



NCYC/CYFUSA Collection – Put 5 Aside

Upon arrival to NCYC, group leaders will receive *Put 5 Aside* collection envelopes in addition to the program book and other items. We want you to be able to answer any questions the young people have about *Put 5 Aside*. This is the collection at the closing liturgy on Saturday evening. The money provides scholarships. The youth in Kansas City 2009 raised \$127,000 – which means over 500 teens are at this conference because of their generosity.

Put 5 Aside is asking them to be intentional about their charity. They cannot give what they do not have. Inform them of the collection. Tell them to be intentional about their giving and invite them to put \$5 of their spending money aside now to give at the closing Mass. On Friday, we ask that you read the scripture passage on the envelope, encourage them to reflect on the passage, and ask them to complete the envelope. On Saturday morning, we will have a totally AWESOME video introducing the *Put 5 Aside* collection. The youth will see some of the youth the 2009 collection helped. They will be challenged to “pave the way” for folks in 2013.

Come visit us in the Thematic Park at booth 272 to play some games and so the CYFUSA board can meet you and your teens personally. If you need to leave before the closing liturgy, young people can *Put 5 Aside* at the booth.

Is it about the money? Sure it is because this money becomes ministry to young people in 2013. Is it only about the money? No! Our young people have gifts – gifts that no one can ever take away from them. Putting 5 Aside helps them become intentional about how they use the “talents” God has given them. We want them to know the good their donation will do. We want them to feel good about supporting their peers. We want them to believe in themselves and in a loving God “who always provides” and we want them to give generously.

We will have some more talking points for you at the group leader meetings in Indianapolis. In the interim, if you have questions, email Don McCrabb (dmccrabb@cyfusa.org).