Who are the presenters/ musicians at NH Catholic YOUTHFEST?

Matt Maher: On the forefront of Catholic Contemporary Music for the past several years, Matt has recently been signed by major Christian music label Essential Records. His upcoming release "Empty and Beautiful" will be available on April 8th. Matt and his band have played the main stage at Christian Music festivals like SOULFEST in Gilford, NH, lead music for the March for Life Rally at the MCI Center in Washington, DC, and will be performing at World Youth Day in Sydney 2008. You can find more information and about Matt and his band and listen to his music at www.mattmahermusic.com, and also by querying him on www.myspace.com and www.facebook.com.

Paul George: Paul has been in the trenches of youth ministry for 13 years. Gifted in developing a Gospel relevancy for people of all ages, and channeling his message through stories and humor, Paul shares his passion for the Gospel. He travels around the country speaking at rallies, retreats, conferences, and many other venues. He had the honor of speaking at World Youth Day 2000 in Rome, Italy. He is also director of ADORE Ministries and serves the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux and is director of Young Adult Ministries. You can find more info about Paul George at www.adoreworship.com

Shannon Rothkopf: Shannon works as a youth minister for St. Laurence Catholic Church, a thriving parish in Sugarland, TX. As a graduate of Franciscan University, Shannon has taken her passion for Jesus and the Church, and matched them with her God-given talents to bring the message of the Gospel to teens. As a young woman who is alive in the faith, we are glad to have her present to our teens this year.

Mike "Gomer" Gormley: Mike or as he is affectionately known as "Gomer", serves as a youth minister for St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Houston, TX. "Gomer" has been known to do almost anything, especially if it involves humor and an occasional physical stunt, to share the love of Christ. Mike also spends time over the summer working with the LIFE TEEN Summer Camps Program. You can find videos of Mike at camp and sharing some insights on the faith at www.lifeteen.com.

Jon Niven: Musician, Songwriter, Music Minister, Worship Leader of countless retreats, conferences, etc., and co-founder of LIFT Ministries, Jon and his band are back to provide music and lead the teens in worship during the day and for Mass. You can find more about Jon at www.liftedhigher.com

What is LIFT: "On The Road"?

This year we are offering a special opportunity for you, your youth and your parish. Jon Niven our NH Catholic Youthfest music leader is the director of LIFT Ministries. Every month hundreds of people from the Metro- Boston area gather for a night of Contemporary praise and worship, an inspiring speaker and Eucharistic Adoration. In preparation for NH Catholic YOUTHFEST the following day, LIFT Ministries will be taking their event "On The Road" providing an opportunity for

all of us in NH and beyond to pray for our church, diocese, and for NH Youthfest the following day. LIFT: "On The Road" will take place Friday May 2nd, from 7:00pm-9:00pm at the Sullivan Arena at St. Anselm College. This is open to the public and is free, but a free-will offering will be taken at the end of the night. There is no registration for this event. We encourage you to share this event in your parish bulletins and with any group in your church that may have a regular time of Adoration or prayer. If you want more info on this event leading up to NH Catholic Youthfest you can find it at www.nhyouthfest.com or at www.liftedhigher.com

Who is the NH Catholic YOUTHFEST Steering Committee?

Since its inception, NH Catholic YOUTHFEST has been lead by a committee of lay individuals who have a passion for the Catholic youth of our area. Below are the current committee members, their parish and ministry, if applicable. Please pray for our committee as we continue to prepare for this event

Joe Malinowski, Seacoast LIFE TEEN Youth Minister (Dover/Somersworth, NH Parish Clusters)
Mae Edwards, Youth Minister, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Concord, NH
Mary Jane Silvia, Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Manchester
Chris Conard, St. Pius Parish, Manchester
Shawn Gregory, Youth Minister, St. Michael Parish, Exeter, NH
Carrie Soucy, Youth Minister, St. Elizabeth Seton, Bedford, NH
Nate Campbell, Youth Minister, Ste. Marie Parish, Manchester, NH
Valerie Sharp, Youth Minister, Immaculate Conception, Nashua, NH

Questions:

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