

Happening

Happening is a Christian experience presented by teenagers for teenagers with the help of clergy and lay adult leadership. During the Happening retreat, there are activities designed for fun and Christian community building among participants.

Throughout the weekend, youth staff and clergy present a series of talks about our Christian faith. Using personal life experiences, the youth staff members offer Christ's message to attending Happeners on a level they can understand and address many of the faith questions youth struggle with daily. Clergy speak about church teachings and their importance in the lives of youth attending the weekend.

The entire series of talks is given in a sequence that is intended to guide Happeners by opening an avenue of discussions to help them verbalize and internalize their faith questions in a safe environment and hopefully lead to a renewed or new relationship with Christ.

Caritas—signs of God's love through letters, messages and small tokens—are distributed at times over the weekend to deepen fellowship and to demonstrate the knowledge and support that comes to each weekend from the "wider church."

Happening is for high school students in grades 9-12. Youth may participate in Happening only once during their high school career. However, students who have participated in Happening may apply to serve as staff members in subsequent high school years.

This year's Happening will take place January 22-24, 2016, at Camp Hardtner. Registration is online at the diocesan website: <http://www.diocesewla.org>. Cost is \$90/participant. **Candidates must register by January 8 to receive a t-shirt. Registration closes January 15.**

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