

Today's Youth

An Investment in the Future

The diocesan Department of Youth Ministry oversees many programs and organizations devoted to the spiritual and personal growth of youth. This office, through its many facets, offers a variety of services to youth. The following is a sampling of the many programs offered by this department.



Bishop's Day with Youth

On March 4, 1984, the first Bishop's Day with Youth was held at Bishop Kearney High School. The program began as an idea in cooperation with the diocesan Vocations Office. From that dream came the gathering of youths and adults on that March Sunday. Over 1,000 people came to take part in the workshops, to hear Bishop Clark's presentation and to participate in the liturgy. The gathering represented youths from every part of the diocese.

As the planning begins for 1985, the day will be shaped by teens who serve on the committee. The program will be planned around the theme of "Ministry of Youth Today." Youths are the life of the Church. Their vigor and numbers last year were living indications of that. The possibilities for this year are exciting. It is expected that the crowd will be as big or bigger than last year. Bishop Clark will have an active part in the day and there will be the celebration of the liturgy together. A very popular part of last year's program was the question and answer time with Bishop Clark and this will most certainly be included in the plans for 1985.

Sexuality Programming

The total growth of young people is the role of Youth Ministry. Young people are sexual beings. They are searching for better understanding of their sexuality. To address these needs, the Office of Youth Ministry offers parish-based programs that explore various aspects of sexuality. These programs are designed to provide information and understanding of the function of our sexuality and to give adolescents a chance to discuss their attitudes and behavior.

It is also important to involve parents in dialogue with their children on this important topic. Programs have been designed that encourage this. Parents and teens meet separately and together to explore attitudes, understand Church teachings, and develop skills for better communication.

In addition to the educational programs, there are services available in counseling and care for pregnant teens. All of these efforts are designed to help parents and teens deal with the reality of today's world and to effect change in attitudes and behavior.

Catholic Scouting

The Catholic Committee on Scouting oversees the activities involving over 2,000 young people in various aspects of Scouting programs. The volunteers who serve on the various council and diocesan committees work to meet the needs of the young people who participate in the program.



Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

The Catholic Youth Organization has been an integral part of the diocesan youth program since 1954. It is a non-profit organization that provides a variety of services to youth. The effort will be to enhance the role of the youth of the various athletic programs and to provide them with training and support. Additionally, the CYO provides a variety of services to the youth of the diocese, including the opportunity of participation in various sports and activities.

Camp Stella Maris

Camp Stella Maris is a year-round camp for youth. In addition to their summer camping program, they provide a year-round variety of program opportunities.

The facilities are available to youth for retreats and outdoor programs. The staff at the camp also have programs for junior high students which involve personal growth through outdoor activities. The facilities and staff are always ready to assist parties in the planning and use of the camp.

Catholic Youth Leadership Institute

The Catholic Youth Leadership Institute is a program for youth to develop leadership skills. The program is designed to provide youth with the opportunity to learn leadership skills and to apply them in their daily lives.



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Retreats

Retreats are a means to help young people to grow and experience a deeper relationship with God. The diocesan youth program offers a variety of retreats for youth. These retreats are held at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua. The retreats are designed to provide youth with the opportunity to experience a deeper relationship with God and to apply this relationship in their daily lives. Each of the three retreats are uniquely tailored to the needs of the particular group involved.

Hip Hop Youth Ministry

The Hip Hop Youth Ministry is a program that provides youth with the opportunity to experience a deeper relationship with God through the use of hip hop music. The program is designed to provide youth with the opportunity to learn about the history and culture of hip hop music and to apply this knowledge in their daily lives.

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