

# ***Blessing of Convention Participants***

**February 10, 2008**

**PRESIDER:** The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Youth Convention will be held next weekend in Buffalo. Our parish is sending a group of young people to the event. Their weekend will be spent praying, learning leadership skills and exploring their call to discipleship. I would like to invite them to come forward at this time. Our parish is proud of their participation in the Convention and to show them how much we care for them and support them, I would like to send them forth with this blessing.

(Convention participants come forward.)

**PRESIDER:** Lord, young people are blessings from you.

As they prepare for Convention, we ask that you bless them in a special way.  
Bless their experiences so that the knowledge they gain may help them face their  
futures with hope.

Bless them with enthusiasm for life and the strength to remain faithful to their  
convictions.

Bless them with trustworthy friends who help them discover the joys of your  
creation.

Bless their questions of authority and tradition.

Make their directness challenge us to work for justice and world peace.

Shelter them with your protection by day,  
give them the light of your grace by night,

and, as their companion on the journey,  
guide their way in accord with your will.

May God bless you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.

*Optional: The Presider may ask the assembly to extend their hands in a sign of blessing over the Convention participants.*