

# Leveraging Youth and Young Adults in Your Parish

You may find yourself asking what does this mean?

The following two questions speak into this mindset:

- What is the place of Youth and Young Adults now? How are we making a place for them in leadership now? How are we advocating for them?
- Where do you want to be as a parish and leveraging Youth and Young Adult ministry to achieve your dreams and visions for ministry?

Since every parish is different, these two questions fully reside within the realm of your homegrown leadership. Ministry leaders must be proactive in leveraging the groups they serve - creating spaces for them at the various tables in your communities. We no longer have the luxury of “status quo” ministry and in person business as usual when it comes to ministry offerings for these constituents due to the many unknowns that we currently face and the ever changing landscape. In light of that, take time to unpack these questions with your pastor, parish leadership, volunteers, etc.

Consider these additional thoughts and questions as well:

- How will the Church look moving forward?
- How should the Church look moving forward?
- What do you do to evangelize when you don't have the luxury of the known and in person as a “for sure” offering?
- To meet the needs of youth, young adults, and their families, we must look to this time as one to pause...innovate...ideate.
- How are we looking at ministry as a time for human connection vs. just virtual formation?

