

YOUTH MINISTRY



Target ages: 14-18, high school teens

Ministry with youth should...

- ~ empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our World today.
- ~ draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.
- ~ foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry, USCCB 1997

Parishes should have a comprehensive approach with teens which includes the following components:

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| Advocacy | Catechesis |
| Community Life | Evangelization |
| Justice and Service | Leadership Development |
| Pastoral Care | Prayer and Worship |

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry offers:

- Parish/deanery consultations on youth ministry
- Biennial Diocesan Youth Convention (DYC)
- Presentations on youth issues for teens, parents, etc.
- Annual Eagle of the Cross Award Liturgy and Banquet
- Periodic Training seminars and classes on youth ministry topics
- Youth Ministry Online Training (YMSC/OT) courses
- YM e-updates (electronic news for youth ministers)
- “Youngstown Youth Ministers” Facebook group/pages
- Connections to state, regional, national and international events for youth and those who minister with them, such as the Biennial National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM/Adult Conference) and the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)
- Web pages with copies of flyers, forms, and resources available to you 24/7 for free – just visit

<http://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com>



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Target Ages: 19-39, single and married, with or without children

Ministry with young adults should be able to...

- ~ Connect Young Adults with Jesus Christ.
- ~ Connect Young Adults with the Church.
- ~ Connect Young Adults with the Mission of the Church in the World.
- ~ Connect Young Adults with a Peer Community.



Sons and Daughters of the Light: A Pastoral Plan for Ministry with Young Adults, USCCB 1997, revised 2010

Adult Faith Formation programs may need to find creative ways to specifically reach out to the twenty- and thirty-something's in the parish. Also, occasional events specifically for young adults/emerging adults, led by young adults, are recommended for many (larger) parishes.

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry offers:

- Parish/deanery consultations on young adult ministry
- Presentations on young adult issues and ministry
- Workshops at diocesan conferences upon request
- Support for parish/deanery programs for young adults
- Facebook group for young adults (“DOY-YAM”) with resources, event information and connections for YA’s
- YAM e-updates (electronic news for young adults)
- Connections to state, regional, national and international events for young adults and those who minister with them
- “Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth” consultations and resources
- Webpages with event listings:

<http://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/young-adults-20s30s.html>

More about on-going OY&YAM Programs:

- ❖ **Diocesan Youth Convention (DYC):** Biennial day of learning, prayers, service and celebration for high school teens featuring a keynote presentation, workshop break-outs, hands-on learning exhibits, and celebration of the Mass (typically with our bishop.) Usually the 1st Sunday of November, in even-numbered years.
- ❖ **Diocesan Delegation to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)** – Alternating with the DYC, we arrange travel, accommodations and registration for all parish and school participants, including preparation sessions. Groups organize in the Spring for the fall conference (often the week before Thanksgiving.).
- ❖ **Eagle of the Cross Awards Program:** Up to 30 high school juniors and seniors are selected from written nominations to receive this award from the diocese. Recipients are invited to a Mass and banquet at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine in Youngstown. Nominations due each February.
- ❖ **New Parish Ministers Orientation Series** Co-sponsored and administered with the Office of Religious Education to help newer parish ministers become aware of policies, paperwork and guidelines of the diocese as well as to offer support and assistance.
- ❖ **Youth Ministers Gatherings:** Periodic meetings to share resources and ideas among adult serving in youth ministries.
- ❖ **Young Adult Ministry Calendar** and electronic publicity support is offered for parishes/deaneries and Catholic agencies offering programs of interest to those in their 20s and 30s.
- ❖ **Youth Ministry Trainings:** A variety of options are offered each year such as the Youth Ministry Specialization Courses Online Training and gathered, in-person workshops and seminars at diocesan events and stand-alone trainings.

Find more information about program and services at:

<http://youngstownoyam.weebly.com/>



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**Mission: To support/train/resource adults
who accompany youth and young adult Catholics
as they encounter Jesus.**

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