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Scripture: “All who are guided by the Spirit of God are sons of God; for what you received was not the spirit of slavery to bring you back into fear; you received the Spirit of adoption, enabling us to cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’” Romans 8:15

Saint: St. Expeditus

Slogan: Hodie, non cras!

Song: Alive Again by Matt Maher

2010 Catholic Youth Expedition Cover Letter

Praise the Lord! It all started with getting locked out of the CYE Base Camp office. We had just installed a window in the office door and after closing it I conveniently saw the keys lying on the desktop but inconveniently couldn't retrieve them. I was locked out! Aggravated, I thought about driving back to the parish because I seemed to recall having an extra set of keys in my room. But alas, my car keys were locked in the office as well! Defeated, I shook my head and looked down at my new running shoes. That's it! I had a new pair of running shoes and was still in my grubbies from an early morning football practice with the local Catholic high school football team. I could run back and try to find those keys! I bolted out the door, leaving it swinging wide open behind me, while the coffee house Christian music quickly faded in the distance.

As I ran down the sidewalk on Richmond Street, it dawned on me—we have to creatively develop and sustain relationships with youth by meeting them in places where they spend time. We cannot expect others to be converted to Christ unless we are willing to be involved in their lives on a human level—a personal level. We need to meet young people where they're at! After reflecting upon it more, I began to think of how difficult it is to enter into relationships with our young people when ministry in the Church has become a vague weekly commitment to boring mediocrity at best. I fondly thought of Father Marty Carr. He was amazing at just sitting with an individual and getting to know them. He could penetrate through all the layers, all the hurt, all the pain, all the junk, and just relate on a personal and very human level. How did he do it?! How was it that when you sat in front of Father, you felt as if you were sitting in front of Jesus himself? So many times I have been introduced to people, have begun conversations, and then out of my own failure to be present and listen, I have drifted away – becoming distracted by the millions of competing “obligations.” My friends, there is a different way to engage youth, and it is powered by Catholic Youth Expedition's commitment to foster Catholic Christian community through expedition retreats of prayer, proclamation of the Gospel and outdoor adventure.

How does one actually sustain and develop relationships with others? How do we enter deeply into the power of human friendship? Today everything is fragmented, scattered and discombobulated. We are weary and frayed. We rush from one thing to another and treat others with an efficient convenience. Ministry is no longer the ancient art form of Christian living and discipleship but a technical field of gray pragmatism whereby everything is being done “right” but has deteriorated to a shallow average-ness. (Benedict XVI, Truth & Tolerance,) Even using words such as sustain and develop can be so cold – so

business-like. What has happened to us? To me? What once happened as naturally as breathing now seems to take intentional effort. We *must* see one another as persons, not passing shadows merely drifting by one another in an automated, regulated, and scheduled existence; an existence we so often vaguely define as LIFE. Mind you, this was all going through my head as I crossed the Glendale intersection – it was a miracle that I was not run over.


How can one possibly restore the personalism of Christianity? St. Paul knew! He says, “For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry 'Abba! Father!' it is that very spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” (Romans 8:15) Maybe as children, we never experienced the spirit of adoption from our mother and father. Worse yet, maybe we have forgotten that we are God's children! The restoration of the intimacy of personal relationships resides in our knowing that we are children of God. If we know that we have a Father who listens to us, wants to be in relationship with us, and has sent His Spirit to be with us, then we may awaken to the deep relationships we desire at the core of our being. If we *know* that the spirit of adoption has been given to us and shed the spirit of slavery within a calloused world, we can begin to truly know ourselves and others as adopted sons and daughters of God crying aloud with one voice, “Abba!” We can begin to see the restoration of redeemed relationships.

Perhaps we need to be inconveniently locked out of our offices more often. Perhaps it is in our locked-up hearts that we have been living in a spirit of slavery rather than a spirit of adoption. Instead of being locked-up, God wants us to be locked-out! Only then can we realize his Divine love for us and the Divine union he wishes for us to participate in. Only then can we enter into the personalism that Christianity authentically calls us to, and the depth of authentic human relationships we desire.

If you find yourself looking for deeper union with God and others, I invite you to join the 2010 Catholic Youth Expeditions summer staff. Our 9th summer promises to be our best season of expeditions ever with a new mountain bike program and leadership training through a high ropes course! Not to mention our continued commitment to outdoor adventure with hiking, backpacking, water skiing & wake boarding, sailing and newly found Door County tradition--cherry spitting contests!

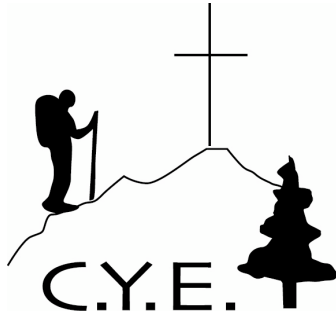
Let us be alive again! Let us lock ourselves out instead of locking ourselves in! Let us redefine what it means to be alive in light of being God's adopted sons and daughters, knowing our full worth and potential! Expect this summer to be an encounter with the living Spirit of adoption found in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! Give your life to Him! Enter into authentic relationship now! Do not wait, do not procrastinate. Life is too short. *Hodie non cras!* (TODAY...not tomorrow!)

Fervently,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Quinn Mann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Fr. Quinn Mann

Catholic Youth Expeditions 2010



CATHOLIC YOUTH EXPEDITIONS

Application for Summer Staff 2010

Please snail mail your completed 2010 C.Y.E. Application by January 31st, 2010 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? *(Please answer on a separate sheet of paper)*

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
If you are certified in any of the above, please provide proper documentation of training certificates with your completed application.

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

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!

SECTION 4: EXPERIENCE

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

(Use separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

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: ALIVE AGAIN! *(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 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.

Please include a picture of yourself along with this application or email is to:
mail@cyexpeditions.org

If you have any questions regarding CYE and the 2010 summer staff, please do not hesitate to call or email:

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The applications that arrive on time will be considered first. Deadline for the application is January 31, 2010. May God grant you his peace in this process.

CYE PRAYER

In need of special help, I appeal with confidence to you, O Saint John Bosco, Blessed Giorgio Frassati, JP the Great, & Saint Padre Pio 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*