2013 OVBS Updates

2013 Theme Verse

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up" (James 4:10).
OVBS Transition Highlights

1) Renaming of the Age Levels to Alphabetical Level Distinctions

2) Moving from Traditional Lesson Plan to Module Based Plan (Except for Group E - High School)

3) Requires Adherence to a Set Schedule
   *Balance is Key

4) Allows Internal Autonomy

5) Publication of Materials by the end of May

1) Renaming of the Age Levels

For ease of communication, the names of the groups will be referred to as the following:

**Group A** (Completion of KG and below)

**Group B** (Completion of 1st and 2nd grade)

**Group C** (Completion of 3rd thru 5th grade)

**Group D** (Completion of 6th thru 8th grade)

**Group E** (Completion of 9th thru 12th grade)

*It is recommended that students in grades 11-12 serve as volunteers for the OVBS*
2) Module Breakdown

A book will be created for each group that includes the following four main modules addressing each of these aspects:

**Module 1: Bible Study** - will focus on an exegetical and patristic study of Scriptures related to the main theme;

**Module 2: Theater** - will allow the students to choose from a collection of the lives of the saints to develop scripts and to be acted out theatrically for the entire community;

**Module 3: Life of the Church** - focuses on a sacrament or liturgical aspect of the Church based on the theme;

**Module 4: Activities** - will be an opportunity to do either Arts & Crafts or Biblical Games which are appropriate for the respective age groups;

3) Sample Set Schedule - Evening OVBS

05:30-05:45pm – Vespers
05:50-06:00pm – Opening Devotional
06:00-06:20pm - Songs (Song A (Familiar Song) + Song B (New) + Song C (New))
06:25-06:55pm – Module 1
07:00-07:30pm – Module 2
07:30-08:00pm – Dinner
08:05-08:35pm – Module 3
08:40-09:10pm – Module 4
09:15-09:30pm – Songs (Song B + Song C) + Compline
3) Sample Set Schedule - Full Day OVBS

09:30-09:45am – Matins
09:50-10:00am – Opening Devotional
10:05-10:25am – Songs (Song A (Familiar Song) + Song B (New) + Song C (New))
10:30-11:20am – Module 1
11:30-12:20pm – Module 2
12:30-02:00pm – Noon Prayer + Lunch
02:05-02:25pm – Songs (Repeat Song B + Song D (New) + Repeat Song C)
02:30-03:20pm – Module 3
03:30-04:20pm – Module 4
04:30-05:50pm – Games + Free Time
06:00-06:25pm – Vespers

4) Allowing Internal Autonomy

Music Ministry - Songs will be compiled in a database with lyrics and music on YouTube and available for download on diocesan website; each respective OVBS can choose the music appropriate for their youth;

Module 2: Theater - Each age level (A, B, C, D, E) will have a choice of 3-5 lives of the saints to choose from. Over the course of OVBS, they will choose one of the lives to enact for the entire community.

Module 4: Activities - Like the database of songs, a database of Arts & Crafts as well as Biblical Games will be available for respective OVBS leaders to choose appropriate to their respective age levels.
5) **Final Publication of Materials**

- Material will be published on the Diocesan website by the end of May 2013

- Training Camps will be offered upon request
  *Utilization of online resources for training*

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