

14th Diocesan Youth Convention



In keeping with the weekend's Gospel message young people in the Diocese celebrated the Feast of Christ the King with enthusiasm!

- ❑ The convention began with a welcome and opening program prepared by youth from the Diocesan Youth Committee
- ❑ A Reconciliation Service followed the opening program. Using Sunday's Gospel in Matthew 25 young people experienced an examination of conscience based on Key Principles of Catholic Social Teaching.
- ❑ Fourteen priests from around our Diocese were available for private confession. The lines were long and young people waited patiently for their turn to receive the Sacrament of Penance. *It was certainly one of the highlights of Convention.*
- ❑ Following the theme of Matthew 25, young people had an opportunity to meet the stranger among us, the hungry among us, the imprisoned among us, the thirsty among us, and the naked among us through excursions to a migrant farm, an African American Catholic Church and a Mosque. In essence, young people had an opportunity to meet Christ.
- ❑ Participants had another opportunity to hear God's word in Matthew 25 in the celebration of the Liturgy for the Feast of Christ the King. *Mass was another highlight!*
- ❑ Following Mass, participants continued their celebration with DJ Bill who taught us the "Catholic Dance"

It is in understanding one another that we can move past the fear, the hate and the ignorance that pigeonholes people who do not look the same, behave the same, or believe the same. By coming together first in celebration of their Catholic Faith and a deepening understanding of the teaching of the Catholic Church, young people experienced the Gospel message in the world.

For more information on Catholic Social Teaching:

<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/projects/socialteaching/excerpt.shtml>

For more information on Catholic/Muslim relationships from the Vatican:

<http://www.catholicchronicle.org/content/view/full/5405273/2/>