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#### Dear Friends in Youth Ministry,

It is hard to believe this will be the 12<sup>th</sup> annual **Light the Fire Summer Youth Rally**. We are most grateful to almighty God for the blessings on this event and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform the lives of young people throughout the Diocese of Scranton.

This year's theme "*Be Strong and Courageous*" draws from Pope Francis's message to young people on the occasion of the thirty-third World Youth Day; "You young people need to know that someone truly believes in you: please know that the Pope has confidence in you, that the Church has confidence in you! For your part, have confidence in the Church!" He challenges them to have the courage to live out their faith without hiding or diminishing it.

Our keynote speaker for this year's Light the Fire is **Cooper Ray**. Cooper from Dallas Texas, is a dynamic speaker and musician who shares his faith with honesty and passion. Drawing from 20 years of professional ministry experience as a retreat facilitator, liturgical musician and diocesan director, he is committed to bringing people to Christ. Through story, humor and audience participation Cooper moves his audiences from laughter to deep reflection and prayer. Cooper uses these gifts to communicate the Gospel to the young and the young at heart, engaging, entertaining, and all together inspiring.

**Will Smith** music director at Mother of Sorrows Parish in Pittsburgh PA and or MC and workshop presenter incorporates music, multi-media, humor and storytelling into each of his presentations. Will's classroom teaching experience combined with his love for music and the Gospel naturally led him to directing church choirs of all ages, teaching and presenting. An avid promoter of responsible media consumption, Will stresses the importance of developing positive music and media messages to youth and adults. He practices what he preaches by seamlessly incorporating music, multi-media, humor and storytelling into each of his presentations.

We welcome back the band **Full Armor**. Full Armor formed over seven years ago when the band was asked to lead music for a new youth Mass in their hometown of Middletown, NY. Over time, the band slowly began to receive invites to participate in other Christian/Catholic ministry events in their region. All of their hard work and determination paid off in 2008 when they were asked to perform for Pope Benedict XVI's youth rally in New York City in front of 25,000 young people. Today, Full Armor continues to share their music and ministry at parish and diocesan concerts and conferences nationally. Their greatest joy is seeing God change the lives of the young people with whom they get to share in ministry.

The most important guests will be our high school students from throughout the Diocese of Scranton and all of you; our young adults, and adults who minister to them. We look forward to seeing you again this year at Misericordia University for Light the Fire!

Please be sure to visit our website <u>www.Light-The-Fire.org</u> for the most up to date information about Light the Fire to include additional speakers, workshops, and activities throughout the day.

God's peace and blessings from the Light the Fire team!

## This Summer, Help Us Fight Hunger!

The Mercy Associates of the Sisters of Mercy are doing a food drive to benefit CEO and Weinberg Food Bank. All canned and dry food items collected will be brought to CEO where they will be divided up and sent to many local agencies helping the hungry of NEPA. So spread the word and bring your donations to this year's Light the Fire!

Associates, also known as affiliates, are lay women and men who discern and decide to formally partner themselves with a religious community's mission and ministry and thus the charism of the order.



Ending Childhood Hunger in your community.

### **Check over all information for the registration process:**

- Due date: June 20, 2018 is the EARLY registration deadline.

- Cost of LTF: Early Registration is \$30, registration is \$35 after June 20, 2018

Late Registration will be open until June 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

**\$10** additional t-shirt fee per person (if applicable)

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE WITH THIS DEADLINE

## **Registering your youth and adults:**

-All registration is to be done online at Light-the-Fire.org

-Total due is \$30 per person, and \$10 per shirt. There is no registration cost for Clergy or Religious -Payment should be mailed in within one week of registering

-Parish and group leaders name written in MEMO location on the check

-Checks made payable to: **St. John the Evangelist** and mailed to:

St. John the Evangelist 35 William Street Pittston PA 18640

## What is due on the day of the event from each youth and adult chaperone:

-Completed Adult or Student Registration Form -Completed Student Hold Harmless Form

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# Day of Event Information

#### **Registration:**

- All group leaders must Check-in upon arrival.
- Check-in will take place from 8:00AM until 9:30PM at the Conference Center.
- Upon sign in, group leaders will be given wrist bands for their group, a program for the day, and any ordered t-shirts

#### **Chaperone Requirements:**

- Each group will need one adult (21+ years or older) for every eight (8) youth attending by gender (one adult woman for every 8 female youth, etc.)
- Parishes are responsible for all adults
- Chaperones are responsible for monitoring their youth throughout the ENTIRE event

#### Food and Recreation

- Lunch and Dinner will be provided through your Registration fee.
- Food and Drinks will be available for purchase throughout the day and can be found at the Banks Student Life Center.
- There will be areas for recreation as well as a place to interact with our sponsors and presenters.

#### **Driving Directions and Parking:**

- Driving directions can be found online at www.Light-the-Fire.org or www.Misericordia.edu
- For parking, please follow the signs to the North Gate and find parking near the Anderson Center in the Bevevino Parking Lot
- Handicap Parking can be found through the Arch Entrance and following the signs to Walsh Parking Lot.

#### **Emergencies and Security Information**

- We have an area set aside in case of an emergency.
- Though cell phones are permitted during the rally they are asked to be limited for emergency use only.
- Chaperones are responsible for their group. If someone needs to leave the rally early they **MUST** be released through their chaperone. No one will be allowed to leave the rally grounds without the chaperone's knowledge. All visitors may come to the **Registration Table**

# June 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 Schedule (Subject to Change)

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9:00 am - 10:30 am	Check-in (Insalaco Hall)
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Games and Activities
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Opening Band on Main Stage (Lemmond Theater)
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Welcome on Main Stage (Lemmond Theater)
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Cooper Ray (Lemmond Theater)
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Lunch (Banks Student Life Center)
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Workshops Round 1 (Various Rooms)
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Workshops Round 2 (Various Rooms)
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Adoration (Lemmond Theater)
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Small Groups with Parish Leaders
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Dinner (Banks Student Life Center - Cafeteria)
6:00 pm - 6:45 pm	Cooper Ray (Lemmond Theater)
7:45 pm - 7:00 pm	Closing and Music at the Outdoor Theater
7:00 pm	Closing Mass (Lemmond Theater)

# Light the Fire – Youth Rally

@ University Misericordia, Dallas PA	-
	Youth Registration Form
Name:	Birth Date//
Street Address:	Grade:
City:	State: Zip Code:
Home Diocese:	E-Mail:
Name of Parish or Group:	
Name of Group Leader(s):	
Name of Parent(s) / Legal Guar	dian(s):
Phone of Parent(s) / Legal Guar	rdian(s): ( )
T-Shirt Size: (OPTI	ONAL: Light the Fire shirts are \$10 each)
Medical Information	
Family Physician:	
Phone Number of Physician: (	)
Allergies:	
Current Medications:	
Medical History:	
In the case of an emergency,	please contact:
Name:	Home Phone: ( )

Work Phone: ( )\_\_\_\_\_--Address: Cell Phone: (

This entire form must be **completed and legible** for each youth to attend the rally. Please make sure a parent or legal guardian has signed the Hold Harmless Agreement on the reverse side of this form. If the student is attending as an individual - without a group – please make the notation below.

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## Hold Harmless Agreement

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We\_\_\_\_\_

Printed name(s) of parent(s) / legal guardian(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ agree to protect, indemnify,

save, and keep harmless, The Combined Youth Ministry, University Misericordia, Parish and School approved chaperones, Light the Fire – Youth Rally, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, and Gallagher Bassett Insurance Services against and from any and all loss, cost, damage, or expense, arising out of or from any person or property whomsoever and whatsoever; and will protect, indemnify, save and keep harmless the above mentioned parties from any and all claims, costs, or expense arising out of any accident or other occurrence on or about said premises or in conjunction with any activity sponsored by Misericordia University, causing injury to any person or property whomsoever or whatsoever; and will protect indemnify, save and keep harmless the above mentioned parties from any and all claims, costs, or expenses arising out of any failure of any contractor in any respect to comply with and perform all requirements and provisions agreed-to and required by any law or ordinance related to the aforementioned premises or activities. Beyond provisions of Diocesan insurance coverage of students, I / we also hereby confirm that I / we have medical insurance or self-insured coverage which will be the sole provider of medical benefits and payments in the event of injury or illness arising out of any activity sponsored by The Combined Youth Ministry on or off the aforementioned premises.

I, THE PARENT (GUARDIAN) OF THE ABOVE NAMED CHILD, HEREBY, GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR HIS/HER PARTICIPATION IN THE YOUTH ACTIVITY NAMED ABOVE. I AGREE TO DIRECT MY CHILD TO COOPERATE AND CONFORM TO DIRECTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS OF PARISH, SCHOOL AND DIOCESAN PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ACTIVITY.

Signature of Parent(s) / Legal Guardian(s):
Date:
Date

# Light the Fire – Youth Rally

@ University Misericordia, Dallas PA

# Adult Registration Form

It is important for Light the Fire to use due diligence in providing a safe environment for all participants in their summer youth conference programs. This application helps assure that all Adult Chaperones are 21 year old or older and are suitable to engage in ministry to minors. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Name:	Bi	Birth Date //				
Street Address:						
City:	State:	Zip Code:_				
Diocese:	E-Mail:					
Name of Parish or Group:_		<u> </u>				
Name of Group Leader(s):						
T-Shirt Size:(	OPTIONAL: Light the Fire shirts a	are \$10 each)				
Is there any fact or circu	mstance about you or your ba	ckground that w	ould call ir	nto question the		
advisability of entrusting yo	ou with the supervision, guidance	, and care of chi	ildren and/c	or young people?		
YES / NO						
If yes, please explain						

I affirm that the information given in this application is true, complete, and correct. I affirm that I am 21 years old or older and have been trained and approved to work with children and/or young people in accordance with the policies and procedures as outlined by my home diocese. Furthermore, I have read and agree to abide by all rules and policies of the Light the Fire Youth Conference in regard to providing a safe and healthy environment for young people.

#### Signature of Adult

I have verified and attest to the fact that the above applicant has been trained and approved to work with children and/or young people in accordance with the policies and procedures of his/her home diocese, and that the above applicant is 21 years of age or older.

Signature of Group Leader

Date

Date

This form is to be filled out by each Adult Chaperone and Group Leader