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Dear Parents:

I am writing you today to encourage you to prayerfully discern signing your middle and high school children up for Catholic Youth Summer Camp ([www.cysc.com](http://www.cysc.com)). Catholic Youth Summer Camp is a week-long residential camp for middle school and high school youth located in Central Ohio. CYSC engages young people into the sacramental life, mission and work of the Catholic Church. CYSC was founded in 2001. Last year's season was able to serve 2400 campers without one case of COVID! Not to mention other campers who were able to attend a virtual type option. This year we prayerfully hope they can resume their full capacity and bring 4,600 campers and their families into a deeper relationship with Christ. Please pray for this mission.

The activities of Catholic Youth Summer Camp far exceed those of other summer camps, consisting of paintball, high ropes, archery tag, "the blob", rock wall climbing, ziplines, ultimate capture-the-flag, canoeing, swimming, and much more. A day at CYSC is packed full of adventure, allowing campers to step outside of their comfort zones, overcome fears and challenges with the help of their peers and counselors, and to experience the joy that comes with life in Christ. Your child will grow in confidence and boldness. This is truly a welcome and joy-filled camp experience!

However, what truly separates Catholic Youth Summer Camp from other camps, and the reason I send you this letter, is the extent to which, through the course of one week, the rich tradition of the Catholic Church is explored through activities, programming, morning prayer, sacred art, service projects, daily mass, daily mysteries of the rosary, adoration, and the sacrament of Reconciliation. CYSC's intentional focus on the faith formation of their campers allows the campers to experience the vibrancy of our Catholic faith in a truly life-changing way.

At the end of the week, campers are encouraged to LIVE THE ADVENTURE, and they are given the tools to take what they have learned at camp back into their schools, parishes, youth groups, and families.

The fruit that I have seen come from Catholic Youth Summer Camp, in the spiritual and social development of their campers, I believe, makes it more than worthy of consideration in your summer plans. I have seen that campers come back into their parish and school intent to take on leadership and to build catholic identity. Imagine the strength that could come from your son or daughter and his or her group of closest friends experiencing the adventure together.

As camp sells out each season, to ensure our youth has opportunity to attend the 2021 season, as a parish/school, we have reserved a limited number of camper spaces. These spaces need to be filled by February 7, 2021 before they are released back to public use. **When registering, PLEASE use "as a group" option with code RESURRECTIONCYSC2021**

Camp costs \$545 for a week of food, lodging, and high adventure. Because our parish sees value in Catholic Youth Summer Camp and knows that it will help to build that Catholic Identity of our school and parish youth, we are offering a very generous scholarship of \$100 to all parishioners in need of it. While registering, at checkout use the promo **code RESURRECTIONPROMO** to apply for this discount. Consider discussing with grandparents, godparents, aunts and uncles to provide this opportunity through a Christmas gift. Both codes can be used.

For more information about camp, or to register, please go to [www.cysc.com](http://www.cysc.com). If you are going to register, please do so soon. There is an option online to pay for camp in monthly installments if that is helpful for you.

With gratitude for this ministry to our youth,

*Father Steve*