

July 14, 2011

Dear Friends:

This year the St. Liborius Youth Ministry will be celebrating its 10th Annual "Run for the Son" here in St. Libory on Labor Day weekend. For the past few years we have had nearly **300** participants in the 5-K race and children's 1/2 mile "Fun Run" each year. We look forward to welcoming so many people each year to our event, and thanks to support from businesses like yours, we also enjoy financial reward not only for our Youth Ministry group, but also for the many organizations and/or individuals we have helped over the past 10 years. Because of your generosity, over the past nine years we have donated more than \$23,665 to various causes. Please turn to the reverse side of this letter for an accounting of many of our donations.

We now prepare for the "**TENTH ANNUAL RUN FOR THE SON**" and hope that you will consider being a sponsor for this year's event. Like past years, the race will coincide with the **Schlambach Fest** being held on **Sunday, September 4th** at the Village Park in St. Libory. As a sponsor, your name will be posted on a sign at the Village Park on the day of the picnic. In addition, names of all sponsors will be printed on the back of the t-shirts given to each participant. As you can see, we make sure to publicize the generosity of all our sponsors.

As we celebrate our 10th Anniversary this year, we also will be taking time to remember that on 9/11 our country will mark 10 years since the devastating attack on our country and its citizens on September 11, 2001. We especially will recognize local military personnel who have served our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as veterans who have fought in all previous wars. As you may know, the Village of St. Libory built a new park on the east side of town a few years ago. At the present time, the park is mainly used for softball and baseball games; however, in the future the park will be the site of our village picnic and many other events. Plans have been drawn up and presented to the Village Board, as well as to members of the St. Libory American Legion, to build a Veterans Memorial in the new park. Our Youth Ministry group looks forward to donating the proceeds from this years Run for the Son to the establishment of a Building Fund for this Veterans Memorial project so that we can someday have a special place to honor the many local heroes who have fought for our country. In addition, we will be making a donation to the Aubrey Melton Trust Fund. Aubrey is the 3-year-old daughter of Staff Sgt. Joshua Melton and mother, Larissa Melton of Breese, IL. Staff Sgt. Melton was a member of the Illinois Army National Guard who was killed while serving in Kandahar, Afghanistan on June 19, 2009. We hope that we can count on your support for all these people who have given their lives to protect our freedom.

Enclosed you will find a copy of our race registration form. Feel free to copy it and distribute it to employees, friends, family, etc. We appreciate any help we can get to spread the word about our race. You can also download a registration form by going to [www.stliborychurch.com](http://www.stliborychurch.com) and then clicking on the Youth Ministry tab where a link to "Run for the Son" can be found.

Please consider being a sponsor to this exciting event. If you were a sponsor last year, below you will find your 2010 donation. Please list your name as you would like it to appear on our advertising and submit the form with your check.

**We would appreciate your returning this form, along with your payment, by August 12th.**

Thank you for your consideration!

## **St. Liborius Youth Ministry**

### **2011 "RUN for the SON" RACE SPONSOR**

**Company or Personal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**2011 Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your donation last year:

**2010:** \_\_\_\_\_

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One-half of proceeds from Run for the Son donated to:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount Donated</u>	<u>Donated to</u>
2002	\$1,200.00	Just Us Kids Child Care Center, Inc.
2003	\$1,650.00	St. Libory Volunteer Fire Department
2004	\$3,803.00	Blake Luechtefeld Education Fund (also received matching funds from the Schuessler family)
2005	\$1,325.00	Haley Surmeier Education Fund
2005	\$1,325.00	St. Liborius Cemetary Fund
2006	\$1,172.00	St. Libory Grade School—new gym floor fund
2006	\$1,172.00	St. Liborius Church—tables & chairs for new parish center
2007	\$2,388.00	St. Libory Fire Dept.-First Responders Unit
2008	\$3,400.00	Used funds to host a “Lighten Up!” Celebration at our church for two nights in October
2009	\$3,000.00	Anna Carr
2010	<u>\$3,230.00</u>	Kevin Schnarre Family
	\$23,665.00	

Donations made by Youth Ministry to Charity of Participant’s choice (winner drawn at run):

2006	\$400	Children’s Miracle Network
2007	\$250	Right to Life—St. Anthony’s Parish, Lively Grove, IL
2008	\$300	Pujols Family Foundation
2009	\$300	American Cancer Society
2010	\$250	American Cancer Society

Other donations and/or accomplishments:

\$500—given to former teacher of YM members whose husband was terminally ill;  
\$400—given to a former member going on a mission trip through her university;  
\$200—donation made to Pregnancy Care Center, Belleville, IL;  
\$200—donation made to Chariti House, Belleville, IL;

- ◆ Collection of children’s books to establish six libraries in Africa through the African Library Project—we paid shipping costs not covered by all other donations received for this project;
- ◆ Hosted nationally-known speaker, Jason Evert, at our parish for an evening with the teens of our parish plus many other teens and youth groups invited to hear his message on chastity (2005);
- ◆ Annual organizer of the parish Easter Egg Hunt and Trunk or Treat (new in 2010);
- ◆ Helping needy families and/or organizations at Christmas by purchasing gifts and needed items;
- ◆ Care packages sent to former members working/serving in foreign countries;

These are just some of the accomplishments of our program. The youth are also very active in the church doing things like serving as group leaders during our weeks of VBS; performing in a “Live” Stations of the Cross performance during Holy Week, serving as teachers, and volunteering at miscellaneous events.