

TO: Bishop Michael P. Driscoll
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 RE: End-of-the-Year Reports on Pastoral Plan Priority Area #1

PRIORITY AREA #1: To invite and engage youth and young adults in the life and mission of the Church.

END OF THE YEAR PARISH REPORTS

Parish	What did we do?	What did we learn?
Our Lady of Good Counsel <i>Mountain Home</i>	Formed Teen Leadership Core Group that meets weekly; joined Treasure Valley Young Adult Ministry	Teens desire to be engaged in the mission of the Church; building Young Adult Ministry takes time
St. Ann's <i>Bonnors Ferry</i>	Offered various social events; Friend Youth Night	Importance of building relationships and personally inviting youth
St. Catherine's/St. Blanche <i>Priest River/Priest Lake</i>	Tried to develop youth group	Difficult with so few youth
St. George <i>Post Falls</i>	Allocated monies to fund ½ cost of a full time youth minister	
St. Rita's <i>Kellogg</i>	Formed new Religious Education Committee; offered scholarships for youth to attend retreats/conferences; co-sponsored ski retreat; sent youth to N. Idaho Summer Camp	Difficult to minister to youth who are already very busy with other activities; need for strong local leadership

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St. Edward's <i>Twin Falls</i>	Collaborated with other parishes for Confirmation retreats' Young Adult service trip to Tijuana, Mexico	Youth are being swallowed up by distractions of the world; faith is not a priority
St. Mark's <i>Boise</i>	Promoted greater youth involvement in parish ministries; identified and invited young adults to participate in leadership roles in youth programs; encouraged greater parental involvement; conducted survey to assess youth needs	Value of using online social networking tools to enhance existing programs and communication with youth and families; continued importance of trying to collaborate with other parishes; need for ongoing outreach to college students and young married families
Sts. Peter and Paul <i>Grangeville</i>	Youth led and participated in monthly adoration; provided funding for 17 youth to attend ICYC	Youth enjoy other forms of Catholic prayer; importance of support from parents and parishioners
Assumption, St. Anthony, St. Mary's <i>Cottonwood</i>	Conducted "Back-to-school" school bash for entire parish; care packages sent to college parishioners; Christmas social for college students; college students conducted 30 hour fast/retreat for high school youth; faith sharing between adult parishioners and youth	Need to involve parents and parishioners; college students are valuable asset to parish; developing youth ministry takes time; importance of having adult parishioners share their faith journey with youth

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St. Catherine's <i>Kamiah</i>	Held twice/monthly meetings for youth; held twice/monthly meal/social for youth and young adults; promoted participation in Jr. High Gathering and fundraising for youth activities; appointed a Youth Coordinator	Importance of good volunteers; young adults need avenues to get to know one another and share faith; youth enjoy learning about their faith; importance of having a dedicated Youth Minister
Sacred Heart <i>Lapwai</i>	Focused outreach to all parish families; weekly instruction from Oct.-May; hosted parish Youth Camp	
St. Mary's <i>Moscow</i>	Formed Young Adult group; expanding efforts to engage youth and young adults in parish ministries; utilized Facebook, email, and website to enhance communication with families	Allowing group autonomy is important; education needs to be integrated at all levels; parish needs to be more active in bringing youth together; importance of utilizing technology
Spirit Center <i>Cottonwood</i>	Collaborated with youth leaders to conduct Youth Leadership Forum and Confirmation class/retreats	
St. Augustine's Student Center <i>(Moscow)</i>	Created Facebook group with over 122 members; facilitated meetings between Youth and Young Adult Leaders of the North and N. Central deaneries; focused outreach to Greek Houses and Residence Halls	Using the power of the internet to reach out and catechize youth and young adults; need to support one another and embrace collaborative ministry; youth and young adults respond to service opportunities

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Good Shepherd <i>Soda Springs</i>	Efforts taken to organize youth ministry in parish and stations	The more involvement and participation youth have, the better they can serve the needs of the parish; youth respond when we schedule activities in advance and personally invite them
St. Mary's <i>St. Maries</i>	Sent youth to ICYC	Youth get fired up spiritually after participating in ICYC
St. John's Cathedral <i>Boise</i>	Engage clergy in Youth and Young Adult Ministry; youth survey to identify needs; outreach to parish ministries to involve youth and young adults; movement to have a youth representative on Pastoral Council; increased formation for Spanish youth leaders; build bridges between English and Spanish youth/young adult ministries	Importance of having youth understand and participate in the Mass; importance of strong clergy support; need for all parish ministries to reach out to youth and young adults; value of social networking; all cultural groups are important
Holy Trinity <i>Nezperce</i>	Held Lenten youth retreat; Confirmation retreat; involved youth in planning liturgies; involved youth in parish Christmas project	Youth willing to be active in Mass when invited; youth enjoy learning about religious life and listening to religious speakers; youth respond to service projects that help others in need; working with public school to keep one night a week open from school activities

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St. Agnes <i>Weiser</i>	Increased volunteers to work with youth; Offered Bible study on Life of Jesus	Importance of collaboration, especially among cultural groups; need to help youth understand Scripture
St. Thomas the Apostle <i>Coeur d'Alene</i>	Retreats/opportunities for spiritual growth for youth; resources and reading materials available to parents; Bible study	Lack of adequate facilities means working with others on retreats/youth camps; need a more formal structure when working with parents; broad spectrum of knowledge and desire makes it difficult to select appropriate Bible study resources
St. Alphonsus, <i>Wallace</i>	Held High school ski retreat that incorporated social and spiritual aspects	Value of having the cooperation and support of parishioners and parish organizations; importance of facilitating better understanding between youth and older adults
St. Joan of Arc <i>Coeur d'Alene</i>	Recruit additional parents and Parish Council members to help in development of youth ministry; Young Adult member appointed to Parish Council; develop youth web site; host summer activity/camp	Importance of engaging other members of the parish to help with youth/young adult ministry; importance of networking and sharing ideas with other parishes

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St. Pius X <i>Coeur d'Alene</i>	Identify potential young adult leaders; identify and utilize new resources to increase youth participation; educate and involve parishioners	Importance of analyzing our services and implementing programs to meet youth and young adult needs; need for funding; collaboration and communication with young adults difficult because of their diverse and dynamic life styles; importance of engaging youth/young adults in parish activities; quality resources are out there
Sacred Heart, St. Michael's, Our Lady of Perpetual Help <i>DeSmet</i>	Integrate cultural material into religious education; newsletter to parents; summer youth program; send youth to ICYC	Difficult to get parental support; some youth are interested in going to events
Our Lady of the Rosary <i>Boise</i>	Involve youth in parish ministries; Host community service project for youth and young adults; monthly potluck dinner/social for young adults	

END OF THE YEAR DEANERY REPORTS

Deanery	What are/did we do?	What do we need to do?
Northern	Collaborated on Silver Valley Ski Retreat; encouraged youth and young adults to serve on Parish/Deanery Councils; chartered bus to ICYC; promoted networking among Youth Ministers and mentoring of new Youth Ministers	Improve communication between parishes; improve representation at deanery meetings; encourage Native American representation at deanery meetings; better publicity of events; continue collaborating on events
North Central	Monthly meetings with Youth and Young Adult Ministers from North and North Central deaneries; collaborated on youth leadership retreats; shared calendars	Improve outreach and connection with Native Americans; continue sharing calendars and working together; improve communication at all levels; continue to involve parents and parishioners
Western	Held jr. high rally with 45 youth; St. Paul's and St. Joseph's wanting to host a summer youth camp for the deanery	Need to develop a deanery events calendar to better coordinate activities; perhaps link the deanery calendar on the diocesan website