



## THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH MINISTRY

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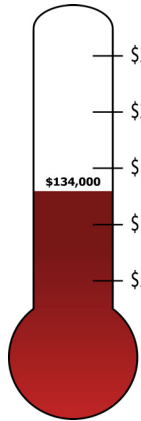
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Dear Teen SOYO Officers, Advisors, and Members,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Teen SOYO across North America, is working towards raising \$250,000 for a scholarship Fund to benefit local parish youth workers/SOYO Advisors to continue their education in Youth Ministry through the St Stephens Youth Ministry Concentration, so they can better serve the teens in parish. You and your teen SOYO peers have already raised over \$140,000 towards this goal. Your help and that of your teens towards this worthy goal are greatly appreciated.

This year we are asking each Parish Teen SOYO/Youth Group to sponsor the coffee hour(s) during the month of January (place a basket on the Coffee table) or host a parish dinner and for you to send the monies collected for the coffee hours for January or the parish dinner you host to this Scholarship Fund. We ask that you work with your teen group, advisors and pastor to help make this happen. Checks should be made payable to "SOYO Youth Worker Scholarship Fund" and mailed by February 5<sup>th</sup> to:



NAC Teen SOYO Youth Worker Scholarship Fund  
Department of Youth Ministry  
PO Box 389  
Westwood MA 02090

### Bulletin Insert

Please note we have mailed to your pastor a bulletin insert for SOYO Education Month - January. We have asked your Pastor to include these in the Parish bulletins for the month of January. Please check with your pastor to be sure he received these inserts. We have also sent him a notice for you to place on the Coffee Table next to a collection basket. The electronic file of these flyers is also available online [www.teenSOYO.org](http://www.teenSOYO.org).

Thank you for your help with this important ministry. I pray that the remainder of your Christmas Fast is healthy, joyous and profitable.

Yours in Christ,

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