
Summer conference reports

Journey to the Father: Catholic Youth Conference

St. Raphael's, Ontario

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Nearly 600 young people, along with about 400 volunteers, converged for three days under big tents to "Journey to the Father". The conference opened with Fr. Claudio Piccinini, a Passionist Priest, inviting those present to sign their lives over to God, giving Him permission to do whatever He wants with them. The whole weekend was an invitation for all to develop a more personal relationship with the Lord, let Him take control, and to make a commitment to live, holy and pure, the Christian life.

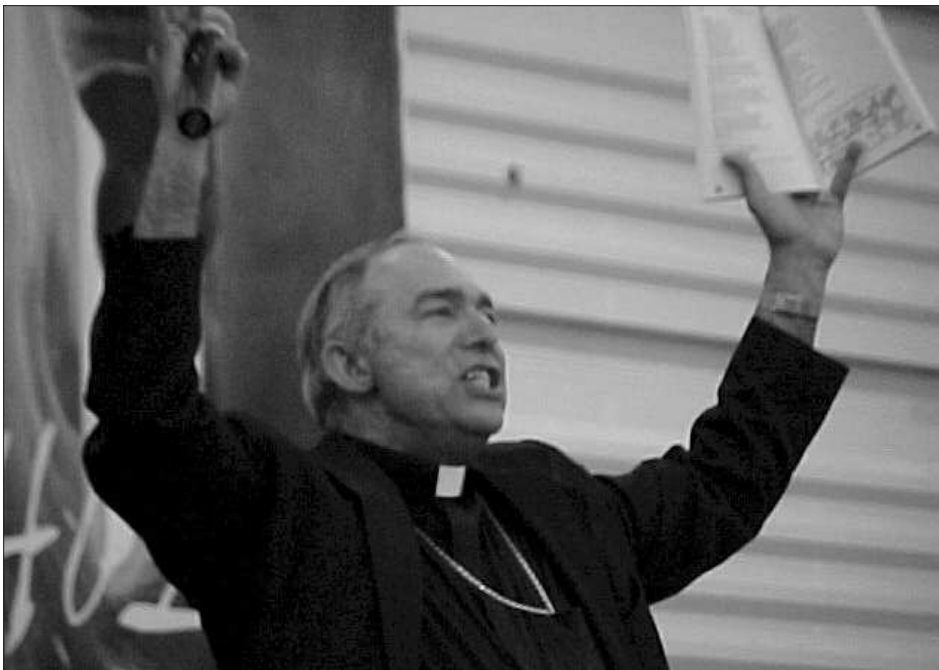


Bishop Eugene LaRocque of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall (the Diocese where the conference was held) was present throughout the weekend and preached the homily at Mass on Saturday morning. Bishop Sam Jacobs from the Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana, also came up for the event. He is a well-known speaker at the youth conferences held annually at the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio.

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CC Seminarians Geoff Guitard and Phil Cummings at Vocations table



Bishop Sam Jacobs was a featured speaker



Seminarian Phil Cummings in Vocations tent