



GRÁSTA DÉ!

diocesan middle school youth ministry day 2011 (grades 6-8)
sunday, october 30, 2011 • 1-7 pm • andrea hs

REGISTRATION INFO FOR GROUP LEADERS



Office for Youth
and Young Adults

DIOCESE OF GARY

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MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-7088

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September, 2011

Dear Youth Ministry Coordinator, DRE, etc.:

In the midst of a busy ministry fall, we are gearing up for the 5th annual *Grásta Dé!* youth ministry day, sponsored by the Diocese of Gary Office for Youth & Young Adults.

Grásta Dé! (pronounced "GRAWSS-tuh jay!") is Gaelic for "God's Grace." It is a diocesan youth ministry day just for youth in grades 6, 7, and 8. It will be held Sunday, October 30th, 1-7pm, at Andrean High School.

The 2010 event was the highest-attended *Grásta Dé!* yet, with over 300 middle schoolers filling the Andrean High School gym with an incredible spirit! *Grásta Dé!* is the fastest-growing diocesan middle school event, and that is a credit to the many parish youth and catechetical leaders who see *Grásta Dé!* as a chance to supplement their existing formation strategies with a diocesan event that gives their youth a bigger sense of church, a solid Catholic message, and a truly joyous expression of faith—FUN!

If you haven't been to *Grásta Dé!*, it is difficult for me to describe the atmosphere and do it justice, but suffice to say it is a source of great pride and optimism to see 6-8 graders joyous and enthusiastic for Christ! That atmosphere is created through the efforts of talented musicians and presenters, our Diocesan Youth Council, dynamic keynote speakers, and of course, none other than Bishop Melczek!

For those of you who have attended *Grásta Dé!*, we hope to see you again. Newcomers, we encourage you to bring a group, large or small!

In this packet you will find everything you need to register a group from your parish(es). If you have any questions, be sure to contact me directly at 219-769-9292 x229, or email yyakev@yahoo.com.

We are confident this program provides you something your local ministry cannot: namely a sense of "bigger church." We are many parts, one Body! (1 Cor. 12: 12)

Abundant blessings from *Grásta Dé!*

Kevin Driscoll
Coordinator, Office for Youth & Young Adults



Registration Information

IMPORTANT!

To comply with diocesan safe environment policies, youth must register through and attend with a VIRTUS-trained group leader. PLEASE DO NOT ask youth & parents to register themselves!

GROUP LEADER INFO:

- You are *strongly urged* to register your group online. This allows us to be the best stewards of time and financial resources at the diocese! There is no charge for doing this.

About the online registration system:



- To avoid mass confusion, **ONLY THE PRIMARY GROUP LEADER** should register online!!! You can link directly to the event registration page by visiting the *grásta dé!* website: www.grastade.com , or at www.showmyevent.com .
- Under "Register Now," it is recommended that you register as a "Member." If you are not a member, follow the easy directions. This way you can easily edit your group members' info in the future.
- Enter your info first (select "Primary Adult Leader" under AGE), then enter each participants' info.

- **DEADLINES:** For food and facility planning purposes, please register all participants on or before **Friday, October 21**. Late signups will be accepted but should be the exception rather than the norm. Your cooperation will result in a more organized Grasta De! for all! The online registration system is easy, and prior to the event we're more interested in your online registration than forms and money.

- The diocese will charge each group \$10 per person, including adults. Please note that t-shirts are **NOT** included with the registration price. A separate t-shirt pre-order form must be submitted to OYYA on or before **Mon., Oct. 17** to guarantee tees for your participants. (A very limited number of shirts will be sold at the event, and YES, we DID sell out in 2010!)

➔ *When you register online, please make every attempt to include the participants' address. We use this to send them promotional info about upcoming events (CYX, TAPT, Grásta Dé) in the future.*

- You may use a paper registration form, but if you choose to do this, please submit that form no later than October 21, as that information must be manually entered.
- Permission forms and money should be collected and kept by parish leaders. Parish leaders will turn forms and money in at check-in at the event. To download additional forms (PDF format), visit grastade.com.
- While delicious light snacks & beverages will be served upon arrival, for many growing young people it will not equal a complete lunch. Please remind youth to eat a big breakfast or an early lunch before arriving!
- Maximum adult chaperone:youth ratio is 1:10. 1:7 is preferred. Male and female chaperones are also encouraged.
- For questions regarding registration, etc. contact Kevin Driscoll at 219-769-9292 x 229 or email yyakev@yahoo.com
- All forms are available for download (PDF format) at www.grastade.com.

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2011 Registration Form for Parish Middle School Youth Ministry groups, School groups, Religious Ed. Classes, etc.

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If you choose not to register online, please **return this form on or before October 21st** to: **Kevin Driscoll, Office for Youth & Young Adults, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410**. You may fax this form to 219-738-9034, or email as a scanned PDF attachment to yyakev@yahoo.com. If you have questions, contact Kev at 219-769-9292 ext. 229 or email yyakev@yahoo.com.

Group leader: _____ Phone(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Parish/Ministry: _____ City: _____

Email of group leader: _____

(It is assumed this group leader is attending Grásta Dé! Please inform Kevin Driscoll if this is NOT the case.)

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(Please use additional sheet if necessary)

Diocese of Gary Activity Release Form: Grásta Dé! Middle School Youth Ministry Day, 10/30/11

<p style="text-align: center;">Participant Information</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Street: _____</p> <p>City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____</p> <p>Name(s) of Mother & Father (or legal guardians): _____</p> <p>Insurance Company: _____</p> <p>Policy Number: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Activity Information (be specific):</p> <p>Parrish/Organization: DIocese OF GARY Activity: Grásta Dé, Diocesan Middle School Youth Ministry Day Place: Andrean High School, 5959 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410 Date of Activity: October 30, 2011 Adult Chaperone(s): Parish-designated youth leader; Kevin Driscoll, Diocese of Gary Day(s) of Event Phone: 219-552-4060</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Permission and Medical Treatment Waiver</p> <p>I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____ do hereby give my permission for him/her to attend the above activity and to be treated for a medical emergency in my absence while participating in the Youth Ministry program. The Youth Minister or adult supervisor may act as an agent in my absence. In case of accident, I do not hold the Diocese of Gary, the parish, its staff, or the adult chaperones responsible.</p> <p>In case of emergency, if I am not available at the above address and phone, please contact: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Special Dietary Needs: _____</p> <p>Medications: (if none, write "none") _____</p> <p>Allergies: (if none, write "none") _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Parent Authorization and Waiver of Risk for Travel</p> <p>I hereby give my consent for my daughter/son, _____ (name) _____ to participate in Grásta Dé, Diocesan Middle School Youth Ministry Day including traveling from and to Andrean High School, 5959 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410</p> <p>The group will be traveling by _____ (means of transportation) _____</p> <p>I understand that neither the Diocese of Gary, the Parish, the Parish Youth Minister, the Parish Chaperone, nor the staff is liable in the event of an accident or injury to my child. I also assume full responsibility for the consequences of my child's actions during these activities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Waiver of Risk</p> <p>I understand that, despite careful and proper preparation, there is still a risk of injury when participating in any activity.</p> <p>In consideration for the Diocese of Gary, the Parish, and Office of Youth Ministry, or any other participating organization, permitting my child to participate in the above activity, I agree to indemnify, defend, hold harmless and release the Diocese of Gary, the Parish, and Office of Youth Ministry, or any other participating organization, and their officers, agents, representatives, employees and volunteers, against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, costs, damages, expenses, and liability arising out of any act or omission or other occurrence, whether or not caused by or resulting from this activity, the Catholic Diocese of Gary, Parish, and Youth Ministry, or any other participating organization, their agents, representatives, employees, and volunteers during the course of the activity in which he or she is participating.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Payment and Indemnity Hold Harmless Agreement</p> <p>I, (parent/guardian) _____ hereby agree to assume full responsibility for the payment of all debts incurred by my child, (name) _____ during his/her visit to Grásta Dé, Diocesan Middle School Youth Ministry Day, and to reimburse the Diocese of Gary (and any other participating organizations) for any damages suffered by it due to my child's acts during the trip.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Waiver of Risk</p> <p>I understand that, despite careful and proper preparation, there is still a risk of injury when participating in any activity.</p> <p>In consideration for the Diocese of Gary, the Parish, and Office of Youth Ministry, or any other participating organization, permitting my child to participate in the above activity, I agree to indemnify, defend, hold harmless and release the Diocese of Gary, the Parish, and Youth Ministry, or any other participating organization, and their officers, agents, representatives, employees and volunteers, against and from any and all claims, suits, losses, costs, damages, expenses, and liability arising out of any act or omission or other occurrence, whether or not caused by or resulting from this activity, the Catholic Diocese of Gary, Parish, and Youth Ministry, or any other participating organization, their agents, representatives, employees, and volunteers during the course of the activity in which he or she is participating.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Authorization for Medical Care</p> <p>I authorize the Diocese of Gary (and any other participating organization) to procure, at my expense, any medical care reasonably required for my child during the trip.</p> <p>In the event of an emergency, please notify (please provide name, address, and phone number(s)): _____</p> <p>This Payment and Indemnity Hold Harmless Agreement means that the undersigned will not file a lawsuit or make a claim on behalf of said child against any of the entities or individuals above and will pay the costs of defense or damage caused by a claim by or on behalf of the undersigned.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian</i></p>	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;"> TEENS/PARENTS: This form should be given to the group leader, not the Diocese of Gary. Additional forms are available at grastade.com. </div> <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;"> GROUP LEADERS: Please collect all forms for your group and turn them in at check-in at the event. </div>

GRÁSTA DÉ! T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

In our efforts to better facilitate late registrations and lower the per-person cost of the event, the registration price of \$10 per person does NOT include a souvenir event t-shirt. Group leaders now have the option to pre-order t-shirts or forego the additional expense. But as t-shirts go, there's not much expense:



**Grásta Dé 2011 tees are still only \$5!
And this year, they're YELLOW!**

Yep! And the best part: the **"Ask me about Grásta Dé!"** wording on the front means they'll HAVE to evangelize. How cool is that?

While the registration deadline is October 21, please note that this pre-order form must be submitted to OYYA on or before **Monday, October 17** to guarantee tees for your participants.

No additional orders will be placed after October 17. A **very limited** number of shirts will be sold at the event (cash sales, no billing), first-come, first-served. And YES, we did sell out in 2010! This pre-order is the *only* way to ensure your teens will get a t-shirt!

You do not have to include payment with your order, but you will be billed for what you order.

Pre-orders will be there waiting for you when you arrive at Grásta Dé!

# of SM	# of MED	# of LG	# of XL	# of 2X	# of 3X*	TOTAL SHIRTS

x \$5 per shirt = _____

* please include \$2 extra for each 3x shirt ordered

Parish/Ministry: _____ Group Leader: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



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Promotional announcement:

(You may copy/paste this text at grastade.com>other stuff)

(COMPLETE VERSION) Middle school youth (grades 6-8) from around the diocese will gather at the annual "*Grásta Dé!*" diocesan Middle School Youth Ministry Day, and **(YOUR PARISH)** is bringing a group! *Grásta Dé!* (Gaelic for "God's Grace") will be held Sunday, Oct. 30 from 1-7pm at Andean HS, 5959 Broadway, Merrillville. Featuring upbeat music, youth-friendly learning sessions, pizza, dancing, skits, and meeting other youth from across the diocese who LOVE CHRIST and aren't afraid to show it! Includes mass with Bishop Melczek, and this year the faith-filled antics of Oddwalk Ministries! See **(your youth leader)** for more information, and visit www.grastade.com.

(SHORTER VERSION) Middle school youth from around the diocese will gather at the annual "*Grásta Dé!*" Middle School Youth Ministry Day, and **(YOUR PARISH)** is bringing a group! *Grásta Dé!* ("God's Grace") is Sun., Oct. 30 from 1-7pm at Andean HS, Merrillville. Featuring youth-friendly music, presenters, food, dancing, a mass with Bishop Melczek, and the faith-filled antics of Oddwalk Ministries! See **(your youth leader)** for more information, and visit grastade.com.

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sunday, october 30, 2011 · andrean hs

SCHEDULE (subject to change)

1:00 - 1:40	Hospitality & Check-In/Snacks*/Exhibits (gym)
1:40 - 2:00	Welcome music & ministry by Oddwalk Ministries
2:00 - 2:10	Welcome: emcee Pepé Flores-Carillo
2:10 - 2:20	"What is "Grásta Dé?": Diocesan Youth Council
2:20 - 2:25	Welcome from Dawn Wojkovich , Andrean HS
2:25 - 2:30	Learning Session Instructions: Pepé Flores-Carillo
2:30 - 2:40	<i>move to Learning Session</i>
2:40 - 3:40	Grade Level Learning Session <i>includes 5 minute community builder led by DYC</i>
3:40 - 3:45	<i>move to gym for concert/keynote</i>
3:45 - 4:30	Concert & Keynote: Oddwalk Ministries
4:30 - 4:45	Short break for Mass Preparation
4:45	Mass with Bishop Melczek
after Mass - 7:00	DJ Dance/Social/Pizza

* While delicious light snacks & beverages will be served upon arrival, for many growing young people it will not equal a complete lunch. Please remind youth to eat a big breakfast or an early lunch before arriving!

Grade Level Learning Sessions:

Themes not available at time of printing. Themes will be age-appropriate, catechetically sound, and compliment the overall theme of Grásta Dé! (God's Grace).





about the diocesan youth council...

Time and again we hear from adult leaders that one of their favorite parts of *Grásta Dé!* is watching our **Diocesan Youth Council** interact with the middle schoolers. Rest assured, our HS-aged DYC loves doing it! They come dressed to express a joyous love for Christ, and demonstrate leadership throughout the day in many ways.

They serve as a powerful witness to middle schoolers: YES, high schoolers DO love Christ and WILL choose church-related activities beyond Confirmation!



about the dance...

there is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens...A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and *a time to dance!* (Eccl. 3: 1,4) Think it's impossible to have a dance that plays music worthy of a Christian event? Think again! It's all positive dance music, spun by DJ Jim Rainbolt of Sensational Sounds in Schererville.



about Pepé...

Alfredo "Pepé" Flores-Carillo serves as *Grásta Dé!* emcee. Pepé is a veteran of diocesan youth ministry, having served as emcee at the annual Catholic Youth Xperience conference for high schoolers, *Grásta Dé!* '07-'10, and on the leadership team at previous Teens Are People Too ("TAPT") retreats.

Pepé's life was touched by Christ as a teen and he continues his faith journey as a young adult. He currently serves as the coordinator of HS youth ministry at Nativity of Our Savior (Portage) and is also enrolled in the diocesan Lay Ministry Formation program.



directions to andrean high school...



DIRECTIONS TO ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL, MERRILLVILLE:

From the North: (Toll Road or 80/94) Travel South on I-65 to 61st Avenue exit in Merrillville. Turn right (west) on 61st Avenue. Proceed to Broadway (53) (approx. 1 mile). Turn right (north) on Broadway. Andrean is approximately ½ block on right. *

From the South or (East US 30) Travel North on I-65 to 61st Avenue exit in Merrillville. Turn left (west) on 61st. Proceed to Broadway (53) (approx. 1 mile). Turn right (north) on Broadway. Andrean is approximately ½ block on right. *

*** *Grásta Dé!* parking and entrance is in the rear parking lot, BEHIND the school! Access to the lot is the drive on the south of the property, near the PayLow grocery store! (See pic above).**

All participants should enter through DOOR L.

For interactive directions from your starting point, visit grastade.com and click the "Directions" link.

about our 2011 keynoters/entertainers...

Oddwalk Ministries!



Oddwalk Ministries consists of Shannon Cerneka, Orin Johnson, their families, friends, and all of you! Shannon and Orin officially founded Oddwalk Ministries in 2004 after many years of a more informal existence. It exists to help young and old alike embrace life as Eucharistic people through fun, upbeat, and interactive music and witnessing.

Oddwalk has performed in front of thousands of teenagers and adults in such venues as NCCYM and NCCYM comedy clubs, World Youth Day catechetical sessions, and several diocesan youth rallies and conferences. 2008 marked their first appearances at the Youth Day of the L.A. Religious Education Congress and at the NCEA National Convention. Oddwalk has also performed in parish settings, helped lead retreats and prayer services, and has made countless other appearances in a wide variety of venues.

After recording several self-produced CDs, in 2007 Oddwalk agreed to record and publish with GIA Publications, Inc. Their first CD with GIA, an album of music for prayer and liturgy titled "Walk Away Different" was released in November of that year, and many Oddwalk songs are now published - several in GIA's new contemporary hymnal titled "Cross Generation." Their second CD with GIA, "Alright Now," was released in the fall of 2009, featuring the funny, silly side of Catholicism.



Oddwalk Ministries brings a message of community, participation, and mission to every group. Visit oddwalkministries.com or keytarsuperstar.com.

some snapshots from Grásta Dé! 2010...

