**Fundraising Ideas**

Below are some suggestions on types of fundraisers youth can do to raise funds to cover the cost of the YTM Summer Institute. If you have further suggestions on a fundraiser, send it to us at [ytm@csbsju.edu](mailto:ytm@csbsju.edu).

Note: YTM does not formally endorse any of the following or promise any guarantees. YTM is not connected to any agreements, liability, or other obligations are made between these vendors and youth and their associates.

Selling Merchandise

* Commercial
  + Heritage Candles
    - <http://www.heritagecandles.com/store/pg/13-Fundraising.html>
  + Yankee Candle Fundraising
    - <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/>
    - Description
      * Fundraiser consists of selling various kinds of candle products.
    - Benefits
      * No Minimum Order
      * 40% Profit
      * Variety of candle projects
    - Notes:
      * Need to be done with a group (more than 1 person)
      * Need to have a group number, though this can be done through parish’s youth ministry, with each seller having a seller’s number.
        + To sign up to get a group number: <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/ycfroot/requestinfo.htm>
      * Catalogs are set up for either fall or spring sales.
      * Online catalog is available for viewing.
      * Sales can be bought online, though group/seller information has to be setup first.
  + [www.Fundraising.com](http://www.Fundraising.com)
    - Description:
      * Fundraising.com is a distributor of a number of products that can be sold as fundraisers. Many of these products can be done directly through the source company, though the benefit of Fundraiser.com is that it can be easier at times since you do not work through the source company and
    - Benefits
      * Provides a number of ideas about items to sell as fundraisers.
    - Notes
      * Caution should be taken in the type of products that are chosen to sell.
      * Products need to be bought ahead of time, which require an investment prior to selling products.
* DIY Fundraisers
  + Bake Sale
  + Homemade Soup Sale
    - Note: Caution should be taken to ensure food safety procedures are followed. Further, some laws may prohibit groups from doing this. Verify state and local laws before doing.
  + Holiday Ornament Sale
    - Create basic ornaments and sell them at a parish festival, after Masses, etc.
    - Some ideas can be viewed at: <https://www.pinterest.com/pieper0109/christmas-ornaments/>
  + Booth at Church Festival
    - If the parish already has a parish festival, ask the committee if you could set up a booth as a fundraiser. Booth could be selling various products or it could also be a game of some sorts.
  + M&M’s for Mission
    - Buy mini-M&Ms that are in a tube and then put a sticker them asking for donations. Give out tubes at the end of Mass and ask for donations for the M&Ms right then or ask for them to bring the donation in the tube at next weekend’s Mass.

Donations

* Second Collection: Have a youth give a short talk at the end of Mass on YTM and then have a second collection. Note: Parishes may have various rules on who can present and if a second collection can be taken up. Please consult the pastor and/or parish staff on if this is possible.
* Ask parish organizations (Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters, etc.) for a donation to support your time at YTM.