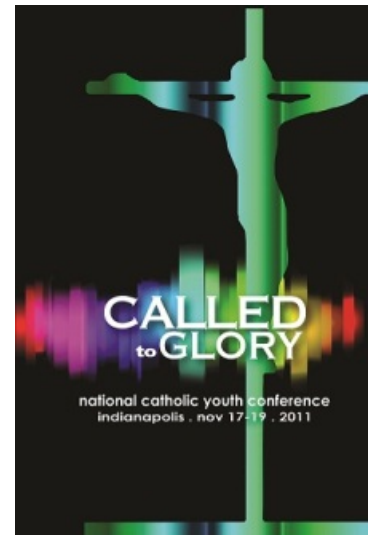


Updates on Service Projects Conducted in the Thematic Park December 6, 2011

Thanks to Your Generosity . . .

- 25,000 cookies were baked and packaged for distribution to area prisons.
- 260 “pillowcase” dresses and 100 matching drawstring purses were completed and another 100 dresses partially sewn (being finished by a local parish). These will be sent to sister-parishes in Haiti.
- 15 pallets of non-perishable food (estimated 24,000 lbs.) was collected and donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- 500 “Foster the Love” duffel bags were made and filled with basic toiletry items, a journal, playing cards, and other items to assist youth in transition.
- Approximately 400 Christmas cards were written to active duty service men and women and will be distributed through the chaplaincy at Camp Atterbury in southern Indiana.
- Approximately 1,200 books were collected for distribution to area libraries whose collections were destroyed in flooding this past spring, as well as to other youth serving organizations and programs.
- 36 scarves were knitted and another 12 were started and will be finished by a local parish. These will be distributed through Indianapolis area homeless shelters.
- More than \$7,000 was collected for Fountains of Hope, which provides water purification systems in Haiti.
- Five *Called to Glory* icons were made in the creative corner and are being given to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Archbishop Buechlein, Bishop Coyne, and NFCYM.
- Maryknoll will be adding 1,000 wooden plaques inscribed with participant prayer intentions or requests to their permanent display at their New York headquarters.
- During a four-hour period on Saturday, the sixteen-foot cross, which was later displayed at the closing liturgy, was covered by thousands of leaves on which participants wrote the actions they were going to take in their faith lives.



NFCYM thanks all who participated in any way in the various projects in the park. We are especially grateful for the volunteers and exhibitors who helped to make this park so successful.