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Dear Friends in Ministry,

Encourage teens of your parish to register for this summer's Reach Out Reach In programs – July 25-30.

**Reach Out Reach In...** is for teens aged 15 through 18, who have completed 9th grade and who want to help with direct service work at sites throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The sites include homeless shelters, adult day care, community organizations, meal programs, family/organic farms, child care and more.

**\*\*Youth may participate in Reach Out Reach In for two successive years. (This is a change in policy from last year, meaning students who participated in Reach Out Reach In last summer may choose to either repeat the experience again this summer or enroll in Reach Out Reach In Too).**

**Reach Out Reach In Too...**is for high school Jrs. & Srs. who have already participated in Reach Out Reach In or a similar service experience. This track requires greater focus than Reach Out Reach In since the participants go further into the meaning and dynamics of service by centering on advocacy. Youth need strong listening and critical thinking skills in order to consider the strengths and weaknesses of social systems and how those systems can be changed to promote justice.

**Space is limited, so encourage youth to register early...**

– Preference is given to registrations in the order they are received. Registrations must be received by April 30, 2010. We will accept 50 registrants for RORI; 25 for RORI Too.

-- Registration forms are available on the Catechesis & Youth Ministry website:

<http://www.johnpaul2center.org/Catechesis/YouthMinistry/RORI.htm> or contact Gerry Wolf (see below).

**Important Registration policies to keep in mind:**

- **NEW POLICY:** Any parish that registers five or more students in the Reach Out Reach In programs must provide one adult chaperone as a work site leader for the week.
- A maximum of 10 teens will be allowed to register from any given parish, 5 in Reach Out Reach In, and 5 in Reach Out Reach In Too. If a parish has more than five teens who register, the first five registrations will be accepted in the order they are received. The remaining registrations will be kept on a waiting list until the registration deadline of April 30, 2010. At that time, if there are still openings, waiting list registrations will be added to the roster, again in the order they were received, until the cut off number is reached for each program.

**\*\*\*Want help promoting Reach Out Reach In with your parish youth?**

Teams of presentors, including past Reach Our Reach In youth participants and adult leaders, are willing to visit your parish for sessions with your teens. Whether you're looking for an hour and a half session on Catholic Social Justice teaching, or a twenty minute promo of the Reach Out Reach In programs, the presentation can be tailored to your needs. To make arrangements and schedule a session, contact Mary Osep at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, [osepm@archmil.org](mailto:osepm@archmil.org), or 414-545-4316, ext. 15.

If you have any other questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to contact me. His Peace,

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