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**To:** Bulletin Editors, Youth Ministers  
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The AOD Marriage, Family & Pro-life office is co-sponsoring *Building Bridges to a Culture of Life* Pro-Life Youth Conference to be held at Mercy High School Royal Oak on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2016. It is an energetic and substantial conference that gathers youth from across the AOD. It includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions and the celebration of the Holy Mass. It is an engaging way to network, affirm and fellowship the youth who are our future prolife leaders.

The theme of this year's conference is "Unconditional Love – It's worth Celebrating!" In this year of Mercy, the young planners wanted to choose a theme that would emphasize how much each of them is loved by God, the value of every life and the need to love both the mother, father and unborn baby in an unplanned pregnancy. They would also like to touch on the love of one man and one woman as the Church's understanding of marriage.

The overall goal of the *Building Bridges to a Culture of Life* Pro-Life Youth Conference is educating young people to enable them to defend the dignity of all life, to help them form a network of like-minded peers to grow in leadership and to have a joy filled faith experience in the event as well. It is planned for the youth by youth mentored by adults and young adults in the months long process organizing and planning this Conference for their peers throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit.

We invite you to promote this worthwhile event at your parish, to your youth and in your schools through the Bulletin article, invitation to 8<sup>th</sup> graders and small info cards. Posters and fliers will be available next week.