



September 10, 2010

# 34th Senior High Youth Rally

This program is sponsored by the Diocese of New Ulm Office of Youth Ministry

## HERE it is...Materials & Posters

The Diocesan Youth Council, the Rally Planning Committee, and the Youth Ministers from our diocese are excited – they have been planning for this event on

### Sunday, October 24, 2010

National Celebration of World Youth Day

On this special day we expect hundreds of 9-12th grade youth to join us!

**WHO:** ALL 9-12TH GRADE YOUTH are welcome along with chaperones and parents  
**(SEE SPECIAL BULLETIN INSERT INVITING PARENTS TO ATTEND)**

**WHAT:** SENIOR HIGH YOUTH RALLY

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2010 FROM 1:00-7:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION will open at noon. Plan to arrive early—the program will begin at 1:00 & last until 7:00.

**PRE-EVENT CONCERT:** Come early! There will be a pre-event concert with Audrey Assad from Noon-1:00.

Come early for  
a pre-concert  
with Audrey  
Assad Noon-1

**WHERE:** WILLMAR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The address is 2701 30<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Willmar, MN 56201. See this link:

[http://maps.google.com/maps?q=2701+30th+St+NE,+Willmar,+MN+56201+\(Senior+High+School\)&ll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=52.902929,81.738281&ie=UTF8&om=1&l=45.151053,-95.001698&spn=0.092976,0.159645&z=13&iwloc=addr](http://maps.google.com/maps?q=2701+30th+St+NE,+Willmar,+MN+56201+(Senior+High+School)&ll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=52.902929,81.738281&ie=UTF8&om=1&l=45.151053,-95.001698&spn=0.092976,0.159645&z=13&iwloc=addr)

Our hosting Area Faith Community is Jesus Our Living Water with the parishes of St. Mary's in Willmar, Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer, St. Patrick's in Kandiyohi, and St. Thomas More in Lake Lillian.

**OUR THEME IS: "PLANTED – FIRM IN FAITH"**

*Rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith. Col 2:7*

Young people will have the opportunity to come closer to God and be challenged to live what they believe.

**INCLUDES:** PRE-EVENT CONCERT WITH Audrey Assad Noon-1:00

Skits and Mixers

Keynote: Tony Melendez

NET Team

Break-out Session/Workshop - Guys/Girls

Presentation for Adults, Parents –

Raising Healthy Teens – Dr. Monica Breaux

Sunday Mass with Bishop John M. LeVoir

Supper & Dance (Cecilia Schwartz will teach you some new moves!)

See separate  
listing for  
info on our  
presenters!

**POSTERS:** Please put the enclosed posters up in locations where 9-12th grade youth will see them. If you need more posters, please contact our office soon.

**Posters Enclosed:** Since YOU are the only person in your parish receiving a "HARD COPY" of this packet of information, please pass it on to the appropriate coordinator. *If it is NOT you, please give us the correct name and address of the person who should receive this mailing by calling Cindy at 507-233-5325. We are also emailing* a PDF file to all DREs / YMs that we have an e-mail address for.

**THE COST OF THE RALLY** will be \$17.00 per youth if registered in advance or \$20.00 after October 14. The charge for adults will only be \$10.00 if registered by October 14 or \$13.00 after that date. **Please prepare one check** for your entire group and mail it along with your registration form, payable to the Diocese of New Ulm (Youth Rally). We encourage you to use some of your youth budget, if you have one, to pay for part of the youth costs -- or contact one of the adult groups in your parish to help sponsor youth for this event.

**REGISTRATION IN ADVANCE** is required since materials and meals will need to be prepared. On the enclosed Group Registration Sheet, complete the names of the youth and adults you plan to bring and return it to:

Cindy Blickem, Diocese of New Ulm, Youth Ministry Office, 1400 6th St. N, New Ulm, MN 56073  
Phone 507-359-2966 / Direct 507-233-5325 Fax 507-354-3667 E-mail: [cblickem@dnu.org](mailto:cblickem@dnu.org)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE** is Thursday, October 14 (postmarked). Any registration called in to our office or mailed after that date must include the \$3.00 late fee per person. After deadline fees are \$20.00 per youth and \$13.00 per adult.

**CANCELLATIONS:** We pre-order materials for those who register with us. When people cancel, we still have the **expense for food and materials that cannot be returned**. Cancellations may be made by calling our office **no later than noon Thursday, October 21, for a full refund**. Cancellations **after noon on October 21 -- only 1/2 of the registration fee** will be refunded.

**REGISTRATION ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT:** We will be open at **noon** for registration. Plan to arrive early--the actual event will start at 1:00 sharp and go to 7:00 p.m. Join us for the pre-event concert with Audrey Assad from Noon-1:00.

**Please be advised** that the extra youth you bring on the day of the event may not get food if we run out -- that's why it's so important to pre-register. We have done fairly well in ordering of food in the past, but it is hard to predict future registration.

Pre-registration by mail will save you time and money at the door. Please register on the enclosed form and mail it along with your check back to us by the deadline date of Thursday, October 14 (postmarked date).

*The success of this day depends on all of us. Please keep the program and all those that are involved in the day in your prayers during the next weeks. It takes a lot of volunteers to make this event great. If you want to help out, please let us know.*

**ADULT SUPERVISION:** You will be responsible for the youth that you bring to the Rally. We ask that you **provide 1 adult for every 8-10 youth**. **{If you bring less than 10 youth, you must still furnish an adult leader. We don't want youth to be unsupervised.}** Please also note that when there is a little more free time for the youth; you still need to know where they are, especially during the dance time. **We don't want youth leaving the building.**

**STOPPING FOR LUNCH ON THE WAY?** Willmar has a number of fast food places--so you might want to stop your way. We are having Subway for supper after Mass, around 4:30.

**CONCESSIONS:** We will have snacks available for purchase in the building during the dance.

**SUPPER:** This is covered in the registration fee, and we will eat around 4:30 p.m.

**CELL PHONES:** Youth are not allowed to have their cell phones turned on during this event.

**MONEY?** Youth should bring money for additional snacks, CD's, and the collection at Mass crisis pregnancy center.

There is a **DRAWING FOR PRIZES** at the end of the day after the dance. Prizes will be given for 9-12th grade youth and adult leaders.

## Any questions?

If you have any further questions, please call Cindy Blickem or Margaret McHugh at 507-359-2966.

Cindy's direct line is 507-233-5325,  
e-mail  
[cblickem@dnu.org](mailto:cblickem@dnu.org)  
Fax # 507-354-3667

# Senior High Youth Rally...DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

Sunday, October 24, 2010 1:00-7:00 p.m.

Willmar Senior High School Gym

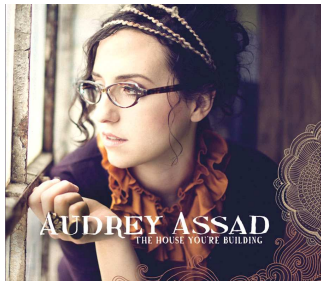
## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

**TONY MELENDEZ...**Tony Melendez may have been born without arms, but that hasn't stopped him from enjoying life to the fullest. Tony was born with this birth defect in 1962 as a result of his mother's taking the prescription drug, Thalidomide.

Today he is known around the world for playing the guitar with his feet. He was thrown into the limelight when he performed before Pope John Paul II in Los Angeles in 1987. Visibly moved by Tony's performance, the Pope rushed into the audience to embrace him.

After hearing his inspiring story, you'll understand why he has appeared on numerous television shows including *Good Morning America*, *The Today Show*, *The 700 Club*, and many more. He has also received several awards including the Inspirational Hero Award from the NFL Alumni Association at Superbowl XXIII in Miami and the Branson Entertainment Award for the Best New Artist in 1999.

Tony is a powerful speaker and is frequently invited to give presentations to young people on drug abuse, the importance of self-esteem, disability awareness, cultural awareness, and family support. Tony's inspiring story will challenge viewers to embrace life and give hope to those in need.



## Join Us for a Pre-event Concert from Noon-1:00 with

**AUDREY ASSAD**, a new Catholic singer/songwriter/musician who has just released her first solo album, "*The House You're Building*." She is Catholic singer/songwriter originally from New Jersey; she now lives in Tempe, AZ. Over the past year, she has played over 100 dates in North America and has written many songs with Matt Maher, Phillip LaRue, Marc Byrd, Sarah Hart, and Paul Moak. For more info on Audrey Assad visit

<http://www.audreyassad.com> or visit her on Facebook or MySpace.

**DR. MONICA BREAUX...**Dr. Breaux will lead two presentations for parents/chaperones (so that all adults can attend) "Raising Healthy Teens Today" and a break-out session for guys-only entitled, "So, what's the big deal?"

Monica Hidalgo Breaux was born in Lake Charles, LA and is an international speaker and published writer. She earned her MSW from Louisiana State University and PhD in Social Work at Arizona State University. She founded Humanly Possible to promote the Catholic vision of sexuality and to offer practical resources for people seeking healing. She is the mother of five adult children, a minister for Courage and Encourage, a guest of Catholic TV talk shows and a presenter for the 2007 National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors. She spoke at both 2008 and 2010 conference of the Catholic Social Worker's National Association and was awarded Catholic Social Worker of the Year at the 2010 conference.



**CECILIA M. SCHWARTZ...**Cecilia M Schwartz is from Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she has had the opportunity to share God's beauty through the artistic expression of dance. She has danced in various capacities over the past twenty years, whether it has been performing at local festivals, taking classes, or simply participating in area social dance functions, such as the city-wide Salsa Pachanga and the G.R.O.S.S. Tuesday Night Swing. Cecilia works to incorporate the teachings of John Paul II's Theology of the Body and Letter to Artists in every aspect of dance. She is currently studying at the Grand Rapids Ballet Company. You can learn more about her by reading her blog at:

<http://ceciliamschwartz.wordpress.com/>

