

HAPPY EASTER!

These information regarding the Pre-Synod of the Youth at the Vatican may be helpful to us Regional Delegates, and to all V Encuentro Missionary Disciples...



Young people from around the world have begun a meeting at the Vatican by voicing their hopes and expectations from the Church regarding the challenges they face and the questions life poses.

Specifically, they have said they want to know they are taken seriously, and they want the Church to talk to them about difficult issues, among them same-sex marriage, euthanasia and the role of women in the Church. **SOUNDS FAMILIAR? IT IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ALSO!**

Pope Francis opened this week's pre-synod meeting telling youth to hold nothing back and to have the courage to ask the "raw" and direct questions about life, love, and vocation. He told youth to let their questions come "without anesthetizing" them. "The strong questions of ours can have a process of being played down in tone," or asked in a "polite way," he said, but urged the young attendees to "be courageous" and to "say the raw truth, to ask the raw questions." He urged those in positions of pastoral authority not to be afraid to let youth "take everything out" that they are thinking or feeling, and to listen to the blunt questions that young people may pose. "Accompany them so they don't err," he said.

TO OUR YOUNG ADULT REGIONAL ENCUESTRO DELEGATES: PLEASE GO TO VISALIA READY TO "say the raw truth, and to ask the raw questions about life, love and vocation"

THE REST OF US DELEGATES WILL ALSO RESPOND TO POPE FRANCIS AND WILL "Not to be afraid to let you "take everything out" AND WILL "listen to the blunt questions you may pose, and accompany you".

TOWARD THE REGIONAL ENCUESTRO

MARCH 2018



DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

SOON AND VERY SOON!

OUR REGIONAL MEETING IS COMING FAST!

We are having our last meeting with Bishop Barnes at the DPC on April 5th. at 6:30 pm and are asking all delegates, including those going from the Pastoral Center to be here. We are aware that some of you live farther away, and it is hard to arrange with work, etc. but not harder than for our Bishop with his so busy schedule to make time for us. It will be our last meeting before Visalia, and all your requirements from the regional: financial participation, travel and lodging arrangements, registration information and your choices of pastoral areas need to be set and done at that time. And for the few of you who have not been in the last two meetings, **it is an absolute requirement!**



Our bus will be at the DPC on Friday the 27 of April at 5:30 AM, and leave at 6:00 AM. For those of you who are schedule for the bus, be sure to be here early, and remember to have someone to drop you, we can't guarantee safety for vehicles left in the parking lot during the weekend.

Pack light, it is only for three days, and do not forget to bring with you your documents, medications and other special needs, like cell phones and house keys. We are really excited and happy to share with all of you this grace-full gift from our God!, (and Bishop).



REMEMBER: we are coming back on Sunday and arrive at night, again make arrangements to be pick up. The event is ending with the Sending Mass on Sunday at 1:00 PM so the bus will arrive at night time.

For your Information: what the Regional Diocese of Fresno Team requires on individual registrations forms, due by March 31!

1. Pastoral Areas we all will participate in the meeting are:

Ministry with Youth and Young Adults

Family ministry

Evangelization y Catechesis

Development of Leadership and Ministry Formation

Vocations: Priesthood, Religious Life. Marriage , Service/Diaconate.

Social Justice : Immigration, Global Environment, etc.

Ministry to the Detained and the Incarcerated:- Restorative Justice

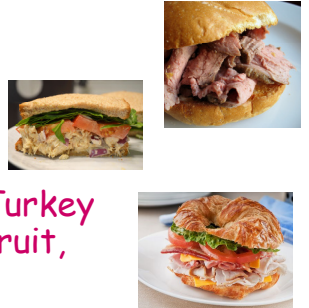
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Migrant Ministry **All need to choose 1, 2 and 3 for the form.**

2. Meal choices (2 lunches and 1 dinner covered)

Regarding meals for the weekend box Lunch options meals for Saturday and Sunday are:

Chicken salad sandwich, Roast beef sandwich sub, Turkey Croissant or Vegetarian sandwich w/ potato chips, fruit, water and/or a soda.



Dinner on Saturday, will be a served Italian buffet:

Caesar salad, with a choice of two: chicken parmesan with fresh marinara and mozzarella; penne pasta with italian sausage and marinara cheese, and meat or veggie lasagna.

3. Other information required:

An emergency contact name and phone; age; English/Spanish or Bilingual; and Special needs.

Also: Each diocese is asked to choose one person to be a small group secretary for every eight people we register.

When arranging the ministry areas, that person will be placed in a small group where they will serve as a scribe. The person needs to be bilingual, and go prepared to take notes. We will identify those persons in advance and mark them as "Secretary".

WE HAVE SENT THE LIST WITH ALL YOUR NAMES AND WILL FULLY COMPLETE THE REST ON APRIL 5, PLEASE COME PREPARED!

ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRAVEL

SOME PARISH GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE NOT GIVEN US ALL THEIR NEEDED INFORMATION. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP THE RESERVATIONS OF ANYONE WHO HAS NOT FULLY REGISTERD WITH US BY WEDNESDAY APRIL PLEASE CONTACT US.