

WE HAVE HAD A BLAST AT THE BUFFALO YOUTH CONVENTION!!!! go with us!!!!  
IF YOU MISSED OCT. RETREAT THIS IS THE MAKE UP!

We have a group of teens going to this. WE HAVE ROOM FOR MORE. We must have your check for \$99 and REGISTRATION-4 to a room, ASAP.

<https://www.buffalodiocese.org/youthyoungadult/registration>

From the Diocese:

True Story—in just over a month, we will be gathering at the Adam's Mark for Convention 2018. In this week's update, you will find information about Small Group Facilitator Training, Convention Music Ministry, and more. Please read and share with your teens!

**1.) REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

Registration forms, money and hotel reservation forms were due **Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. We can accept registrations at no additional charge until **Friday, February 9**. If you know you will have difficulty getting registration materials in by this date please contact Diane to make arrangements. **Partial packages can be added until February 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a great option for parishes or teens that are not able to commit to joining us for the entire weekend.**

**CONVENTION MUSIC MINISTRY:**

We need musicians with experience and singers who can blend their voices to lead our congregation for our Closing Liturgy. There will be a few rehearsals prior to the Convention and one sound check at the Convention. **The first rehearsal will be this Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Corpus Christi Church, Buffalo.** Please pass this request on to those you know who have musical gifts, and ask them to contact [Mary Palmer](#).

**) YOUTH FACILITATORS NEEDED:**

The success of small group discussion experiences at the Convention relies on having great youth facilitators! **If you know a youth or Junior Advisor who has demonstrated good communication and group facilitation skills, please [share this information](#) and invite them to be a small group facilitator.** Training will be provided on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> (10am—1pm) or Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> (6pm—9pm) at Infant of Prague parish in Cheektowaga. Interested students only need to attend ONE of the times listed above. Adults are also needed to monitor the groups. Please contact [Kathy](#) for details.

**) SERVICE PROJECTS:**

This year in the True Story Expo we will be partnering with [Teacher's Desk](#), an organization which provides school supplies for teachers and students in local schools. The majority of their supplies are donated, and we will be helping to prepare these supplies for distribution to teachers. We have been asked to collect tissues, since these are one of the items they need to purchase on a

regular basis. **Please encourage each member of your group to bring a box of tissues (any size) to support this project.**

) **ADULT BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

We will be offering two breakout sessions for adult leaders this year. Keynote speaker Doug Tooke will lead a session entitled “Sharing the Truth with Teens,” which will equip ministry leaders to bring the True Story to live in the parishes after Convention. Also available will be a training session on how to lead the parish prayer time on Saturday evening. Please plan to attend one of these sessions. During the mega session round, we ask adults to attend one of the youth sessions.