

FATHER BERNARD YOUTH CENTER

SEASONAL NEWSLETTER

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RETURNING TO (A NEW) NORMAL

SR. JEANINE TISOT, RSM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"...We need remind ourselves that we are called first to be faithful to ourselves and in that fidelity we shall be faithful to God. ...My suspicion is that when people move away from impossible ideals to faithful responsibility, to what they have experienced, a great deal of goodness and creativity will show up."

Fr. Bernard Sander, OSB Homily, Aug. 10, 1986

After all we have been through the past several years, we have worked hard to be faithful - faithful to God, to our mission, to our benefactors and to those who come to FBYC seeking Christ. We have been responsible stewards of our resources and we celebrate the goodness that has come across our path:

- ✧ Retreat bookings have nearly returned to their pre-Covid levels.
- ✧ Our annual Auction was very successful and reflected the community's generosity.
- ✧ We have received a \$40,000 grant from the Mercy Ministry Fund to support our youth programs.
- ✧ We have new staff in Amanda Helling, Retreat Coordinator and Jenny Aker, Development Coordinator.
- ✧ We say goodbye to Monica Kolinska who has reinvigorated our ministries and will hire a replacement.

With all this 'goodness' we are blessed with creativity to meet the future needs of our retreatants. With the Benedictine Sisters in conversation with Mountain West, Inc. our board of directors is working to design a future that includes financial stability through an endowment and strong annual fund, new dormitory space and renovated retreat space (where the plumbing works!).

Our needs are great, but we strive to be faithful to Fr. Bernard's vision for a youth center where all can experience Christ. As always, we are grateful for your prayers and support because without it we simply wouldn't be here. We know that we make a difference in the lives of those who seek this sacred space. May God shower you and your loved ones with goodness and grace. Blessings on your summer!



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RENEWING OUR STAFF

We are grateful to Monica for the hard work she has done in getting our ministries going again and wish her the best in new opportunities. With her departure, we are in search of a Ministry Coordinator.

WE'RE HIRING

Key Qualifications:

Experience and training in youth or campus ministry
Build relationships in the community and with parishes
Familiarity with Catholic Liturgy, Sacraments and Catechesis
Excellent client service and problem resolution skills

Key Responsibilities:

Coordinate all aspects of FBYC programs
Assess and evaluate programs
Develop new programs and workshops
Assist in hospitality to retreat groups

Are you or someone you know a great fit? For more information: visit our website at fbyc.info/jobs

MEET OUR NEW STAFF

AMANDA HELLING
HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR



Amanda Helling joined the FBYC staff in June and is serving as our hospitality coordinator. Amanda is responsible for offering hospitality to all groups who use our facility for their retreats.

JENNY AKER
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



Jenny Aker will be joining the staff in August and will serve as our development coordinator. Jenny will be helping with our fund raising including the newsletter and Annual Auction.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FBYC is an independent nonprofit solely governed by a volunteer board of directors. We are blessed to have these men and women who dedicate their time, talent and treasure to ensure our mission to youth is being fulfilled and our financial future is sound.

Our current board members are:

Chris Fleshman – President

Donna Paradis – Vice President

Darcy Ruef – Treasurer

Danielle Wise – Secretary

David Bischoff – Member

Kathleen Diaz - Member

Julie Arndorfer – Member

Steve Miller – Member

REIGNITING OUR MINISTRY

It has been a great year for Youth Ministry here at FBYC!

It has been a great joy to see so many happy faces here for Winter Camp, Nazareth Nights, and other programs. We lead three confirmation retreats bringing in 60 High School Students and 8 different speakers. We focused on the Holy Spirit who wants to help them know God and be able to do His work in their lives! At the end of one of the retreats, some students even requested another retreat so we had a prayer workshop where they learned various forms of prayer: how to pray with the Bible through Lectio Divina, pray the Rosary and spend time in Adoration.



We started Family Adoration each month. Allowing families to pray together and deepen reverence for Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament. These have attracted up to 40 people and we would love to have more families join. We are taking a break for summer but families are excited to continue starting again in September. All are welcome to join.

We hosted a winter camp for younger children with high school volunteers. The three days were filled with crafts, prayer, and everyone's favorite: Sports with monks. Finally, FBYC hosted a Vacation Bible School in Cottage Grove. Three volunteers and our youth minister went down for a week of programs based on Jesus' parables. Fr. Boyle, at the parish, offered Daily Mass and taught the kids how to pray at church and even showed them around the sacristy. It was beautiful to guide them to Jesus and a lot of fun!



Growing the Ministry

The work of volunteers and staff was acknowledged by the Mercy Ministry Fund with a \$40,000 grant. This generous support will allow us to increase outreach and scholarships to serve more youth of the Archdiocese as they explore their Catholic Faith.

RECONVENING FOR THE AUCTION

Our Annual Auction will be held Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Mt. Angel Festhalle.

We would love your help in making it a great event.

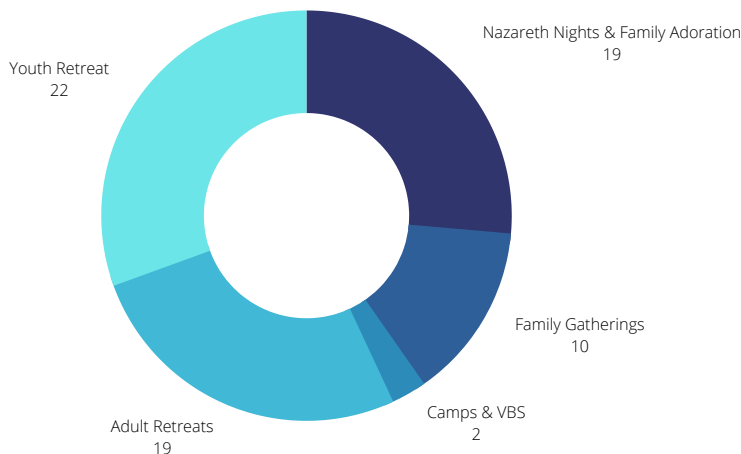
Ways to support the Auction:

- ✓ Volunteer to serve on a committee.
- ✓ Donate items - You may have new and useful items around your house is just what someone is looking for.
- ✓ Create your own basket – choose a theme and gather items for others to enjoy.
- ✓ Gift Cards are always welcome!
- ✓ Tickets - sports, concerts, amusement park or entertainment, sharing season tickets is grand.
- ✓ Own a vacation house? Offer a weekend getaway.
- ✓ Artist or crafter? Offer one of your handmade items.
- ✓ See a great deal on something, buy it for the auction.

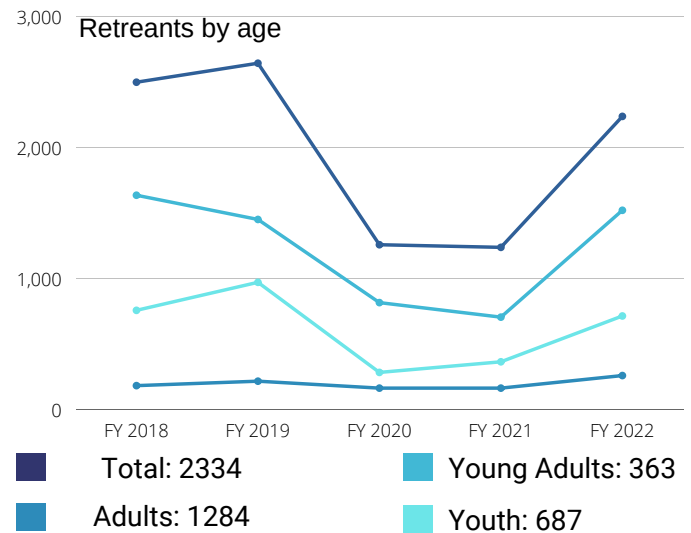


We are grateful to the sponsors, donors, bidders, attendees, and volunteers who helped this year's Auction raise the highest amount yet. Special thanks to Bishop Ken Steiner for leading us in Grace and making a generous Fund A Need challenge. It truly was a Night of the Stars.

RECOMMENCING ORDINARY TIME FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BY THE NUMBERS



Total Retreat Days: 140



Much of the Liturgical Year is Ordinary Time. Ordinary meaning ordered and following the regular pattern. After the previous two years of disordered, irregular operation at FBYC, we are grateful that retreats, programs and events have returned to our facility. We look forward to the continued pattern of growth in people coming to FBYC and financial stability.

We are grateful to return to ordinary time.

