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(It's pronounced "GRAWSS-tuh-jay!")

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY DAY
October 15 • 1-7pm • Andean HS, Merrillville**

Middle school youth from around the diocese will gather together for *Grásta Dé!* (Gaelic for "God's Grace") Middle School Youth Ministry Day, featuring upbeat praise music, engaging formation, pizza, dancing, and meeting other youth from across the diocese who **LOVE CHRIST** and aren't afraid to show it! Includes Mass with **BISHOP HYING**, and a concert with Catholic hip-hop artist **JOE MELENDREZ !**

Registration forms in Parish/Narthex offices & online: tinyurl.com/y96vahw6

GRÁSTA DÉ! 2017

Diocesan Middle School Youth Ministry Day (Grades 6-8)
Sunday, October 15, 2017 • 1-7 pm • Andean HS

Registrant First Name (Nombre): _____

Registrant Last Name (Apellido): _____

Address (Dirección): _____

City (Ciudad): _____ State (Estado): _____ Zip (Código postal): _____

Primary Parent/Guardian Phone (Teléfono Primario): _____

Email Address (parent email address is OK): _____

GRADE (please circle): 6TH 7TH 8TH Adult

SEX (please circle): MALE FEMALE

T-Shirt: (please circle)
OPTIONAL
Youth-XL Adult-SM Adult-MED
Adult-LG Adult-XL Adult-2X Adult-3X

**Add Additional
\$15/person**

GIVE THIS & PERMISSION FORM TO: Julie Zasada / SJE Parish Office ON OR BEFORE: Sept 28, 2017
REGISTRATION FEE: \$10 per person (including adult attendees) plus optional t-shirt fee

Grásta Dé! Middle School Youth Ministry Day – Oct. 15, 2017

Consent to Participate, Waiver and Release

Participant Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): _____ Phone: _____

In the case of an emergency, if I cannot be contacted at the address or phone number provided above, please contact:
_____ Phone: _____

Activity Information

Parish/Organization: **DIocese OF GARY OFFICE FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**
Activity: **Grásta Dé!, Diocesan Middle School Youth Ministry Day**
Place: **Andreas High School, 5959 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410**
Dates of Activity: **October 15, 2017** Event Contact Number: **Kevin Driscoll mobile ph 219-552-4060**
Adult Chaperone(s): **Parish-designated youth leader(s); Kevin Driscoll, Diocese of Gary OYYA**

Authorization and Waiver of Risk

I hereby agree and consent to my son/daughter _____ (“Child”) participating in the above-named “Activity”, which includes traveling to and from the above-named “Place.” I further consent to my Child traveling to and from the above-named “Place” by way of *(means of travel)* _____. I acknowledge that, despite careful and proper preparation, there is still a risk of injury when participating in any activity. I release and hold harmless the Diocese of Gary, the Parish, the Parish Youth Minister, the Parish Chaperone, as well as any and all other participating organizations, their officers, agents, representatives, employees, and volunteers from any and all responsibility and liability for any injury, claim, costs, or any other damages whatsoever which may result from my Child’s participation in the above-named “Activity”. I further agree to assume full responsibility for the actions of my Child as well as for the payment of any and all debts incurred by my Child during his/her visit and participation in the above-named “Activity.”

Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment

I hereby agree and consent to my son/daughter _____ (“Child”) receiving emergency medical treatment in my absence should the need for such treatment arise during my Child’s participation in the above-named “Activity”.

Should the need for emergency medical treatment arise, the following health information pertaining to my Child is voluntarily disclosed:

- a) *Special Dietary Needs:* _____
b) *Medications:* _____
c) *Allergies:* _____

Promotional Photographs

In the interest of promoting future activities, video and still photographs may be taken during this event. This form constitutes written permission for Child’s participation in the videotape and/or photographs, which may be used for future promotional efforts, including the Diocese of Gary website (names are not used in photos).

By signing this Consent to Participate, Waiver and Release, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the provisions contained above, and I knowingly consent to my Child participating in the above-named “Activity” and agree to be bound by the terms and provisions of this Consent to Participate, Waiver and Release.

Signature(s) of Custodial Parent(s)

Date

Printed Name(s) of Custodial Parent(s)

TEENS/PARENTS: This form should be given to the group leader, not the Diocese of Gary.

GROUP LEADERS: Please collect all forms for your group and turn them in at check-in at the event

Additional forms may be downloaded and printed at grastade.com.

GRÁSTA DÉ!

Middle School Youth Ministry Day 2017
Sunday, October 15, 2017 · Andrean High School

SCHEDULE (subject to change)

1:00 - 1:20	Hospitality & Check-In (gym) Praise & Worship music ministry: FIRED UP
1:20 - 1:30	Emcee Welcome: Pepe Flores-Carrillo
1:30 - 2:45	Sunday Mass Celebrant: Bishop Donald J. Hying
2:45 - 3:30	Break/Pizza Party Praise & Worship music ministry: FIRED UP
3:20 - 3:30	Re-gather/ Welcome from Andrean HS
3:30 - 4:30	Keynote & Concert: Joe Melendrez
4:30 - 5:00	Reflection & Ritual Part 1: <i>Come to the Feast! (Mt 22:4)</i>
5:00 - 5:45	Grade Level Sessions
5:45 - 6:00	Ritual Part 2 & Closing Prayer
6:00 - 7:00	DJ Dance/Social

PLEASE NOTE - ONE FOOD BREAK: The event begins with Mass. A pizza party break will follow Mass (appr. 3pm). Please remind youth to eat a big breakfast or an early lunch before arriving, respecting the "one hour rule" prior to our Mass, which begins at 1:30pm. You might have to prepare hungry youth before and after the event.

Grade Level Learning Sessions:

At the time of this book's publishing, grade level breakout sessions were being developed by a committee of experienced Grásta Dé! leaders. Please check grastade.com for updates.

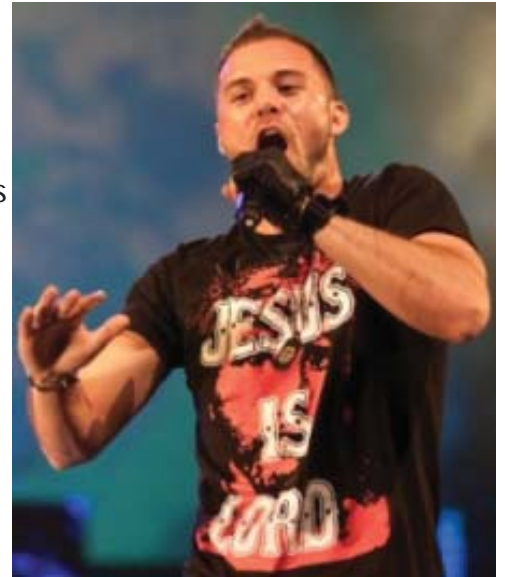


About our 2017 keynoter/entertainer Joe Melendrez!

Joe Melendrez is a professional youth minister, inspirational speaker, and Catholic performer who welcomes new opportunities to bring forth the Kingdom of God.

Since 2008, he has dedicated his life to helping others, especially youth, grow deeper in prayer and stronger in faith. Joe is making his second visit to Grásta Dé!: Joe was featured in 2013, and had the Andrean gym rocking with praise and prayer!

Joe travels across the country and around the world, speaking and performing at churches and schools. Joe's music covers a wide variety of faith focused topics, from Understanding the Sacraments, to Preparing for Heaven. It is not uncommon to see enthusiastic participants of all ages, from middle schoolers to senior citizens, pumping their fists in the air, while praising God, during one of Joe's high energy concerts.



Joe specializes in innovative forms of evangelization, such as God Swagg Apparel, a cutting edge, faith-based clothing line designed to help you REP WHAT YOU BELIEVE! Joe's BA in Religious Studies allows him to produce truly transformative retreats and presentations that are engaging and rich in spiritual content, resulting in an always exciting faith-filled experience.

Joe's music has helped transform audiences worldwide including performances in Uganda, Rome, Australia, Brazil and in Spain at World Youth Day 2011 where Joe performed for Pope Benedict XVI. He has also been featured at multiple National Catholic Youth Conferences (NCYC). Joe has been featured in USA Today, the National Catholic Reporter, National Public Radio, OYE Magazine, The Catholic Channel's Busted Halo Show, The Good Catholic Life Radio Show, and several other online publications.



As Joe enthusiastically explains, "I am honored to participate in a 'revolution of prayer' that will fearlessly allow others to embrace the real love of God."

For more info on Joe and Joe Melendrez Ministries, including a more complete bio, check out joemelendrez.com.



Joe at Grásta Dé! 2013

About the Mass & praise music...

Bishop Don Hying returns to Grásta Dé! to celebrate our opening Mass. Youth love Bishop Hying for his down-to-earth style, and he's ready and able to take a selfie! Bishop also gets to reflect on our readings of the day—the readings that inspired our theme for 2017: **COME TO THE FEAST!** (Mt 22:4)



Liturgical and praise music for Grásta Dé! 2017 is led by **FIRED UP**, a local band made up of a mix of youth ministers, young adults, and high school youth. They cover contemporary and retreat-style Christian music for youth and adult programs. Their mission is to add a musical dimension to praise and worship at events and retreats for people of all ages with music ranging from slow, contemplative works to exciting, high-energy and engaging songs.



About Pepé...

Alfredo "Pepé" Flores-Carrillo serves as Grásta Dé! emcee. Pepé is a veteran of diocesan youth ministry, having served as our emcee at large events for many years, including Grásta Dé!. He has also served on the leadership team at previous Teens Are Praying Together ("TAPT") retreats. Pepé is an experienced retreat leader, having led a variety of retreats locally, regionally, and nationally, is a graduate of the diocesan Lay Ecclesial Ministry Formation program. He recently was named the Director of Religious Education for St. Casimir (Hammond).



About the Diocesan Youth Council...

Time and again we hear from adult leaders that one of their favorite parts of **Grásta Dé!** is watching our **Diocesan Youth Council** interact with the middle schoolers. Rest assured, our HS-aged DYC loves doing it! They come dressed to express a joyous love for Christ, and demonstrate leadership throughout the day in many ways. They serve as a powerful witness to middle schoolers: YES, high schoolers DO love Christ and WILL choose church-related activities beyond Confirmation.



About the dance...

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens...A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and **a time to dance!** (Eccl. 3: 1,4) Think it's impossible to have a dance that plays music worthy of a Christian event? Think again! It's all positive dance music- no negative lyrics allowed! The tunes are spun by DJ **Jose Jimenez**, youth ministry leader at Our Lady of Guadalupe (East Chicago)!



Directions to Andrean High School...



For interactive directions from your starting point, visit grastade.com and click the "Directions" link.

DIRECTIONS TO ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL, MERRILLVILLE:

From the North: (Toll Road or 80/94) Travel South on I-65 to 61st Avenue exit in Merrillville. Turn right (west) on 61st Avenue. Proceed to Broadway (53) (approx. 1 mile). Turn right (north) on Broadway. Andrean is approximately ½ block on right.*

From the South or (East US 30) Travel North on I-65 to 61st Avenue exit in Merrillville. Turn left (west) on 61st. Proceed to Broadway (53) (approx. 1 mile). Turn right (north) on Broadway. Andrean is approximately ½ block on right.*

*** Grásta Dé! parking and entrance is in the rear parking lot, BEHIND the school! Access to the lot is the drive on the south of the property, near the Ultra Foods grocery store! (See pic above).**

All participants should enter through DOOR L.

