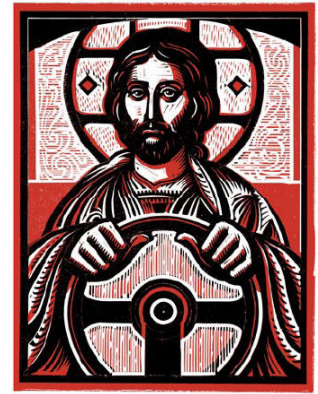


GENESIS 2009
CRASH
October 16-18, 2009
Frontier Ranch, Buena Vista



Dear Youth Leaders;

Yes, we're fast approaching that time of the year again to begin preparations for yet another Fall Diocesan Youth Event – GENESIS 2009 – **CRASH**. We invite you to experience and explore the crash between heaven and earth in daily life and in the world

Genesis serves to create a fun and non-threatening environment for teens to discover and grow in their understanding of the Christian Gospel. We hope that you find this weekend fits into the vision you have for the young people at your church.

Genesis is a weekend retreat for churches and their 6th-12th grade youth with opportunities to meet new people, participate in some entertaining activities, enjoy awesome music by Read You and Me (<http://www.readyouandme.com>), and hear Jesus' invitation to **CRASH** into Him and discover what the apostle Paul proclaimed "that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new" (2 Cor. 5:18, The Message). It presents a basic introduction to the Gospel and is designed for those with little or no experience of Christianity or the church, while also providing opportunities for current disciples to renew their faith. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to invite new youth into your group and for your teens to bring their friends. At the same time it is a wonderful time for youth groups to get together and grow as a community. We hope that the weekend will be a personal "genesis" in a life long journey that will help young people understand how they have been created as special and valued people with a unique purpose.

Youth Leaders... the weekend is often used by youth groups as a "genesis" for the year. Many use it as a chance to help develop a sense of community within their group and introduce new people to the group.

The event is scheduled for **October 16-18, 2009** at the absolutely incredible Frontier Ranch near Buena Vista and will cost \$115.00.

Speaker

We are thrilled to include Dr. Dana Max as our keynote speaker. Dana is a clinical psychologist and a member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Centennial, CO. He was a youth minister for over 20 years and he has worked extensively with young people in the church. One might say crashes are Dana's specialty; engaging young people in the messy, thrilling, and wonderful collision course of the Christian faith in their daily life and in the world.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING....

- 1. Registration Deadline is September 28, 2009!** This is a true deadline! We need the time to prepare an awesome weekend for your group and others. Get your registrations entered in early! If the event fills up prior to the deadline we will end registration early. On that note:

**** NEW THIS YEAR **** – we are asking everyone to **REGISTER ONLINE ONLY**. You will receive more information regarding the registration procedure soon.

2. **Covenants.** Individual youth programs are responsible for covenanting with their members regarding expectations for their communities. The diocese expects these covenants to be honoured at its youth events, and therefore does not require a separate covenant for the Quest event.
3. **Payment.** The cost for youth and adult sponsors is \$115.00.
4. **Adult to Teen Ratio (1:6).** We require that for every 6 (or less) teens your church sends you must supply an adult sponsor (21 years or older) of the same sex. For example: if you have 4 boys and 9 girls you will need 1 male and 2 female leaders. If it is 2 boys and 3 girls then you will need one male and one female leader. We require this ratio for two reasons. (1) It is the responsibility of your church to nurture your teens in their faith and follow up with them after the weekend. This ratio allows you to minister to your kids using the weekend as a tool to disciple them in their faith. (2) It allows us to have an adequate amount of supervision and safety. Adult sponsors must be certified in Safeguarding God's Children and have had a recent background check (conducted by their congregation).
5. **Work Crew.** These people are the servants behind the ministry. Without them the weekend could not be successful. Frontier Ranch requires that we have the adequate number of people to run the work crew properly. To ensure that we have enough work crew, **every church must provide at least one person for work crew, preferably one work crew for every 10 participants. Work crew can be borrowed from other churches.** Work crew are primarily responsible for setting up, serving, and cleaning up after meals. Some work crew may have other duties depending on willingness. Work Crew members must be 18 years or older. Please contact us if you have any questions.
6. **T-Shirts** T-shirts orders will be recorded with each individual registration, and confirmed upon receipt of the Registration Check List from the youth leader due September 28th. Unlike past years, there ***will not be any extra*** shirts for purchase at the event! There is a possibility that we will be able to order extras after the event, but these will cost \$5 more.

More information regarding this event will be forthcoming. Also check our website http://www.coloradodiocese.org/03_faithformation/youth.html or contact Catie Greene or Meg Stern at the Office for Faith Formation, Diocese of Colorado, 1300 Washington St., Denver, CO, 80203 or by phone at 303-837-1173 or 800-446-3081 or by e-mail at cgreene@coloradodiocese.org or mstern@coloradodiocese.org