

From the Desk of the Director of Youth Ministry: Troy L. Taylor

Hello Parish church body, friends and guests,

On behalf of YBC (Young Believer's in Christ) our high school and the Upper Room, our middle school students, I would like to take this time to wish each of you a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year. As this year comes to an end, I am thankful for all the prayers and support you have given to this youth program. As many of you already know, our youth are doing a wonderful job being active and serving in each youth group. I am excited and honored to be working with each youth and helping to lead them with God's guidance as we complete this year and start new in 2012.

As I look forward to the many years to come, I am excited to see the Lord blessing both youth programs. The quality of relationship time the youth and I share together is deepening. The community has been extremely welcoming in allowing me full access to West and North High School and all of the middle schools that our United Lutheran Parish youth attend. I will continue to meet with faculty at each school and strengthen relationships that our parish has with each school's teachers.

The relationship that our Parish youth have built is special and strong. Our youth have actively participated in servant projects that help benefit our community and city. The blessing of a two Point Parish allows the youth to meet new friends who attend the same schools through the year as they work together for the betterment of the whole.

The youth department would appreciate your prayers in the following areas:

- ❖ For each student: that God will continue to bless them with understanding.
- ❖ For each Youth Group: that each continue to grow in size
- ❖ For each youth leader/volunteer: for patience, wisdom, support, and strength
- ❖ For myself (Troy): for discernment, guidance, delegation, and endurance
- ❖ For each community representative: fellowship and partnership with churches, schools, agencies, and individuals
- ❖ For each event/activity: for safety and excitement and the development of friendships
- ❖ And for the direction and vision of this Parish Youth Ministry

A Youth Ministry is only as strong as the support, encouragement and love it gets from the church body. I thank each of you, for being the backbone and support of this youth program. My job is built on what the family unit and church does when each youth leaves my presence. I appreciate the encouragement and support that you have shown me in a variety of ways. Thank You!

May the love of Christ continue to shine upon you and your family and may He continue to bless, guide and lead you as we celebrate Him being the reason for this season.

In His Service,

Troy L. Taylor