

Greater Church Experience Project

At least one time during the 9th grade year, each candidate is expected to participate in a greater church experience. A greater church experience is participating in or attending a function of the church that helps the student to experience church on a level larger than the local church. The following are some events that would fulfill the requirements.

- Bishop Lucker Lecture: Fr. William J. Baer (president of St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul)—Examination of Recent Trends in the Priesthood. Thursday, **March 11th** at 7:00 pm at St. Catherine's in Redwood Falls. (no registration is required for this event)
- Chrism Mass—Thursday, **March 18**, at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye.
- Day of Recollection with Fr. Sam: Saturday, **March 20th** at Sacred Heart in Murdock 8:30 am-3 pm
- Vianney performed by Leonardo DeFilippis: The gripping story of the remarkable priest who battled the devil. Thursday, **April 29th**, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Church of St. Mary in New Ulm. Free will offering. Visit www.vianneydrama.com for more information.
- Summer Leadership Camps 2010—tentatively set for: **Boys-June 17 & 18, Girls June 24 & 25**. Both are located at the Center for Youth Ministry (6 miles south of Renville). Cost: (last year was \$50 if paid 3 weeks in advance or \$60 after—deadline to register is usually sometime in May). Only 30 youth are accepted. For registration information contact Christine.
- **Steubenville North Conference** in Rochester, MN on July 16-18. Cost is \$165 per student. Check out www.partnershipforyouth.org for more details. This conference fills up fast, so be sure to register soon!
- TEC Retreat—The Riverbend TEC website is www.riverbendtec.org the cost of the three-day weekend retreat is \$60. You need to be at least 16 or a tenth grader to attend this retreat—however, if you want to attend this as your Greater Church Experience Project, you can have an extension on the project. If this is something you are interested in, talk to Christine. This is a great experience and comes highly recommended by anyone who has attended.
- NET Events: The Net Team and Net Center (in West St. Paul) has been a great experience for many youth over the last 28 years. They put on many events throughout the year for high school age youth, ranging from a few hours to week long events. For more information visit their website: www.netusa.org.

As other opportunities come up, we will inform you. If you have questions or other ideas that you think would fulfill this project, please notify Christine and she will discuss it with you. Attending Mass in another parish from another diocese/state (or here in this Diocese) is not a *Greater Church Experience* and therefore does not count.

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Report Form

Name: _____

Please answer the following questions and turn it by the Fall of 2010. If you complete this project prior to the Fall of 2010, feel free to turn it in.

What did you do as your Greater Church Experience Project?

What positives did you experience during this project?

How was this experience a Greater Church Experience?

How has this experience helped you to grow in your faith as a Catholic?

Signed: Candidate: _____