



The dictionary says that "*happening*" is an event or occurrence that brings joy and happiness to an individual. This is exactly what the Happening experience within our diocese does. Happening is a powerful instrument of renewal and its aim is to concentrate closely on the Person and the Teachings of Jesus Christ and His ongoing Living Body-the Church.

Through talks, skits, discussions, play, worship, prayer and song, these high school people understand the importance of love and life in Christ. The teenager who is the "Rector", "the clergy who serve as Spiritual Directors" and the "staff team" spend weeks working together in preparation. The Happening weekend is carefully planned because time is short and the subject matter is extensive. During the three (3) days, they listen to talks given by young people and clergy. The titles of the talks indicate the depth of the experience: Please Hear What I'm not Saying, Reality, Faith, Grace, Spirituality, Sacraments, Jesus Christ, Apostolate, and the World. In small discussion groups following the talks, the Happeners share their thoughts and ideas. This is where joy and happiness begin to grow. There is much laughter, lots of love and its just plain fun!

As the weekend progresses, we hope that each Happener will relax in an environment of accepting, joyful, unconditional love. Love given just because you are you! This special gift of love comes only from God as He works through His people.

Happening is an extremely special weekend, which helps to make one's relationship with our Lord more meaningful and more intentional. After the weekend we hope our Happeners will be more active within their parish, more caring and loving in their relationships and more committed to strengthening their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Happening is a weekend for youth and adults who are active participants within an Episcopal parish in the Diocese of East Carolina. An adult who is active in supporting youth ministry at their parish, may be a "Geritol" participant during a Happening weekend. Adults interested in attending as a "Geritol" should complete and send in an application also.

HAPPENING DATES AT TRINITY

HAPPENING #52 _____ OCTOBER 3-5, 2008

HAPPENING #53 _____ MARCH 20-22, 2009

HAPPENING #54 _____ OCTOBER 2-4, 2009

Happening Application

WHEN: HAPPENING #52 _____ OCTOBER 3- 5, 2008
HAPPENING #53 _____ MARCH 20-22, 2009
HAPPENING #54 _____ OCTOBER 2-4, 2009

WHERE: TRINITY CENTER, PINE KNOLL SHORES, NC
WHO CAN ATTEND: 9^H-12TH GRADERS

YOUTH _____
MALE _____ FEMALE _____

ADULT YOUTH WORKERS (GERITOLS)
MALE _____ FEMALE _____

COST: **\$150.00**

Name _____ Name Called _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Grade (Spring of 2009) _____ E-mail _____

Parents' Names or Guardian:

Father's Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone (Work) (____) _____ (Home) (____) _____
Cell: _____

Mother's Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone (Work) (____) _____ (Home) (____) _____
Cell: _____

Parish Church _____ City _____

Priest's Signature _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION, PARENTAL PERMISSION MEDICAL RELEASE, COMMUNITY COVENANT FORMS TO: COOKIE CANTWELL, ST. JAMES PARISH – 25 SOUTH THIRD STREET, WILMINGTON, NC 28401. E-mail: Cookie@stjamesp.org - (910) 763-1628

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA." THE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$150.00 MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION BECAUSE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS ARE MADE UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR REGISTRATION. PAYMENT IS NON-REFUNDABLE. Applications will be returned if the registration fee is not enclosed.

****PLEASE NOTE: IF HAPPENING IS FULL FOR THE WEEKEND FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING, YOUR NAME WILL BE PLACED ON THE NEXT UPCOMING HAPPENING WEEKEND. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED FOR THE WEEKEND THAT YOU ARE ACCEPTED.**



HAPPENING

PARENTAL PERMISSION, MEDICAL RELEASE FORM and PHOTO RELEASE



PLEASE INDICATE WHICH EVENT YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:

HAPPENING #52 _____ OCTOBER 3-5, 2008
HAPPENING #53 _____ MARCH 20-22, 2009
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_____ has my permission to go to the Diocese of East Carolina Happening. I understand that the weekend will be planned and adequately supervised. In the event I cannot be reach in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the youth advisor(s) to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order injections anesthesia or surgery for my child as named above.

_____ Parent's Signature _____ Date

_____ Parent's Name (Please Print)

_____ Telephone - Home/Work/Cell

_____ Insurance Company and Number

Allergies and Medication(s) currently taking, (please note): _____

Special Medical/Physical Needs (Please Note): _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

_____ Parent's Signature

_____ Participant's Signature

PLEASE SIGN THE COMMUNITY COVENANT FORM. BOTH THE MEDICAL RELEASE AND THE COMMUNITY COVENANT FORMS MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH APPLICATION. PLEASE RETURN TO: COOKIE CANTWELL, ST. JAMES PARISH, 25 SOUTH THIRD STREET, WILMINGTON, NC 28401.

PHOTO RELEASE

Participants of youth conferences/events may be photographed. These photographs may appear in Diocesan publications or on the diocesan website for publicity purposes, with or without identification of your child. Please indicate if you do not want your child's photograph in publicity or promotional materials.

_____ No, I do not want my child's photograph to be used in Diocesan Youth Ministry publications or on the diocesan website or in promotional materials.

HAPPENING COMMUNITY COVENANT

NON-NEGOTIABLE REGULATIONS: You will be removed from the community and sent home for the following:

1. Use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco products of any kind.
2. Inappropriate sexual behavior.
3. Possession of firearms, knives, fireworks, or pets.
4. Unauthorized use or mistreatment/destruction of the facilities/grounds of the church or site visited.
5. Leaving the designated areas or grounds without permission of an adult.

NOTE: THE HAPPENING COORDINATOR WILL CONTACT THE PARENTS AND THE PARISH RECTOR CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF THESE NON-NEGOTIABLE REGULATIONS.**

EXPECTATIONS:

1. Treat others, as you would like to be treated, with respect for the event by displaying concern for other teenagers, adults, and the property. Your behavior reflects on you and on the group. We are accountable to each other. Behavior disruptive or harmful to the community or property will not be tolerated.
2. You must arrive at Trinity Center no later than 6:30 p.m. Friday and you will not depart until approximately 5:30p.m. Sunday.
3. Participants will be present and on time at all planned activities (meals included). Happening begins at dinner on Friday night. Everyone must be present. All participants are expected to remain at the event through the closing activities.
4. Each person is expected to abide by the curfews, quiet times and physical boundaries (inside & outside the buildings, on the grounds, and including any use of equipment).
5. Because of insurance liability, youth are not permitted to leave the event without authorized adult supervision. Any advisor or group wishing to leave should do so only with the consent of the Happening Coordinator. **
6. Youth who drive their own vehicles are expected to park their cars in designated parking areas and lock them for the duration of the event. Visits to and from the car will only be permitted by approval of the Happening Coordinator. **
7. Anyone not registered in the conference is not allowed on conference grounds. Visitors are not permitted.
8. Cell phones and unauthorized electronic equipment are **not permitted**.
9. Parents need to complete the medical release form including the contact number. In the event of a change, it is imperative that updated numbers and other relevant information be given at the event registration table.

NOTE: THE HAPPENING COORDINATOR MAY CONTACT THE PARENTS AND THE PARISH RECTOR CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF THESE EXPECTATIONS.**

This is an agreement I have made, and I promise to adhere to these non-negotiable regulations and expectations while I am a participant at this event. I understand that if I choose to break the non-negotiable regulations at any time during the event, my parent/legal guardian will be expected to arrange my transportation home immediately.

Participant's Signature (Youth or Adult): _____ Date: _____
Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

ADULT PARTICIPANTS In addition to all the items above, adults are expected to:

- Participate in all activities during the event.

**Or designated coordinator