

TENTATIVE OUTLINE – Rite 13 2010

This outline (tentative) is provided to give parents a sense of Rite 13, as part of Journey to Adulthood. J-2-A programs are designed to accommodate flexibility for the adult leaders as they navigate conversations with our youth around five areas: Self, Society, Sexuality, Spirituality, and Prayer. We may determine certain topics are irrelevant, inappropriate, or of less interest to our youth as we go – the curriculum component does not require a chronological approach to the material. Adult leaders will assess gatherings regularly to plan for the most appropriate topics for each session, with the support of a resource team consisting of adults from the parish (including parents). The resource team will meet quarterly with the adult leaders and Rev. Michael for assessment, planning and training.

On some Sundays, outings might provide appropriate opportunities for experiential learning, and will likely require beginning earlier and ending later. We will keep parents posted in a timely manner, so that as many youth as possible can participate.

JANUARY

January 10 – First youth meeting (Rev. Michael leads)

January 17 - Second youth meeting (Rev. Michael leads)
Parents meet with Rev. Michael and Rev. Liz after church

January 17 OR 23, OR 24 – Training/Planning session

January 24 - "Getting to know you: Introducing the Rite 13 Leaders"

January 31 - "Getting to know you: learning our names"
(Annual meeting will be going on, but Rev. Liz and I both think that for consistency, we should proceed with Rite 13)

FEBRUARY

February 7 - "Walk in Love: creating a community covenant"

February 14 - "I am made in God's Image: icons and angels" (Possible outing date)

February 21 - "I am made in God's Image: just as I am - I am good!"

February 28 - "Images of God: opening the heart and showing the real me"

MARCH

March 7 – Ropes Course (7:15 departure for Camp Timberline, 3:30 p.m. return.)

March 14 - "Compassion and acts of mercy: where true charity is found"
(This is the week prior to food outreach ministry's food distribution, which might be a good follow up activity, and provide an opportunity for further reflection the following week)

March 20 – Food Distribution 10:30 a.m. prep; 11:30 a.m. distribution; 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. reflection

March 21 - "Choosing to be a Servant: Choosing to Share"

March 28 - "I am made in God's image: God said it was very good"

APRIL

April 4 - Easter Sunday - no Rite 13 meeting

The youth in Rite 13 might plan to participate in Easter in a special way, or offer a congregational project related to Easter.

April 11 - "Faith and Trust: changing definition of faith"

April 18 - "Faith and Trust: let your doubt sprout!"

April 25 - "Sexual Stereotyping: prejudice"

MAY

May 2 - "Sexual Stereotyping: Male-Female Relationships"

May 9 - "Images of God: images we carry"

May 16 - ""Compassion and acts of mercy: I need, I want, I have...."

May 23- Rite 13 during 10:15 a.m. service (possibly with Bishop).

May 30 - last Sunday before summer break

*[Perhaps a beach party and cookout during after church
(Eucharist on the beach?)]*

Summer & Fall

JUNE

- We'll have our second meeting with the resource team to assess and plan for fall.
- A possible, perhaps one or two nights over a weekend over on North Shore/Mokuleia in June or July. The topics would include spirituality with an emphasis on prayer.
- If we have youth who will be turning thirteen the summer will be the time that a mentor will be assigned to them to work on preparing them for the liturgy where we celebrate the "rite 13" (on Sundays closest to each youth's birthday).

SEPTEMBER

September 5 or 13- tentative Sunday School kick-off.

September 20 – parents' meeting to learn about fall and spring plans for the Journey to Adulthood program, following the 10:15 a.m. service (11:30 a.m.).

I've listed out topics through May, but truly we can be flexible, and when certain needs arise to discuss other topics we can adapt. If conversations need to have more follow up on a second week, we can adjust the outline as needed to include that. The way I've managed the outline above is picking topics to balance between lessons related to the individual self-understanding, a deeper understanding of self within society, that give them opportunities to talk about differences among males and females as their bodies mature (and how to have respectful relationships/friendships across gender), as well as lessons in spirituality and prayer (the 5 major themes of the curriculum). Also, as we check in with each other and with the resource team later on, we may find we want to go in a different direction, but at least this gives us a framework.

~~"I am made in God's Image: My Gifts and Abilities"~~
"Eating from the Tree of Life: Rules for Holy Living"

** Somewhere in March we will need to have our quarterly training and assessment & planning session. This will need to include "Keep God's Children (People) Safe."*