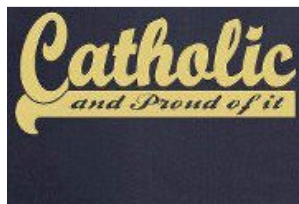




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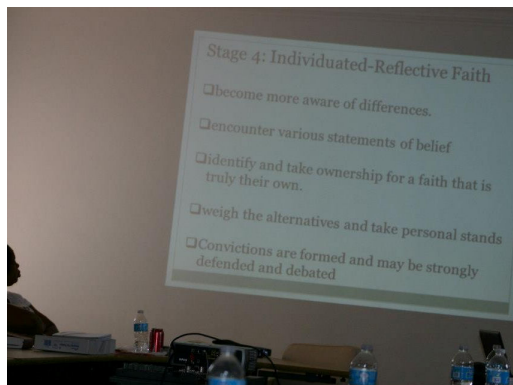


CATECHIST AND YOUTH LEADERS GATHERING

The gathering of Catechist and Youth Leaders from the Diocese of St. John's Basseterre converged in The Valley, Anguilla from September 27-30, 2012 with the theme "*Celebrating the Year of Faith*". The experiences of the participants were described as rich and deeply rewarding. Some of the sub-themes being explored at this years conference include; *Stages of Faith Development, Technology Tools for Faith Development, Overview on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Overview of the Second Vatican Council, Understanding the Sacrament of Matrimony, Development in the Catechetical and Youth Ministries, and Diocesan Vision for Catechesis and Youth Ministries.*

Participants were asked to reflect specifically on their respective program areas, as they explored ways to better understand those entrusted to their care and choose appropriate teaching methods and practices.

At the end of the two-days session, some participants did an island tour while others enjoyed a day trip over to St. Maarten via ferry. On Sunday, Mass was led by the youth and the homily encouraged all to continue the journey in faith..



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OPENING OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

Pope Benedict XVI promulgation for the universal celebration of a Year of Faith from October 2012 to Feast of Christ the King 2013. We at Holy Family Cathedral Antigua had our own creative celebration to launch the Year of Faith. It all started with faith stories by some of the faithful who shared their experiences of praises and thanks to God for the journey they have been through with him changing their lives. One memorable faith story was from a member of the Hispanic community, who gave witness of how she is a cancer survivor for 17 years now and how that has deepened her faith and trust in the Lord. The street was then lined with the youth from our Cubs & Scouts and our Catholic Schools, as the faithful processed to the Cathedral's main door for a symbolic opening of the door by Bishop Kenneth Richards, to usher in the beginning of the Year of Faith. The community then processed into church singing songs of praises to God.

As a true sign of Faith even the elderly came : (Dr. Billie Dyer)



FAITH STORIES SHARED



THIS MONTHS FEATURE

ALI DESIR



My name is Ali Desir and I was born in Antigua on the 15th October, 1996. I am a current student and prefect of the Antigua Grammar School, where I will be writing my CSEC, in 2013.

Being baptised at 3 months old and confirmed at the age of 15 years old, I remain as a full time member of the Holy Family Cathedral Church.

I developed a love for steel pan at the age of 9 when I first joined the Holy Family Cathedral Steel Orchestra, playing the triple guitar. Throughout my 7 year tenure I have improved my pan skills, and joined the Gemonites Steel Orchestra and the Antigua Grammar School Steel Orchestra with my experience gained.

I currently hold the position of secretary for the HFCSO for 2 years and hopefully will be regaining or improving this position. My experience in playing pan has introduced me to different people and opportunities; such as reading the Sports News on Youth Connect every Friday on Observer Radio. I've gained knowledge and patience through the art of playing pan, it has also taught me how to be responsible and punctual. I'm now exposed to different types of cultures, traditions and religious activities.

As a young boy growing up church was not my

main priority but my Mother ensured that I got up every Sunday and attended mass at least once a week, it was not until about mid 2012 I fully understood why she was so persistent, and what the Lord has done for me. I am currently in two church ministries which are steel pan and Scouts.

I am aspiring to study Computer Science and Technology, maintaining a major role in the church and society, continuing the improvements of my pan skills, and becoming a Youth Ambassador of my country.



Ali and Sis Melissa



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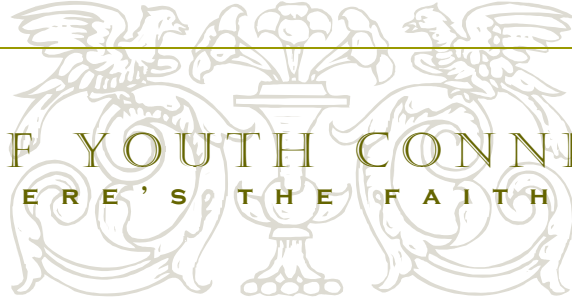
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Activities for Youth

- Parish Assembly
- Christmas Outreach Programme
- Career Workshop
- Vocation Drive
- Movie Night
- World Youth Day 2013 Activities



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