January 2, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to invite you and your high school students to the 2020 High School Youth Rally in Crookston, MN. The theme of the rally is Look Up. Look Up is an encouragement as well as a command that appears or is implied throughout the scriptures.

In Isaiah 40:26 as we are encouraged to look up for comfort, perspective and to regain our sense of wonder and humility.

“Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.”

In the first chapter of the Gospel of John, John the Baptist encourages his disciples to LOOK, casting everyone’s attention on “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

Like John the Baptist, we are all called to be signposts, pointing people to Jesus Christ.

In John 4:35, Jesus tells his disciples to look up at the fields, ripe for harvest! A reminder of our baptismal call as missionary disciples!

In Luke 10:38-42 we are reminded that “Mary has chosen what is better”, when she sits at the feet of Christ, looking up at His glorious face while her sister Martha busies herself with less important distractions.

We are reminded of God’s incredible mercy in Luke 15, when the father lifts the chin of the prodigal son, releasing him of his guilt and shame.

So often in scripture when we are called to “Look (Up)”, God is connecting our eyes to our hearts in order to radically transform them. Can you imagine being in the presence of a great messenger like John the Baptist and being told to look at the one who is so much greater than he? Can you imagine being Mary, sitting at the feet of Jesus in complete and perfect adoration of Him? Can you imagine being with the three Marys and John at the foot of the cross, hanging on to every last breath of Our Savior?

The 2020 Youth Rally serves to remind our young church that they have a loving and merciful Father who calls us to look up to Him so that He may transform each and every heart.

Please encourage your high schoolers to take part in what will be a great day!
Rally Details

Look Up
Sunday, March 1
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Crookston High School
402 Fisher Avenue
Crookston, MN

Online Registration
Please register your group online by Wednesday, February 26th. It is important that you do this so we can plan for meals. You can register your group here:

https://www.crookston.org/offices/discipleship/youthevents/hsyouthrally

Adult Chaperones and Leaders
Each parish is to have a minimum of 1 adult for every 7 students. Parish contacts are asked to inform their adult chaperones of all pertinent rally information prior to the rally. Adults will be expected to assist, to be with young people and to take responsibility for the youth at the rally. All adult chaperones must be safe environment certified no later than October 8th.

Check-In
Please bring the following at time of check in:

Original Copy of Liability Forms (You Keep)
Photo-Copy of Liability Forms (For Diocese)

Payment Details
Cost of the event is $40.00 per youth & adult participant.
Lunch and Supper will be served.

You will be billed FOLLOWING the event based on the actual number of participants attending. Please do not bring payment to the event. Thank you!

Proper Attire
We will have inflatable games from Games to Go during our social breaks. It is suggested that the youth wear modest clothing they can be active in.

Concessions & Art Project (12” x 12” painted projects)
We will have concessions during free time. Please encourage students to bring money for this. Also, we will have an art project similar to the MS Youth Rally. Cost for materials is $5.00 per participant. There is limited participation for this event. First come, first served. Please sign up for this event at registration table.

Thank you for your attention to these details. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call or email.

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Sincerely,

Bob Noel