

St. Joseph- St. John Ministry Encounter *Report to the CPC*

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Ministry Name(s): Youth Ministry

Encounter Date: April 7, 2008

Length of Meeting: 1 hour 50 minutes

Opportunities Noted:

Collaborative Possibilities.

- Jointly sponsored Christian Concert.
- Jointly sponsored youth minister speaker for ongoing training of volunteers.
- Jointly sponsored monthly Festivals of Praise
- Service projects, Socials, Work Camp or Mission Trip for youth of both parishes

Sharing of Information:

- Dates of MSM Camp
- Dates of Steubenville Conference
- Young Adult Ministry

Specific Challenges to Collaboration:

Strongsville currently has 2 vibrant large parishes with 2 pastors and staffs each with a different vision of ministry to meet the needs of its parishioners. St. John Neumann has opted to use the Life Teen model of youth ministry (for the past 15 years.), while St. Joseph is in the process of creating its own model of youth ministry.

Suggestions to the CPC:

Because of demographics, there is a need at both parishes for Youth Ministry. At present, there are adequate resources at both parishes to employ a youth minister, to attract volunteers, and participants. Both youth ministry programs welcome all high school youth to their own parishioners