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DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE COMES BACK TO WACO!

The Waco Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) announces that the Diocese of Austin's annual Catholic Youth Conference will return to Waco January 20-22.

Over 2,000 Catholic youth from across the Central Texas area will participate in the conference. While the conference had previously been held in Austin, the group decided to move the event to Waco in 2007 due to the city's central location. The estimated economic impact for this year is \$785,400.

This year's theme is Unafraid, based on Blessed John Paul II's message of "Be not afraid!". The purpose of the conference is to allow Catholic youth to encounter the person of Christ through keynote presentations and workshops. They will also share in fellowship with others from across the diocese and have an opportunity to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

"We are very thrilled that the Diocese of Austin has chosen Waco once again to host their annual conference," stated Elizabeth A. Taylor, Director for the Waco CVB. "This event is just one of the many events that return to this great city every year."

