

**St. Thomas Aquinas Youth (STAY) Ministry Update**  
**Pastoral Stewardship Council**  
**October 14, 2009**

St. Thomas Aquinas' Youth Ministry program is committed to love, nurture, inspire and motivate all middle and high school youth to be faithful lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ who serve their community. We offer weekly youth group sessions of faith-sharing with peers, monthly youth masses, social events, social justice and outreach projects, and leadership opportunities.

<http://paloaltocatholic.org/STAY/>

**Academic Year Sessions**

Middle School and High School hold sessions at OLR site on Sunday nights from 7:00-8:30pm

- Middle School (grades 6-8) meets at OLR Hall/Church
- High School (grades 9-12) meets at Dermody Center

**2009-2010 Enrollment:** 58 Middle School students and 38 high school students with 27 being Confirmation candidates.

**Highlights since last report:**

- Chris Miller hired as Director of Youth Ministry.
- Fourteen youth attended the 4 day Diocesan Tahoe Youth Retreat.
- BBQ and Mass in September

**Upcoming:**

Monthly Youth Masses, September -May, including the Tahoe Reunion Mass on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

STAY COOL Service Projects – STAY COOL is the service/justice arm of STAY Committing Ourselves to Outreach Leadership

- STA Food Drive and OLR Food Closet support in November – greenest ever!
- EPA St. Francis of Assisi – Pack 50 pound food boxes at Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Christmas Ornaments and Cards for the Homebound
- Valentines for /Flowers for Second Harvest recipients
- Layette Program –Annual layette drive in April/May

Confirmation Mass: May 8, 2010 5pm vigil Mass at St. Albert the Great

**2009-2010 Youth Ministry Board**

Eileen Hart-Freyre, Chair and Mary Clifford, PSC Representative  
Vikki Howard, Karen Recinto, Kathy Lindholm, Members  
Chris Miller, Director of Youth Ministry  
Kristy Rozsnyoi, Middle School Coordinator

**Monthly STAY Ministry Board Meetings**

Wednesdays, 9-10am (typically), at St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center

**Gratitude**

Thank you to Father George and Father Thierry for you on-going support and encouragement ☺

Thank you all, and special thanks to the Liturgy, Human Concerns, Hispanic Ministry and OLR Boards. We really appreciate all you do for us.

