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Welcome to the Diocese of Owensboro's  
Youth 2000 weekend!

It is always good to come away and spend time with our Lord. As you gather for Youth 2000, you can be assured that Jesus Christ will be present to you in profound ways.

You may believe that you are here simply because you chose it. However, your decision to be a part of this weekend is actually in response to a call from Jesus. He has chosen you to be here. Be open to what our Lord has in store for you this weekend. Let God surprise you with His love and care for you.

My prayer for you is that your heart will be open to receive the gifts that our generous God longs to lavish upon you – the gift of His unconditional love, of an encounter with Him in the Eucharist, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the gift of a deepened relationship with Jesus Christ.

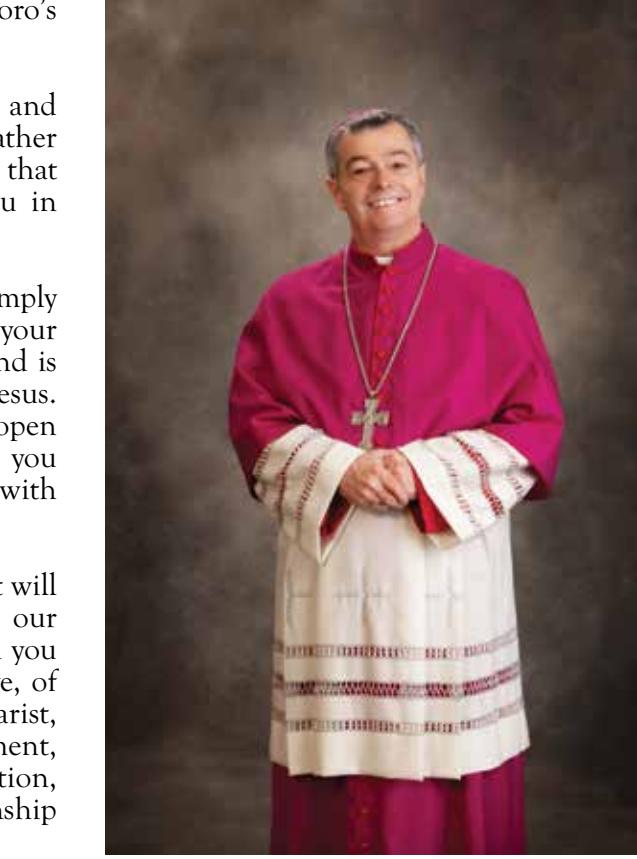
Remember that your time away this weekend is a mountaintop experience. You will leave here with a new zeal, a fire burning. In the weeks and months ahead, you will need to continue to feed the flames through personal prayer and participation in the sacraments. Leave here after this weekend with a renewed commitment to stoke the flames of your spiritual life.

Our diocese is indebted to the Marian Shrine Event Committee and our diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for their tireless efforts in providing you with this opportunity. Their efforts, and those of many others, will be repaid when you go forth from this experience with renewed faith, as disciples of Jesus, to share the Good News with our diocese and the world.

Be assured of my prayers for you as you seek a closer relationship with Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. I pray for you every day!

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William F. Medley  
Bishop, Diocese of Owensboro



## YOUTH 2000

The challenging message of World Youth Day in 1993 has been picked up throughout the United States through an initiative called YOUTH 2000.

The prayer festivals of YOUTH 2000 produce leaders among youth; leaders like those called forth by St. Pope John Paul II in his homily during World Youth Day in Denver, on August 15, 1993, when he challenged the young people to not be ashamed of the Gospel, to be willing to preach it from the rooftops and to make Christ known in the modern world. (Paraphrased from the late St. John Paul II's August 15, 1993 homily on the 8th World Youth Day.)

YOUTH 2000 leads young people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist; to live and proclaim the Gospel message with joy and enthusiasm; and to become evangelizers of the New Evangelization.

## Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"May the Immaculate Heart of Mary guide and protect this beautiful spiritual initiative, YOUTH 2000, and lead each one of you to respond with enthusiasm that you may be in the world, true carriers of God's love, peace, joy, and unity. God bless you all." (Mother Teresa, June 1992)



## YOUTH 2000 Retreat Schedule

Friday, March 13 – 6:30 – 10:30 PM  
Saturday, March 14 – 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM  
Sunday, March 15 – 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

## Registration Information

The Registration Form and Liability Release are enclosed and must be filled out by chaperones and participants. All forms for participants ages 18 and over must be filled out in advance. All forms for participants ages 17 or younger must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Participants are encouraged to pre-register by March 3, 2026. The registration fee is **\$65.00 per person**. If registering with others at your parish, please make your check payable to your parish. If registering as an individual, then checks may be made payable to the Marian Shrine Committee.

Participants who wait to register at the door must bring their payment and have the chaperone, liability release and registration forms signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Additional donations to help offset the costs are gratefully accepted. Financial assistance is available for those in need.

## Program

The YOUTH 2000 Retreat program brings young people to know the joy of a life lived in the worship of God and in service to God's people, and empowers them to go forth with renewed faith, to be witnesses to the Faith, to share the Good News and to be the evangelizers in this world. Through talks, music, adoration, prayer, panel discussions, fellowship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the celebration of the Mass, the young people deepen their love and understanding of the Catholic faith, and encounter the power and richness of God's love and mercy.

## Chaperones

All chaperones must fulfill and be in compliance with the diocesan policies and require-

ments for providing a safe and secure environment for minors. Please see the Group Registration Form for more information. **You must have 2 chaperones at least 21 years of age, for the first 7 youth. For each additional 7 youth, 1 chaperone is required. If you are staying overnight and you have both male and female youth you need to have a male and female chaperone.** Please refer to Diocese of Owensboro Safe Environment Policy at <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe-environment-policies/> for information on overnight trips, etc. The chaperone registration form and fee must accompany the youth(s) form(s). Parents or legal guardians assume responsibility for finding a chaperone.

## Housing/Hotel

YOUTH 2000, the Marian Shrine Committee, and the Diocese of Owensboro are not responsible for housing or for any overnight accommodations. The information provided regarding hotels is strictly for your convenience. YOUTH 2000 has no relationship with these hotels. The Marian Shrine Committee and the Diocese of Owensboro have no relationship with these hotels other than to negotiate the best rate it could obtain. In selecting a hotel, you should determine based on your investigation whether or not it is a safe place for you to stay. Transportation is not provided.

Courtyard by Marriot	270-685-4140	\$129
Fairfield Inn By Marriot	270-688-8887	\$111
Hampton Inn Downtown	270-685-2005	\$155
Townplace Suites	270-231-8222	\$119
Home 2 Suites	270-645-5001	\$129

\*Ask for YOUTH 2000 rooms by February 11, 2026. Call for availability.

## Meals

On Saturday, lunch, dinner, drinks and snacks will be provided. The cost of the meals is included in the \$65 registration fee. Leaving the site for meals is not an option.



## Location

YOUTH 2000 will take place on the campus of Brescia University, 717 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 in the Moore Center.



**For More Information:**  
[owensborodiocese.org/youth-2000](http://owensborodiocese.org/youth-2000)  
**270-683-1545 | 270-993-3393**

## PROGRAM

"I am the Bread of Life." JN. 6:35

### Friday, March 13

6:30 PM	Music
7:00 PM	Welcome/Rosary
7:30 PM	Mass, Homily – A Retreat with Jesus Christ
8:45 PM	Short Break
9:00 PM	Talk – The Eucharist (Adoration and the Real Presence) "I am the Bread of Life." Jn. 6:35
9:45 PM	Exposition, Music, Meditation, Adoration
10:30 PM	Closing – All night Adoration follows

### Saturday, March 14

9:00 AM	Music
9:15 AM	Morning Prayer
9:30 AM	Talk
10:15 AM	Panel
11:00 AM	Short Break
11:15 AM	Music, Testimonies
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:45 PM	Talk
2:30 PM	Panels
3:15 PM	Break
3:45 PM	Mass, Homily – The Eucharist and the Paschal Mystery
5:00 PM	Music, Talk, Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30 PM	International Rosary, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:15 PM	Music
7:30 PM	Talk – Reconciliation: Gift of the Holy Spirit
8:15 PM	Music, Meditation, Adoration
9:00 PM	Eucharist Prayer Service
10:00 PM	Closing

### Sunday, March 15

8:30 AM	Music
8:45 AM	Morning Prayer
9:00 AM	Talk – Mary, Star of Evangelization "Do whatever He tells you." Jn. 2:5
9:30 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Short Break
10:15 AM	Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament
10:30 AM	Crowning of Mary
10:45 AM	Mass, Homily – Witnessing to Christ (Evangelization) "The words I have spoken are Spirit and life." Jn. 6:63
12:00 PM	Testimonies
12:30 PM	Closing

Priests will be available for Confessions during the entire weekend.

YOUTH 2000 relies on private donations. Your donations are welcome to help us meet our needs and expenses. If you would like to make a donation, please make all checks payable to YOUTH 2000 and mail to the national office, YOUTH 2000, 6225 Boca Raton, Dallas, Texas 75230.