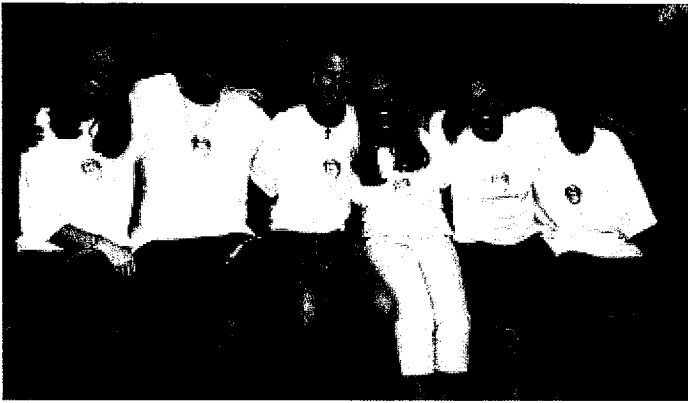


# YES! YOUTH ENGAGING SCRIPTURE



A Catholic teen-to-teen Bible sharing to help youth

- pray the Bible!
- study the Bible!
- live the Bible!

## Training for Teen Peer Leaders and Adult Mentors

The Diocese of Rapid City has invited Saint Mary's Press to present a diocesan-wide, one-day "YES!" Congress on the Bible to train teams of teen peer leaders and their adult mentor.

- Market research shows that Catholic teens do not frequently read the Bible.
- The United States bishops and the Pope emphasize the central importance of bringing Catholic youth and the Bible together.
- Teens report that they want to know more about what the Bible says and how it relates to their life.

## **Uses *Lectio Divina***

Catholic teens want to know how the Bible relates to their lives. "YES!" gathers teens in small groups and employs *lectio divina* to help them

- read the Scriptures
- reflect on the word
- see how the word connects with their lives
- act on what they see and hear

In addition, Saint Mary's Press will provide a peer leader's guide, structure for regular small-group gatherings, and ongoing weekly support for peer leaders. "YES!" is a simple process of reading, reflecting, and acting, and it aims to transform young people's lives for life.



## Where and when will this "YES! Youth Engaging Scripture" training take place?

**Date:** Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Place:** Our Lady of the Black Hills  
12365 Sturgis Road  
Piedmont, SD 57769

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Mass included

**Cost:** \$0 – No Charge  
(lunch, snacks, and supper included)

## To register, complete registration form and mail to:

Diocese of Rapid City  
PO Box 678  
Rapid City, SD 57709

Contact: Provatia Potvin 605-343-3541  
ppotvin@diorc.org

**Your trainer: Dennis Kurtz**



"In your groups, dear young people, multiply the occasions for hearing and studying the Word of the Lord, especially through *lectio divina*. You will discover the secrets of the Heart of God."

— Pope John Paul II,  
World Youth Day XVII, 2001

# YES! Congress on the Bible

## Schedule



9:00 – 10:00	Mass
10:00 – 10:15	Registration / Refreshments
10:15	Welcome Bible Bingo
10:35	Opening Prayer
10:55	Orientation to the day
11:15	Bible Skit
11:35	Break
11:55	Explanation of the <i>lectio divina</i> process Experience <i>lectio divina</i> process in small groups
12:50	Lunch
1:45	Warm-up activity
2:00	Introduction to peer leader's guide
2:45	Break
3:00	Energizer
3:10	Presentation of how Catholics interpret the Scripture
3:30	Presentation on Bible resources and the role of the Scripture in real life
3:45	Break
4:00	Each small group will participate in a <i>lectio divina</i> process using the format outlined in the peer leader's guide
4:40	Evaluation, closing remarks
4:50	Closing Prayer
5:00	Dismissal

## Youth Engaging Scripture Permission Form

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Youth Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian / Chaperone Signature (circle all that apply): \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperones: I have completed Safe Environment training which includes a background check as approved by the Diocese of Rapid City.

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