

Planning for Our Parish

There are a variety of ways that parishes can begin developing practices for dynamic youth ministry. Consider the suggestions below to identify starting points for your community.

This would help our parish: √	To include youth throughout the life of our parish we can...	Date that we can implement:	People or organizations with whom we can collaborate:
	1. Communicate a vision for youth ministry to the parish community and staff.		
	2. Identify practical ways for the parish to support youth and youth ministry.		
	3. Connect the parish community to youth ministry.		
	4. Connect youth to the life of the parish.		
	5. Align youth ministry events with the life of the church.		
	6. Find ways to involve youth in ministry, leadership and service.		
	7. Develop collaboration and mutual support for youth efforts among parish staff and organizations.		
	8. Strengthen the relationship between the pastor and youth ministry.		

This would help our parish: √	To enhance the qualities of our Youth Ministry, we can...	Date that we can implement:	People or organizations with whom we can collaborate:
	9. Identify the real needs and interests of youth in our community.		
	10. Expand the variety and the flexibility of youth ministry involvements in our parish.		
	11. Create an environment of welcome and inclusiveness.		
	12. Involve youth in leadership and planning for youth ministry.		
	13. Communicate with parents about youth ministry and provide strategic support.		
	14. Plan long term to anticipate high impact program elements.		
	15. Utilize diocesan and national resources.		

Notes:

This would help our parish: ✓	To enhance our leadership for youth ministry, we can...	Date that we can implement:	People or organizations with whom we can collaborate:
	22. Nurture the spirituality of leaders in youth ministry		
	23. Network with other leaders.		
	24. Vision and plan for effective youth ministry with a team of adults and youth.		
	25. Provide training and supervision of adult leaders in youth ministry.		

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