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Scripture: "Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, let no one take a second tunic." *Luke 9:3*
Saint: Padre Pio
Slogan: Certo E Vero! *Yes, it is true!*
Song: *Livin' For Something* Janelle Reinhardt

Catholic Youth
Expeditions 2009

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Praise the Lord! Holy Toledo! Catholic Youth Expeditions 2008 was amazing! In the short span of a year, CYE became a non-profit corporation, moved off Chamber's Island (temporarily!), hit the road with a newly donated Lamer's Bus (decked out in stylish CYE fashion), received a four year grant and hired a full-time apostolate director, held our first annual benefit concert, had its second successful summer staff of on-fire Catholics, moved into St. Pius X Parish in Appleton, Wisconsin...(literally!), put on nine different expedition retreats all over the place (including an extreme pilgrimage to Quebec City, Canada!), ministered to 400 high school students and young adults, moved into commercial property and opened up our first of many CYE Basecamps, gained the full support of Bishop David Ricken and get this, last but certainly not least, acquired a 7.5 acre parcel of land on the largest inland lake in Door County along with a retreat center! Bam!

CERTO E VERO! YES, IT'S TRUE! We are livin' for something—SOMEONE! Jesus Christ and He *is* TRUE! Because He's is The Truth, *anything* is possible! The only thing holding us back is a lack of faith! His promise stands unshaken! Doubt, despair, depression...sin. They have no stronghold over us! "If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing." *1 John 8-10*

This past fall, I spent five days at *Pacem En Terra* (Peace of the Earth), a retreat center located north of the Twin Cities in the solitude of a hermitage. *Yep, It's True!* I was silent and boy did God speak:

What does nothing mean? It means that I must not hold on to anything—no-thing. "Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, let no one take a second tunic." *Luke 9:3* Whatever has happened in two years and two months of priesthood, I shall not hold on to anything, that is, anything that would prohibit me from being open to the Holy Spirit once again. The voice of timidity, the voice of unforgiveness, the voice of frustration, the voice of bureaucracy, the voice of doubt, the voice that says that I am not loved, the voice that says that I can not overcome sin through Christ Jesus. These are as nothing to me! I release these demons and chastise them to Hell! I take no baggage! I take no-thing that will hold me back from knowing God's love for me. Nothing! Do you hear me! Nothing! I am the Lord's child. I am his possession. He alone can heal me from sin. I refuse to carry baggage. I have learned. I have moved on! Nothing can hold me down. "The love of Christ compels me." *2 Cor 5:14* Christ is on my side!

†Day 4 journal entry

It suddenly dawned on me! The only thing holding me back was myself! Certo E Vero! It is true! When we drop our baggage and take nothing with us, no walking stick, no sack, no food, no money and no second tunic, we begin to see the Truth of Christ, that his promise is indeed true and we begin to live for something much bigger than who we are! As Catherine Doherty, founder of Madonna House states in her book, *Poustinia* (Russian for desert), "So many of us feel that the rest of men are looking for Him where He cannot be easily found—in the comfortable life which is in itself not sinful, but which can become a sort of asphyxiation and isolation from the rest of mankind. Comfort can become an idol too." Last year, CYE pilgrimage spirituality was a huge component of our summer because we didn't have a place to go. We depended on God. We realized that comfort was an idol but craziness is

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an icon. Reliance on God's divine providence breaks us from the comfortable life. Expedition retreats will remain fluid, fluctuating and frustrating! This is the place where God dwells and the place we will avail ourselves this summer, fall, next winter and next spring! Even though we may have a home to hang our hat, it serves the mission! We must drop everything once again to venture beyond to discover that, "Yes it is true!"

With that being said, are you ready to be a vital part of our 09 pilgrimage! Are you ready to drop everything to follow Him? Does the love of Christ compel you? Are you looking to drop those things that hold you back from exclaiming with me, "Certo E Vero! *Yes, it is true!* My problems are not bigger than my God, but my God is bigger than my problems! Self discovery happens in the context of community, adventure and relationships. This summer will surely entail these components!

Catholic Youth Expeditions is offering you a chance to serve this year on our 09 Summer staff! We need you to perpetuate the mission of the Gospel...to let others know the Truth of Jesus Christ and foster Catholic Christian community by expedition retreats of prayer, proclamation of the Gospel and outdoor adventure. By entering into this summer experience, you'll discover the Truth of God's joy, the Truth of God's beauty and the Truth of God's love. We hope to gather at our new home at St. Joseph's Formation Center in Bailey's Harbor, Door County Wisconsin this May only to leave it behind seeking places of uncomfortable confrontation with demons of the past and wrestling with the plagues of doubt and despair. At the end of this wild and woolly adventure, we will discover a new place of hope...a place of Truth.

It always reminds me of hiking. As we traversed through Pictured Rock last summer, my pack would feel so heavy at times and the burden of my trail's history dug into my back. But when I arrived to that destination and goal I unloaded my pack by unclipping my waist harness, rolling my shoulder straps off alleviating this weight and finally dropping it on the nearest stump.

Drop your pack! Stay awhile! If you're ready for adventure and realizing the Truth of your life, perhaps our 2009 Summer Staff experience is for you! Come on our first expedition to witness the priestly ordination of Deacon Luke Strand in Milwaukee while we camp on the campus of St. Francis de Sales Seminary on the shoreline of Lake Michigan. Or if that doesn't work, join Father Joel Sember in a hiking pilgrimage from Oshkosh to Holy Hill discovering the meaning of leaving your comfort zone! How about helping us with our first ever family camp and special needs camp on Kangaroo Lake! If that isn't enough, how does an extreme pilgrimage to Wyoming to visit Bishop Ricken's newly established classical Catholic university in the Rocky Mountains! Join us! Join Him! Jesus Christ has conquered sin and invites you to exclaim, "IT'S TRUE! I'M FREE! I'M LOVED! I'm no longer just livin' for something, I'm living for Someone—Jesus Christ the Lord and King of the Universe! St. Padre Pio, pray for us! **Now and forever!**

Certo E Vero!

Father Quinn Mann
Founder/Spiritual Director CYE

CYE PRAYER

In need of special help, I appeal with confidence to you, O Saint John Bosco, Blessed Giorgio Frassati, & JP the Great for I require not only spiritual graces but also temporal ones, and particularly the grace to let *Catholic Youth Expeditions* continue in the true spirit of apostolic zeal so as to set up a future ministry for young people led by your Holy Spirit. May you, who on earth had such great devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and to Mary, Help of Christians, and who always had compassion for those who were in suffering, obtain from Jesus and from His heavenly Mother the grace I now request, and also a sincere resignation to the Will of God. *Amen! Alleluia*



CATHOLIC YOUTH EXPEDITIONS

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Application for Summer Staff 2009

Please snail mail your completed 2009 C.Y.E. Application by January 31st, 2009 to: **Catholic Youth Expeditions
C/o Staff Application
P.O. Box 272
Appleton, WI 54912**

Please write legibly. The intent of this application is to be used as a tool of discernment so take your time and pray over your answers. Upon reception, review, and recommendations, we will be in touch with you by the end of February with our discernment!

SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____	
Current Mailing Address: _____	
School Currently Attending (if applicable): _____	Major: _____
Year in School: _____ Present Occupation (if applicable): _____	
Home Phone: _(____)_____ Cell Phone: _(____)_____ Email: _____	
Have you ever been on a Catholic Youth Expedition? Y / N When & Where? _____	
Are you a returning staff member? Y / N If YES, why do you want to return? <i>(please answer on a separate sheet of paper)</i>	
How did you hear about C.Y.E.? _____	

SECTION 2: PARISH INFORMATION

Home Parish: _____	
Pastor: _____	
Address of Home Parish: _____	Phone: _____
_(____)_____	
If in school, where do you attend Mass? _____	
Campus Minister Contact (reference): _____ Phone: _(____)_____	

SECTION 3: CERTIFICATIONS

Are you a lifeguard? Y / N Are you willing to be trained as one? Y / N 1st Aid/CPR certified? Y / N <i>If you are certified in any of the above, please provide proper documentation of training certificates with your completed application.</i>	
Have you been VIRTUS trained in the Diocese of Green Bay? Y / N Where: _____ When: _____	
Have you had a background check completed through the Diocese of Green Bay? Y / N <i>Please provide proper documentation from the diocese if you have completed this training. If you haven't please log onto the diocesan website www.gbdioc.org and find a time to get trained. The background check is required to do any ministry in this diocese and can be done online as well. If you have any questions, just give us a call! This must be done before the summer experience begins!</i>	

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SECTION 4: EXPERIENCE

ABOUT YOU: A: No Experience B: Minimal Experience C: Moderate Experience D: Extensive Experience

(use separate sheet of paper if necessary)

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| 1) Leading Peers: | A B C D | Explain: _____ |
| 2) Leading Prayer: | A B C D | Explain: _____ |
| 3) Athletics/Lifeguarding: | A B C D | Explain: _____ |
| 4) Cooking: | A B C D | Explain: _____ |
| 5) Techy: | A B C D | Explain: _____ |
| 6) Musician: | A B C D | Explain: _____ |
| 7) Maintenance: | A B C D | Explain: _____ |
| 8) Camping/Hiking | A B C D | Explain: _____ |
| 9) Ministry Experience | A B C D | Explain: _____ |

SECTION 5: INTO THE DEEP *(to be completed on separate sheet of paper)*

- 1) I would like to serve/return on C.Y.E. staff because...
- 2) Please describe where you are at in your journey of faith and your relationship with God?
- 3) What do you hope to give to this summer missionary experience and what do you hope to receive from this?
- 4) What gifts and talents do you think you can share as you serve on C.Y.E. staff?
- 5) Are you currently active in The Church? In what capacity?
- 6) Describe two strengths and two weaknesses that you possess.
- 7) What does it mean to be a servant of Christ? Describe a time when you have served.
- 8) What does it mean to be called to holiness?
- 9) What does it mean to discern a vocation? Where are you at vocationally?
- 10) Have you ever lived in community? If yes, please explain.

If Christ is still calling you to apply, we invite you to fill this application out and send it in. Again please be sure to write legibly. The applications that arrive on time will be considered first. May God grant you his peace in this process.