

Assessment Tool:

Our Parish and the Elements of a Model for Dynamic Youth Ministry

Parishes with dynamic youth ministry support develop models for youth ministry that include these eight elements. Use this assessment tool to identify areas of strength and areas to grow for your community.

For each statement circle one of these options:

This needs growth – This indicates that this statement does not currently describe your parish and that this area needs to grow.

We try to do this – This indicates that you are making efforts to make this statement true about your parish but there is more work to do.

We do this well – This indicates that this statement describes your parish at this time.

1. We have **regular pattern of gathering** with our youth.
This needs growth *We try to do this* *We do this well*
2. We provide a variety of **special events** within which youth can participate.
This needs growth *We try to do this* *We do this well*
3. We provide **intentional catechesis** for adolescents.
This needs growth *We try to do this* *We do this well*
4. We provide a variety of ways for **youth to grow deeper** in faith.
This needs growth *We try to do this* *We do this well*
5. We deliver ministry through a variety of **non-gathered ways to connect** to youth.
This needs growth *We try to do this* *We do this well*
6. We **connect youth to the parish**.
This needs growth *We try to do this* *We do this well*
7. We **connect with families of youth**.
This needs growth *We try to do this* *We do this well*
8. We **involve youth in leadership ministry and service**.
This needs growth *We try to do this* *We do this well*