Two Minutes on Thursday

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Live Differently, Live Heroically

OK… finally saw *The Dark Knight Rises*. It might be worth checking out if you have not seen it already.

It is a movie where hope is what motivates the heroes — what can we find wrong with that?

We do seem to be a culture that might just be hungry for heroes again. Batman, the Avengers, Olympians at the height of their sport… heroes, for sure.

I was at dinner the other night with an official reasonably high up in the FBI who was in the Aurora theater days after "the Joker" wannabe conducted his attack. The theater that night was filled with heroes confronting chaos and fear.

In *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict writes that "one who has hope lives differently." The *Dark Knight* movie offers many examples of those living differently, living heroically. At the movie's end, Batman reminds one such hero that "A hero can be anyone, even a man doing something as simple and reassuring as putting a coat around a young boy's shoulders to let him know the world hasn't ended."

In these days, seek the simple and reassuring acts that encourage hope to rise within others.

Can You Give Two Minutes...

> to learn more about your tree?
> to get the link for a BYCC promotional video?
> to check up some upcoming adult training?
> to check some web links related to school supplies, keeping kids coming back, and the Olympics and vocations?

BYCC — Assemble

Our last Baltimore Youth Catholic Conference was themed around *Heroes* and a certain character played a surprising role in the event. As we release our first promotional video for 2012, one wonders whatever happened to…?

Adult Training

> We sent out word earlier this week regarding the Youth Contact meetings on September 8 or 15.
> There will be a Created to Love training on September 26. If you are not implementing this mandated human sexuality program in your parish or high school, this would be a great time to bring yourself up to date regarding it.
> The Fall Equip season will soon open registration. There will be a Seminar in Youth Ministry class available in Central Maryland.
> We are announcing two training webinars this year. The first on Pastoral Care related to Bullying will be October 18. A flyer will go out next week.

Web Links

> Pass along to parents some of these tips on how to save money regarding stocking up on school supplies.
> LifeTeen has an article on the keys to keeping teens coming back to youth programming.
>As the Olympics close, please consider using facebook or other social networking to pass along the story of the athlete from Spain who will be entering the seminary after the London games.

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