



ECHO of Cape Cod

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“Christ is Counting On You”

Mission Statement:

"ECHO (Encountering Christ in Others) of Cape Cod is a Catholic, community-based experience initiated by a weekend retreat, focused on the living presence of Jesus Christ encountered in others and self. The ECHO program is directed toward the awakening, and the developing of a response to, the three basic areas of Identity (Who am I?), Integrity (Where am I?), and Vocation (Where am I going?) as they are emerging in the lives of teenagers."

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Newsletter: Due to Postal Rate increase for bulk mailing, coupled with the fact that applications for ECHO weekends come in so late, several changes have been accepted by the ECHO Board:

The ECHO Newsletter will no longer be mailed. The newsletter and all updates on names of candidates will be sent on the Yahoo e-mail account. The newsletter will also be posted on Facebook. If you are unable to access the newsletter electronically, please e-mail Mary Fuller at fullerm@verizon.net. If you do not currently receive ECHO notices and candidate updates, send your e-mail address to fullerm@verizon.net and we will add you to the list. (This list is not disseminated to any other group.) You will then receive an e-mail invitation from Yahoo asking if you wish to join the ECHO group. You must click on your reply and sent a response to Yahoo.

ECHO Dates for 2011-2012

GIRLS: November 11-13: ECHO 277; January 13-15: ECHO 279; March 9-11: ECHO 281

BOYS: December 2-4: ECHO 278; February 10-12: ECHO 280; March 30-April 1: ECHO 282

Opening Mass for ECHO Year: Tuesday, Sept .20th at 7p.m. at Christ the King.

Prayers: Please remember to pray for Maryellen Loucks as she discerns her team for the November weekend. Prayers for recently deceased Kay Geick, a friend of ECHO for many years and for Joseph Oliveira, the father of Father Jack Oliveira. Prayers for all those going off to college this fall; for those serving in our Armed Forces; for those suffering from cancer and other illnesses and for peace in this troubled world. Remember Tuesday is ECHO Prayer Day.

ECHO Picnic and Softball Game: We had a great turnout for the ECHO picnic even though it was a cloudy night; lots of great food and a good time was had by all.

The softball game had many players. We keep getting requests asking who won the game. Each team consisted of students and adults. Some people came and went throughout the evening so team members varied. The score was close and everyone was a winner. Just lots of fun!

David Ryan has stepped down from his role as Rector on ECHO weekends but David and Cheryl will continue to host the Tuesday reunions at Christ the King. We thank you Dave for your gift of leadership and love of Jesus. Thanks to Dave, so many have come to know Jesus. You will be missed as a Rector but we are grateful for your continued involvement.

The ECHO Board will be discerning for a new Rector in August. Please keep that decision in your prayers.

WANTED: Guitar and Keyboard players to provide music for ECHO weekends. We have some great singers but are in need of some volunteers who would be willing to play for weekend liturgies. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your talent.

Youth Board for 2011-2012

As a result of the Discernment process, the following students have accepted the invitation to serve as leaders for the next ECHO season: Kristina Atsalis, Brittany Coy, Cam Crocker, Nuala Deely, Cassie Doble, Joey D'Olimpio, Alex Donald, Chris Hughes, Mike Krobot, Ashley Laird, Cam Lariviere, Chris Lawler, Maryalice Machado, Tom McEntee, Mariah Pena, Kevin Shanley

Adult Leaders of the Youth Board:

Joe Bentley, Susie Brown, Katy Fuller, Katie McManamon, Laurie McEntee, and Dana Marcotte

The Youth Board cookout has been changed to Tuesday, August 9th at 6pm at Dana's house. Please let an Adult Leader know if you are going or not.

As the Board discerns a new Rector, please join us in the following prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide our decision.

A Prayer of Discernment

Good and gracious God, all that we have comes from Your hands, and we give You praise!

We have entered into a new time in our ECHO season, and we seek Your guidance and wisdom as we discern the future.

In Your love send forth Your Holy Spirit
To Your people and Your ministers.
Open our hearts to hear Your words.
Transform our minds to see possibilities,
To be visionaries and prophets.

Lead us to a vision that will
strengthen our program.

May we always be a sign of
faith, hope and charity

A refuge where all are welcomed in Jesus' name.

Lord Jesus, calm our fears,
dispel all bitterness and anxiety.
Bring us together as a Church,
so we may be of one mind and one spirit,
Working for the growth of Your kingdom.

O Triune God, we place ourselves in Your hands.
May all our decisions be for Your glory!
Amen.

Discernment and choosing teams: As the new ECHO season begins many have asked the question of how the teams are chosen. Discernment is a process involving much prayer and guidance from the Holy Spirit. All names are presented to the Board and then the Rector/a prays for guidance in selecting the candidates. Many factors are involved: candidate's involvement in the program, work in the Palanca Room, attendance at reunions, and the town in which they live. (Rectors and Rectoras try to have teams representing different locations.) Always remember that we have 6 ECHO weekends every year; that's 18 boys and 18 girls. You might not be chosen until the last weekend. Seniors are given preference so don't be disappointed if you are not chosen this year. There are so many ways you can serve especially on the Youth Board.

*****IMPORTANT:** If you are interested in being considered for team this year send an e-mail to Mary Fuller at fullerm@verizon.net and she will forward the name to the Board.***

ADULT DISCERNMENT: The same process is used when selecting a new Rector or Rectora. Names are suggested to the Board of possible candidates. The Board discusses each one observing strict confidence; they then retire to the church to pray asking the Holy Spirit to guide their decision. They rejoin and vote hoping their vote has been guided by the Holy Spirit and will be the right person to fulfill the role.