

# HANDBOOK

# JUNIOR HIGH

# RALLY!



**FRIENDS.**



**FAITH.**



**FUN.**



**OCTOBER 28**

- CARROLL COLLEGE (HELENA)
- GRADES 6-8
- COST: \$55
- FEATURING:

Junior High Rally is about bringing together young people in grades 6-8 for a day of formation and celebration.

Focused on our theme, "Humble Unto Obedience," we will move between prayer, talks, music, games, liturgy and more.

**INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:**



**DANA  
CATHERINE**



**DIOCESEHELENA.ORG/JUNIORHIGHRAILLY**

# SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

**9:00AM**

Doors Open (Student Center, Carroll College)  
Check-in Start  
Games & Music

**10:00AM**

Opening Prayer and Welcome  
Session 1  
Praise & Worship

**12NOON**

Lunch (Included with Registration)  
Session 2  
Breakout Sessions

**3:00PM**

Bishop Vetter  
Session 3  
Closing Prayer and Preparation for Mass

**5:00PM**

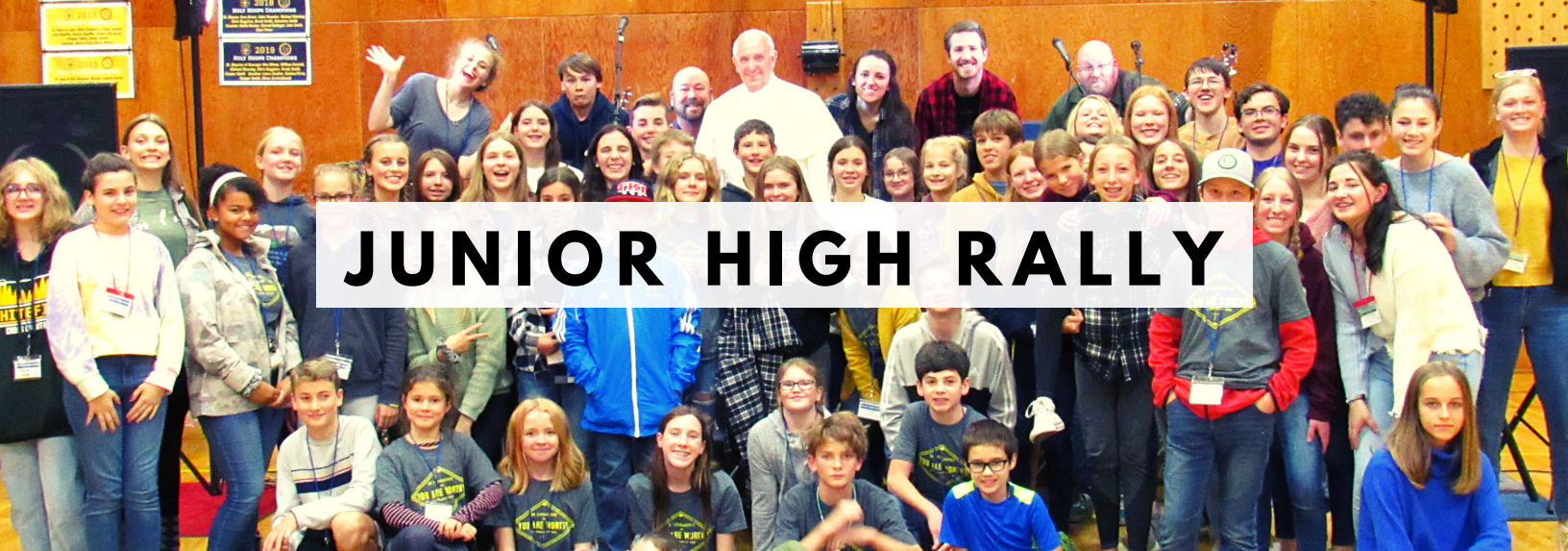
Mass (Cathedral of St. Helena)  
Dinner (At the Cathedral for a freewill offering - \$5 suggested. Details on p. 5)

**7:00PM**

Celebrate with Music, Dance, & Games!  
(Student Center of Carroll College)  
End at 8:30pm



We reserve the right to edit.  
The final, detailed schedule will be available at check-in.  
What won't change: Opening (9am)/End(8:30pm), Mass (5pm),  
& Meal Times (12pm & 6pm).



# JUNIOR HIGH RALLY

**WHO** Grades 6-8

**DATE/TIME** Saturday, October 28  
Doors open at 9:00am (Programming starts at 10am)  
Conclude at 8:30pm

**LOCATION** Carrol College - Student Center  
1601 N Benton Ave.  
Helena, MT 59601

**COST** \$55 - Includes Lunch, Tshirt, Snacks & More

**DINNER** Helena-area youth are hosting a dinner after Mass at the Cathedral. All proceeds will help fund their trip to NCYC. They ask for a suggested freewill offering of \$5 per person; you may donate at the door or with your registration.

**WHAT** Faith. Friends. Fun.  
During the day we move between prayer, talks, games, etc., focused around our theme: "Humble Unto Obedience."  
Finally, we celebrate Mass together, then end with games, music, dancing, and more.

**REGISTRATION** Register through your local parish. Then, the parish submits registrations online at [diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally](http://diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally)

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT** All youth must have a designated Adult Chaperone (21+) who will be present for the entire event. A ratio of 10:1 youth-to-adults must be maintained. All adults (18+) must meet the safe environment requirements of their respective diocese or church.

**SCHOLARSHIPS** Scholashrips are available! Find more information at [diocesehelena.org/fyby](http://diocesehelena.org/fyby) or contact Kevin Molm at [kmolm@dohmt.org](mailto:kmolm@dohmt.org)



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Sept. 29, 2023

**Greetings,**

Junior High Rally has gathered young people annually for over a decade for the dual purposes of growing in faith and connecting with other Catholic young people. You and your young people are invited to join in this legacy!

In late August, the Catholic Youth Coalition Board prayerfully discerned our theme for this year: "Humble Unto Obedience." Please pray for us as we work hard to develop activities, talks, and sessions around this theme.

This event is designed to inspire 6-8th graders in their faith. The emphasis is on evangelization (even *pre*-evangelization) and friendship building. While we will certainly be providing catechesis, the emphasis of the event is on inspiring young people in their faith. We invite adult chaperones to embrace this vision by bringing your enthusiasm, joy, and laughter.

Events like Junior High Rally serve as an opportunity for parishes to literally and figuratively accompany young people in their faith. A successful event looks like friendship-making, forming positive memories of faith experiences, and that they return to your parish faith formation program with enthusiasm.

The relationship with the local church community is incredibly important, which is why we do not allow participants to register as individuals; participants must attend with a local faith community. This includes being chaperoned by an adult who meets safe environment requirements. Take advantage of this opportunity to form a relationship with your young people!

Thank you for being willing to serve as a chaperone and, more importantly, as a mentor who can help youth from your parish process the event and implement what they learn in their everyday lives. As always, please contact me with any questions.

**Yours in Christ,**

Kevin Molm  
OYYAM Manager

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*"He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death."*

*-Phillipians 2:8*

Our theme this year is "Humble Unto Obedience." Our Catholic Youth Coalition Board discerned this theme from scripture, asking God what message He wanted to share with young people this year. He gave us a clear answer, and we are excited to break open this theme at Junior High Rally!

## Special Guest: **Dana Catherine**

A young singer/songwriter, speaker, and former youth minister from North Carolina, Dana travels throughout the U.S. to encourage and inspire others with her songs and witness. Growing up in a Catholic family, Dana always had a strong faith. She finds abundant joy in allowing the Lord to use her and her music for His greater glory.

Dana's music and bold witness have led her to perform and speak at high schools, youth rallies, and national youth events alongside nationally known speakers, including Leah Darrow, Dr. Scott Hahn, Mark Hart and Abby Johnson. She's also played at numerous retreats, including those led by accomplished author and speaker, Father Jacques Philippe, and toured with well-known Christian artists, such as Phil Wickham, Micah Tyler and Josh Wilson. Dana has been featured as a guest on SiriusXM stations, and her music can be heard on stations across the U.S., including Relevant Radio and Immaculate Heart Radio.



[danacatherinemusic.com](http://danacatherinemusic.com)

**\$5 Suggested Donation**

**6pm at the Cathedral (after mass)**



## DINNER DETAILS

High school youth from various Helena parishes who are attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November are hosting a dinner for all Rally participants in the Brondel Center at the Cathedral of St. Helena immediately after the 5pm Mass.

We invite all participants to the dinner, and we ask for a freewill offering to help them raise funds for their trip.

Suggested donation: \$5

Individuals and Groups can make a donation on the registration form or bring cash/check to give at the door. (Please make payable to "Our Lady of the Valley Parish.")

# Youth Ministers, Chaperones, & Adult Volunteers

**Junior High Rally happens because of your commitment to accompany youth in their walk with the Lord. Thank you.**

## **Dress Code & Behavior:**

Communicate clearly to youth, parents, and adult chaperones your expectations for dress and behavior. Youth and adults are urged to dress casually and to wear comfortable, appropriate clothing for a very active day! All participants must wear their designated nametag.

Diocesan staff will assist in whatever way we can, but the primary responsibility lays with the youth minister/adult chaperones at all times! If problems arise that cannot be satisfactorily resolved, OYYAM staff reserves the right to send participants home early at the expense of the individual involved.

If a situation arises that requires adult supervision of any young person, take charge of anything in the area deemed needful.

Remember that we all represent the Church. Please present a positive image by your actions and words. Rally is a tobacco and drug free event (for everyone). Chaperones are expected to refrain from all alcohol, tobacco and/or drug use.

Pay close attention to the needs and behavior of those entrusted to your care. During any "free" time, you are expected to know the whereabouts of your youth!

We expect that you yourself not go anywhere that you could or would not take your youth with you. You are a role model for these youth.

We strongly suggest that you give emergency contact info for each of your youth to all of your adult chaperones.

## **Registration:**

Participants must register BEFORE the event through their local parish/school. There will be no on-site registration.

Gather the completed registration form (see attached) and fee from each participant - both youth and adult chaperones. Then, the designated adult from the parish or school must submit the registration online at [diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally](http://diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally).

Do not send paper forms to Diocese.

## **Payment:**

The cost of attendance for both youth and adult chaperones is \$55. (This includes lunch & tshirt.) For a donation (suggested \$5 per person) you can also have dinner at the Cathedral. (see details on p. 5.) You may submit payment online when you register or send/bring a check.

**CYC Board youth** do NOT need to pay to attend Rally, but they must register in advance. They must also be chaperoned by an adult.



## **Food:**

Lunch and snacks are included in the cost of the event. Dinner is available for a suggested donation of \$5 per person. See details on p. 5

## **Housing:**

If a group requires housing, they are responsible for making their own arrangements.

## **Safe Environment:**

All adults (18+) must meet the safe environment requirements of their respective diocese/church.

Youth-to-Chaperone Ratio is 10:1.

## **Transportation:**

**Youth should not drive themselves or other youth to any OYYAM event.** All participants are discouraged from using their vehicles during the weekend other than for immediate, Rally-related transportation. Groups using commercial transportation or drivers who will not stay through the day should make plans for transportation in an emergency.

It is the responsibility of participant groups to secure the necessary permissions and addressing related liability concerns.

# 2023 Junior High Rally

## Code of Conduct, Medical Consent & Media Release

### **PARTICIPANT CONDUCT, MEDICAL CONSENT, & MEDIA RELEASE STATEMENTS**

I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission for me/my child (Participant) to participate in the 2023 Junior High Rally (Rally) scheduled for Saturday, October 28, at Carroll College in Helena, MT, which may require transportation away from my home church. As a legal adult myself or the parent/legal guardian of Participant, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by Participant. I agree on behalf of myself/my child, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend my parish/school and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena, Diocese of Helena (Diocese), Carroll College, adult chaperones, and representatives associated with Rally, arising from or in connection with me/my child attending Rally or in connection with any illness, injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, its directors and agents, and the Diocese, chaperones or its representatives for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, I/my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of me/my child. In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport me/my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital/doctor.

I/my child agrees to abide by all rules attached to Rally. Specific behaviors that are not permitted include, but are not limited to: fighting, obscene language, offensive or revealing clothing, and the use/possession of tobacco, vaping products, alcohol, illegal drugs, and weapons. I also understand that if Participant violates any of the rules, Participant may be required to leave the activity at his/her own expense.

Event directors have the authority to prohibit video camera or other forms of image-recording devices, as appropriate, to prevent distractions or to protect against violating the privacy of participants. Violation of this policy may result in confiscation of such equipment for the duration of Rally and/or dismissal from the event.

By signing this form I understand that a picture of myself/my child and/or work or projects created by myself/my child (e.g. still pictures, audio/video recording, etc.) may be published in print or online by my parish, school, Legendary Lodge, Diocese, The Foundation for the Diocese of Helena, Carroll College, or their agents to advance the mission and purpose of the Catholic Church. I also grant Diocese permission to share the information on this registration form with these or other entities to advance the mission and purpose of the Catholic Church.

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Participant (Youth/Adult) Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

### **ADULT DIOCESAN POLICY STATEMENT** (Required of all adult participants - 18 years of age or older):

I hereby attest that I have read or been informed of and agree to comply with the provisions of the Diocese of Helena's Policy Regarding Child Abuse, Sexual Misconduct, and Sexual Harassment, including submitting to a background check .

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Adult Participant Signature

Date

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**More information and online registration at**  
**[diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally](https://diocesehelena.org/juniorhighrally)**

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|---|----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| First Name:   |                      | Last Name:                                   |                            |
| (First) Name on Name Badge:   | Status (Circle one): | Grade 6<br>CYC Board Youth                   | Grade 7<br>Adult Chaperone |
|   |                      | Grade 8<br>Priest/Religious                  |                            |
| Address:  |                      |  |                            |
| City/State/Zip:   |                      |  |                            |
| Sex (Circle One):   | Female               | Male   | Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):  |
|   |                      | Parish Name:                                 |                            |
| Emergency Contact Name:   |                      | Emergency Contact Phone:                     |                            |
| Emergency Contact Email:  |                      | Emergency Contact Relationship (e.g. "Mom"): |                            |
| Adult Chaperone Name (for those in grades 6-12, including CYC Board): |                      | Adult Chaperone Email:                       |                            |

**Dietary Restrictions or Serious Medical Conditions**

Please describe any conditions that need special accommodation or should be known in case of emergency: