

*Sample parent letter that can be sent in a
parish or school mailing for the Middle School Youth Rally*

February/March, 2010

Dear Parents / Guardians of 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Youth,

The **Diocesan 2010 Middle School Youth Rally** is scheduled for Sunday, April 25, at Beloved Disciple Parish in Grove City. The theme of this year's event, "*The Power of God's Love for You!*" is based on the scripture from Jeremiah 20:9, "*Like fire burning in my heart,*" and we ardently hope that every middle school youth in attendance leaves the Rally knowing in a new and powerful way how much they are loved by God.

Featured during the Rally will be a Mass celebrated by Bishop Trautman, music and drama, witness and exhortation, unbridled silliness, the opportunity for confession, and a really, really cool, multimedia presentation of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, vocalist and musician Michael Rodgers, and Fr. Steve Schreiber, Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, with a little talk on God's love.

The registration fee is \$25 (the parish/school may need to increase this fee to cover transportation and/or meals to and from the Rally). The \$25 registration fee includes the presentations, lunch, and a t-shirt. Please contact your parish if this fee is a problem for you at this time. Finances will never keep youth from attending important events like this. The enclosed Youth Release Form along with a check made payable to this parish/school must be returned to our office no later than March 22, 2010. For additional information, please contact your Parish Youth Leader or Linda Lecce, Program Coordinator for the Department of Religious Education (814-824-1218) or visit onthevine.us.

We are very excited to be bringing a group of youth from our parish/school to the rally. If you are interested in assisting with this event in any way, please call the religious education/youth ministry office at _____.