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On October 13 and 14, approximately 60 young people representing the eight secondary schools of the Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières (CSCDGR) gathered for an exceptional human and spiritual experience under the theme "Stay Connected to God."

Accompanied by pastoral animators, teachers and school representatives, the students came together in the beautiful and peaceful surroundings of the Jeunesse en marche youth camp in the Temiskaming Shores area. This enchanting natural setting provided an ideal environment for reflection, renewal and meaningful encounters with themselves, with others and with God.

Two Bishops Join the Gathering

The rally was honoured by the presence of two special guests: Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay of the Diocese of Hearst-Moosonee and Bishop Roch Martin of the Diocese of Timmins.

Their presence among the students demonstrated the importance our diocesan communities place on young people and their spiritual development.

Taking Charge of Your Life and Becoming a Peacemaker

Throughout the two days, participants were encouraged to reflect on their place in the world and the choices that shape their lives.

The workshop "Taking Charge of Your Life" invited students to recognize their talents, develop their values, set personal goals and discover their ability to take an active role in shaping their own future.

Another meaningful session focused on "Being a Peacemaker."

Students had the opportunity to share positive experiences from their schools, highlighting initiatives and simple acts of kindness that help create more welcoming, respectful and caring communities.

These personal testimonies reminded everyone that peace often begins with small gestures: a helping hand, an encouraging word, an act of forgiveness or simply being present for someone in need.

Staying connected to God also means recognizing His presence in the acts of love and kindness we share every day.

Questions That Come From the Heart

One particularly enriching moment gave students the opportunity to openly ask their deepest questions about faith, spirituality, the meaning of life and their relationship with God.

In an atmosphere of openness, listening and mutual respect, these conversations encouraged sincere dialogue about the challenges, hopes and concerns facing young people today.

Throughout the rally, music, activities and moments of sharing helped create new friendships and strengthen the bonds of fellowship among participants.

A Eucharistic Celebration Prepared by the Youth

One of the highlights of the rally was undoubtedly the celebration of the Eucharist, prepared and led by the young people themselves.

This meaningful celebration provided a special moment of prayer, communion and thanksgiving, reminding everyone that young people are not only the future of the Church, but also a vital and active part of the Church today.

A Precious Collaboration

This Youth Rally was made possible through the generous financial support of the Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières (CSCDGR), the Diocese of Hearst-Moosonee and the Diocese of Timmins.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for their trust, generosity and continued commitment to supporting young people in their personal and spiritual growth.

A heartfelt thank-you also goes to the organizing committee, pastoral animators, teachers and everyone who contributed, directly or indirectly, to the success of this gathering.

Staying Connected to What Truly Matters

At the end of these two days, one important message remained: in a world where young people are constantly surrounded by social media, technology and the many distractions of everyday life, it is essential to offer them opportunities to pause, reflect and reconnect with what truly gives meaning to their lives.

"Stay Connected to God" is much more than the theme of a gathering. It is an invitation to nurture a spiritual connection that helps us grow, love, forgive and become true peacemakers in our everyday lives.

Our hope is that the seeds of faith and hope planted in the hearts of these young people will continue to grow and bear fruit in their schools, families and communities.

For when young people discover that they have a place, a voice and a mission in this world, our entire Church grows in hope.



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