

## Fundraising Ideas

**Bake Sale after Masses:** Have each teen bring single layer cakes to church on Saturday afternoon (don't price them – you'll make more asking for donations). Have each teen choose a Mass to work during that weekend. Be sure you've made pulpit announcements and put an ad in the Church bulletin so that the parishioners come prepared to buy. Be sure the teens have made posters and those working the Mass are prepared to explain why they are raising the funds and want to go to the conference. It's always a good idea to have a teen give a brief 2 minutes testimony after Mass, just before the conclusion of Mass – this way it is fresh in the parishioners' minds as to why they're giving you money.

**Sponsorships:** Construct a sample letter whereby you give it to the teens to fill in the blanks; the letter will explain what the Steubenville On The Bayou Conference is, why a teen would want to attend, the benefits of a teen attending and the benefits to the Church parish of the youth group attending. Explain that there are costs involved and that your group and/or the individual teen is hoping to acquire business sponsors to assist with the expenses. Then give the blank to the teens to fill in with their own personal information and signature. They then send it to businesses they have a relationship with.

\*This can also be done with Church organizations such as the Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxillary, etc.

**Dinners:** Host a dinner sale whereby individuals can purchase plate lunches/dinners and they'll receive a full meal (many times a Knights of Columbus will do the cooking for you). It's also a good idea to have a bake sale during the meal where the guests are eating and/or picking up their meals.

**Movie Nights:** Get a large screen, a projector and a dvd player – set them up in a Parish Hall. Get a fun kids movie, some popcorn and koolaid drinks and sell tickets to families to come have a family movie night (be sure you clarify "family night" or you'll be babysitting – which is another option, "Parents' Night out"). Same set up, establish that the kids are dropped off no earlier than \_\_\_ and picked up no later than \_\_\_. Just be sure you accept pre-registration so you know how many to expect!

**Jewelry Sales:** Visit [www.totallycatholicfundraising.com](http://www.totallycatholicfundraising.com) to make arrangements for a jewelry sale. Their prices are reasonable and you make 50% of whatever you sell with no obligation to sell a minimum. They'll walk you through the entire process, start to finish.

**Candy Sales:** There are tons of available fundraising candy kits/programs. Some can be sold after Masses or some can be sold at the schools during recesses – just be sure to get permission.

**Other sales:** There are lots of various fundraising sale ideas out there. Just google "Catholic fundraising ideas".

These are just a few ideas to get you started. If you need assistance or more ideas, be sure to contact our office.