

# **FOLLOW UP & KEEPING TEENS CONNECTED**

## RESOURCE 1: BLOG - CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY HUB - YOUR SOURCE FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY BY ERIC GALLAGHER

ERIC HAS A 4 PART SERIES ON "FOLLOWING UP WITH YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS" AT [WWW.CYMHUB.COM](http://WWW.CYMHUB.COM)

INFORMATION INCLUDES

PART 1 OF 4 - RELATIONSHIPS DURING THE TRIP (BRING VOLUNTEERS, TRAIN VOLUNTEERS, ALWAYS BE PREPARED)

PART 2 OF 2 - ACT ON UNSAFE SITUATIONS (THOSE WHOSE PHYSICAL LIVES ARE NOT SAFE, THOSE WHOSE SPIRITUAL LIVES ARE NOT SAFE)

PART 3 OF 4 - OPEN INVITATIONS (HELP THEM FIND THE BODY OF CHRIST IN YOUR PARISH, NO OUTCASTS)

PART 4 OF 4 - THINGS YOU CAN "DO" (FOLLOW UP MEETING, LETTERS TO YOURSELF, NETWORKING, PRAY TOGETHER, PRESENT)

## RESOURCE 2: MAIL ANYTHING IN THE US MAIL UNDER 13 OUNCES!

IF YOU USE A SEARCH ENGINE OR PINTEREST - TYPE IN 13 OUNCES. DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN MAIL ANYTHING THAT IS UNDER 13 OUNCES THROUGH THE US POSTAL SERVICE? THERE ARE MANY CREATIVE IDEAS THAT CAN BE USED AS INVITES OR FOLLOW UPS.



## RESOURCE 3: BECKY VANKAUWENBERG

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**KEY TO SUCCESS** - PLAN YOUR FOLLOW UP BEFORE THE EVENT RATHER THAN HAVING IT BE AN AFTER THOUGHT...INTENTIONALLY APPROACHING FOLLOW UP AS IT CONNECTS TO YOUR GOALS WILL MAKE IT MORE EFFECTIVE!

<b>FOLLOW UP</b> AFTER BIG TRIPS	<b>MAKE IT HAPPEN!</b>
<p><b>GOAL...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TRANSITION BACK TO DAILY LIFE</li> <li>- KEEP THEM CONNECTED</li> <li>- SUPPORT &amp; RESOURCES</li> <li>- KEEP THE FIRE</li> <li>- APPLYING TO REAL LIFE</li> <li>- SHARING WITH PARISH</li> <li>- SHARING WITH PEERS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- STUDENTS WRITE LETTERS TO THEMSELVES AND ARE SENT BACK TO THE TEENS A WEEK OR 2 AFTER THE TRIP</li> <li>- REUNION DINNER AND PICTURES</li> <li>- IF YOU TAKE A VIDEO, THERE ARE PROGRAMS THAT ALLOW YOU TO STOP THE FRAME AND CREATE A STILL SHOT</li> <li>- PRINT OUT PHOTOS TO GIVE TO TEENS NEXT TIME YOU SEE THEM. CONSIDER USING PICTURE FRAMES OR MAGNETIC FRAMES.</li> <li>- MONTH AFTER TRIP, FATHER INTERVIEWS TEENS AT MASSES. HE MEETS WITH THEM PRIOR TO THE MASS TO PREP THEM. THIS HELPS THEM CONNECT THEIR EXPERIENCES TO THEIR PARISH COMMUNITY.</li> <li>- LET IT COME FROM THE TEENS. ONE GROUP CAME BACK FROM STUEBENVILLE AND BEGAN TO MEET IN THE MORNINGS FOR BREAKFAST AND ADORATION</li> <li>- FINDING YOUR GIFTS IN THE NEXT 7 DAYS REFLECTION FOR AFTER THE TRIP</li> <li>- CHALLENGE THEM TO LIVE OUT THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND HAVE THEM SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES ON FACEBOOK PAGE OR AT A GATHERING.</li> </ul>

<p><b>FOLLOW UP</b> DIOCESAN EVENTS</p>	<p><b>MAKE IT HAPPEN!</b></p>
<p><b>GOAL...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KEEP THEM ENGAGED</li> <li>- CONNECTION TO CHRIST</li> <li>- LIGHTING SPARKS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- USE VIDEOS OF THE SPEAKERS AND MUSICIANS BEFORE AND AFTER THE EVENT IN GATHERED GROUP SETTINGS OR POST YOU TUBE VIDEOS ON WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK</li> <li>- HAVE A GIVE AWAY OR COMMON ITEM FOR YOUR GROUP SO THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO REMIND THEM OF THE EXPERIENCE LATER ON</li> <li>- AFTER THE EVENT ASK TEENS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE ON THE RIDE HOME ON THE BUS...THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO UNPACK THE EXPERIENCE.</li> </ul>

<p><b>FOLLOW UP</b> SACRAMENT RETREATS</p>	<p><b>MAKE IT HAPPEN!</b></p>
<p><b>GOAL...</b></p> <p>- FOLLOWING UP AFTER EUCHARIST, RECONCILIATION OR CONFIRMATION RETREATS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IT'S EASY TO APPLY SOME OF THE ABOVE IDEAS TO SACRAMENT RETREATS. WE DON'T ALWAYS THINK OF HOW WE CAN FOLLOW UP AFTER THE RETREATS.</li> <li>- LETTERS TO THEMSELVES THAT THEY WRITE ON THE RETREAT AND SEND AFTER OR JUST BEFORE THE SACRAMENT IS RECEIVED</li> <li>- HAVE SOMETHING FOR THEM THAT THEY TAKE FROM THE RETREAT AND BRING IT BACK DURING THE SACRAMENT</li> <li>- JOURNAL</li> </ul>