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BY AND FOR THE YOUTH OF ST. COLUMBA'S

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On my school's music trip to Boston last weekend, I spent many enjoyable hours on the bus with friends, followed the Liberty Trail, performed with my orchestra and saw the Blue Man Group (which was **tight**). It was great fun to spend four days with my friends exploring a new city, but the best part of the trip was at night.

In our cramped room, my four roommates and I didn't get much sleep. What we did each night from midnight well into the morning—aside from pillow fights, Chinese fire drills and arm wrestling tournaments—was talk. We talked for hours and hours. The first night, we talked about Boston, girls (surprising, I know), and God. The interesting thing was that we all approached religion from different points of view. There we lay, five friends: one an affirmed atheist, another an agnostic, myself (an Episcopalian), my nonpracticing Jewish bedmate, and on the cot, a Greek Orthodox cellist. We talked about how any one or thing can possibly love every human being (even jerks!). The question of established religion versus individual spirituality came up. Why humans believe in God, and why Christians understand Jesus to be his only son, was a hot topic. This spring, I invite you to take part in deep, soul-stretching conversation with your friends and with God. Pray, talk, think and yell. Consider your beliefs and your doubts and share them with others. Your reward will be a better understanding of yourself and your place in God's creation.

— Andrew Kragie

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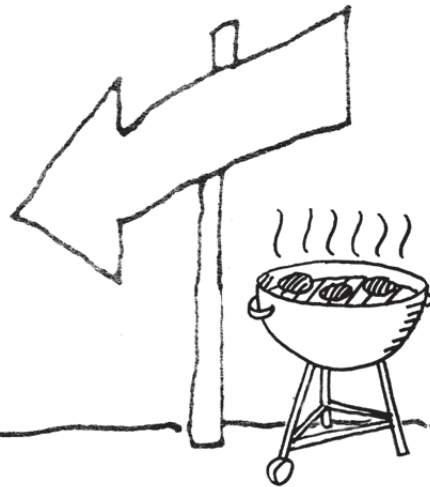
PARENTS • We'll begin Parent Education Seminars again in the fall. Please let Emily (egowdycanady@columba.org) or Kelly (kmoughty@columba.org) know if there is a topic you would like to have addressed.

CELEBRATION & COOKOUT

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION & COOKOUT
SUNDAY, MAY 18, 6-7:30 PM

All young people, youth leaders (AM & PM) and their respective families are invited to join the youth ministry for a barbeque celebration in St. C's courtyard.

Please RSVP by May 12 to Emily Gowdy Canady at church (egowdycanady@columba.org).



WHAT'S UP WITH RITE 13

Rite 13, Rooms 203 & 220

(For 6th and 7th graders, 10:15-11:05 am Sunday Morning)

APRIL 27 • STEREOTYPES OF MEN & WOMEN 2

MAY 4 • MONASTIC ORDERS (SPECIAL GUEST MARTIN SMITH)

MAY 11 • LET YOUR DOUBT SPROUT

MAY 18 • WHAT HAS RITE 13 MEANT TO ME?

WHAT'S UP WITH J2A

J2A, Room 212

(For 8th and 9th graders, 10:15-11:05 am Sunday Morning)

APRIL 27 • SACRED MOVEMENT

MAY 4 • GENDER PROVING

MAY 11 • HOW DO YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT?

MAY 18 • DOUBTING AND FAITH

J2A Special Events

APRIL 29 • PILGRIMAGE PLANNING, 7-9 PM

All pilgrims and at least one parent must attend this meeting. Pilgrimage covenants are due along with the \$150 non-refundable pilgrimage deposit. Lunch is provided.

Please let Emily know if more than one parent is planning to attend.

JUNE 1 • PILGRIMAGE PLANNING, 12:30-2 PM

We'll be making our pilgrimage destination decision. Lunch is provided.

WHAT'S UP WITH YAC

YAC, Deming Library

(For 10th & 11th graders, 10:15-11:05 am Sunday Morning)

APRIL 27 • FAITH IN THE NEWS

MAY 4 • CLASS OUTREACH PROJECT

MAY 11 • MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT

MAY 18 • SUMMER PLANS

WHAT'S UP WITH SENIOR CLASS

Senior Class, Friendship Terrace

(For 12th graders, 10:15-11:05 am Sunday Morning)

APRIL 27 • ABIDING IN JESUS

MAY 4 • SAFETY AND ONENESS

MAY 11 • WIND AND FIRE

MAY 18 • NO MEETING (SEE LUNCHEON INFO AT RIGHT)

ALL YOUTH SUNDAY EVENING

6th through 12th graders are invited to come together for Sunday evening meetings to enjoy dinner, a fun activity, fellowship and brief worship.

All Youth PM

(Alternate Sundays, 6-8 pm, Room 220)

APRIL 27 • WHO DO YOU TRUST?

Wear comfy clothes that you can run around in. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly (202-363-4119, ext. 257).

MAY 4 • WHAT DO YOU VALUE?

Come for an evening of fun, fellowship and worship.

OUTREACH

SUMMER OUTREACH PLANNING

Dinner is part of each of our planning meetings, and we hope that all youth and leaders will plan to eat with the group at our monthly meetings. If you have a dietary concern, please tell Emily or Kelly so that we can make accommodations.

SCAP, GRADES 9-12:

• Planning Meeting, Thurs., April 24, 7-9 pm: Please contact Kelly if you have any questions.

NORTH DAKOTA, GRADES 9-12: JULY 7-14

• Planning Meeting, Tues., May 6, 7-9 pm: Learning To Use Power Tools. Please wear work shoes or boots and work pants. You'll also need safety goggles. Please contact Emily if you have any questions.

SON (Serving Our Neighbor), JULY 21-25

• Final Planning Meeting, Thurs., May 8, 7-8:30 pm: Please contact Emily if you have any questions.

ON THE HORIZON

GRADUATING SENIOR LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 12:30-2 PM IN THE COURTYARD • Come for lunch and a celebration of graduating seniors.

END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION & COOKOUT

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COMMITMENT AND FAITH CLASSES

BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER • This class is open to anyone age 16 or older who is seeking to make an adult affirmation of their baptismal vows. Classes are on Sunday afternoons from 3-4:30 PM and on one Saturday, 9 AM-3 PM. Participants may miss no more than two classes and must attend the Saturday class. The next session meets Sundays, Nov. 2-Dec. 14, Jan. 11 and 25, and Saturday, Jan. 10. Please e-mail Rose Duncan (rduncan@columba.org) if you're interested in participating.