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Greetings Pastors & Assistant Pastors, Directors of Religious Education and Fellow Youth Leaders,

I pray this letter finds you and your parish communities healthy and holy.

On April 15th we learned that the annual Steubenville East Youth Conference would once again be cancelled for this summer. Upon hearing this news, and in recognizing that this annual youth conference provides young people with an opportunity to encounter Christ, ignite or reignite their faith and allow them to grow in community, we began to prayerfully discern offering our own local summer youth conference.

We are very excited to announce that Saint Philip Parish will be hosting a 2021 Summer Outdoor Youth Conference, for which the theme is "UNLEASHED." From the Book of Jeremiah 20:9: *"I say I will not mention him, I will no longer speak in his name. But then it is as if fire is burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding back..."* Throughout the conference we intend to journey towards the last portion of that verse, *"...I cannot!"* Through four keynote sessions, a men's and women's session, praise and worship, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and other devotions along with opportunities for celebrating of faith as the Body of Christ, we hope to provide a spiritually enriching, meaningful and impactful in-person youth conference for our high school young people this summer!

This Summer Outdoor Youth Conference will take place on the grounds of Saint Philip Parish from Friday, July 16th beginning at 7PM (with registration beginning at 4:30 PM) and will conclude at 10PM on Saturday evening, July 17th. We will have two outdoor sleeping areas (one for each the women and men) where attendees will be able to set up a sleeping area (using a tent or simply a sleeping bag/air mattress). Our keynote sessions will be held under a tent in the parking lot area. Our parish grounds will be available for small group discussions as well as outdoor break activities such as volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee, and more!

We would like to take this opportunity to invite the youth and youth leaders of your parish community to join us for this exciting event. The cost is \$200 per attendee. One chaperone is required for every 7 young people (including a minimum of 2 chaperones if you have both young men and women attending), and chaperones must be willing and able to stay throughout the entirety of the conference. The registration fee includes conference registration, individual care package (including two mini water bottles, a conference t-shirt and a mask), dessert treat on Friday evening, breakfast, morning Snack, lunch, afternoon snack and dinner on Saturday. Please see the attached flyer and registration form for more information or to register. Group registrations are due by Tuesday, June 15th. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Thank you and hope your parish group will join us!

Sincerely,

Melissa Roberts

Mrs. Melissa Roberts, Coordinator of Youth Ministry