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YOUTH FORMATION

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LOOKING AT POTENTIAL
CALENDAR OPTIONS



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The following sample calendars are designed to highlight some of the possibilities for the coming year for high school youth formation. They are not complete calendars, nor do they exhaust all that is possible or required. The desire is that they can serve as a tool to help you consider how different opportunities and elements of formation may be incorporated into the schedule. In addition to curriculum sessions, you will notice space in the calendar for things like mentor formation, digital outreach, supplementary video resources, and additional activities designed to foster connection and prayer. These are simply examples to help spark your creativity as we strive to form our young people intellectually as well as humanly, spiritually, and communally. Note that in the case of social media outreach, these events are supplementary and should be optional for all teens. While most teens maintain a social media presence, we should respect those who choose not to engage in these apps or platforms.

Additionally, as things change with Covid-19, your calendar may change as well... and that's ok! Give yourself room and permission to be adaptable and flexible with the calendar.

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A GENERAL CALENDAR

The following is a general calendar that illustrates some of the many different opportunities available for high school formation. Sessions could be on-site, in-home, or virtual.

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Labor Day
- 13 Mentor Formation
- 20 Mentor Formation
- 27 Mentor Formation

OCTOBER

- 4 Mentor Formation
- 11 Fall Break
Digital outreach, create polls on Instagram to get to know your teens
- 18 Connect Activity, perhaps kick off with a social distanced social night
- 25 **Session 1**

NOVEMBER

- 1 **Session 2**
- 8 Mentor Formation
- 15 Watch : Fr. Mike Schmitz video:
The True Meaning of Advent
- 22 Thanksgiving Break
Digital Outreach: Instagram Live: Q&A with the pastor, CYF, or team members.
- 29 **Session 3**

DECEMBER

- 6 **Session 4**
- 13 Connect activity, perhaps something themed for Christmas
- 20 Christmas Break
Digital Outreach Instagram Live: Let's pray together!
- 27 Christmas Break

JANUARY

- 3 Mentor Formation
- 10 Connect Activity, perhaps a zoom trivia night or Life Night
- 17 *MLK*
- 24 **Session 5**
- 31 **Session 6**

FEBRUARY

- 7 Watch: Fr. Mike Schmitz:
Picking a Thing for Lent or
Fr. Brice: *Why Mardi Gras?*
- 14 Mardi Gras Break
Digital Outreach: Instagram Takeover! Invite your pastor or guest to takeover instagram for the day, sharing stories and answering questions
- 21 **Session 7**
- 28 **Session 8**

MARCH

- 7 Mentor Formation
- 14 **Session 9**
- 21 **Session 10**
- 28 Palm Sunday
Prayer Experience: Perhaps a Life Night or prayer experience +
Digital Outreach: Daily Instagram prayer prompts throughout Holy Week

APRIL

- 4 Easter
- 11 Mentor Formation
- 18 **Session 11**
- 25 **Session 12**

MAY

- 2 Connect Activity, perhaps an end of the year picnic
- 9 Mother's Day
- 16 **Mentor Formation**
Wrap up the year, recall graces

A DELAYED CALENDAR

The following is a sample calendar that reflects the possibility of a delayed start, with a fall focused on the formation of mentors.

SEPTEMBER

- 6 *Labor Day | No Formation*
- 13 Mentor Formation
- 20 Mentor Formation
- 27 Mentor Formation

OCTOBER

- 4 Connect Activity with teens,
Digital Outreach: Zoom game night
- 11 *Fall Break | No Formation*
- 18 Mentor Formation
- 25 Mentor Formation

NOVEMBER

- 1 Connect Activity with teens,
Outdoor/ drive in movie night
- 8 Mentor Formation
- 15 Mentor Formation
- 22 *Thanksgiving | No Formation*
- 29 Mentor Formation

DECEMBER

- 6 *Digital Outreach: Instagram Live: Let's pray together*
- 13 Mentor Formation
- 20 *Christmas Break | No Formation*
- 27 *Christmas Break | No Formation*

JANUARY

- 3 **Session 1**
- 10 **Session 2**
- 17 *MLK | No Formation*
Digital Outreach: Instagram Live Q&A
- 24 **Session 3**
- 31 Mentor Formation

FEBRUARY

- 7 **Session 4**
- 14 *Mardi Gras | No Formation*
Digital Outreach: share
Fr.Brice video, Why Mardi Gras
- 21 **Session 5**
- 28 **Session 6**

MARCH

- 7 Mentor Formation
- 14 **Session 7**
- 21 **Session 8**
- 28 *Palm Sunday*
Prayer Experience for teens

APRIL

- 4 Easter | No Formation
- 11 **Session 9**
- 18 **Session 10**
- 25 Connect Activity, perhaps an end
of the year picnic or event

MAY

- 2 Mentor Formation:
wrap up and recall graces
- 9 *Mother's Day | No Formation*

A HYBRID CALENDAR

The following is a sample calendar that reflects the possibility of a hybrid model, which combines elements of on-site formation as well as virtual or homeschool options.

SEPTEMBER

- 6 *Labor Day | No Formation*
- 13 Mentor Formation
- 20 Mentor Formation
- 27 Mentor Formation

OCTOBER

- 4 On-Site: Distanced Life Night or similar event
- 11 *Fall Break | No Formation*
Digital outreach, create polls on Instagram to get to know your teens
- 18 **Session 2** (online)*
Mentor Formation
- 25 **Session 3** (online)*
Team contacting parents with support and encouragement*

NOVEMBER

- 1 On-Site: Distanced Life Night or similar event
- 8 Mentor Formation
- 15 **Session 4** (online)*
- 22 *Thanksgiving | No Formation*
Digital Outreach: Instagram Live: Q&A with the pastor, CYF, or team members.
- 29 **Session 5** (online)*

DECEMBER

- 6 On-Site: Distanced Life Night or similar event
- 13 **Session 6** (online)*
- 20 *Christmas Break | No Formation*
Digital Outreach Instagram Live: Let's pray together!
- 27 *Christmas Break | No Formation*

JANUARY

- 3 On-Site: Distanced Life Night or similar event
- 10 **Session 7** (online)*
- 17 *MLK | No Formation*
Digital Outreach: Zoom trivia night
- 24 **Session 8** (online)*
- 31 **Session 9** (online)*

FEBRUARY

- 7 On-Site: Distanced Life Night or similar event
- 14 *Mardi Gras | No Formation*
Digital Outreach: Instagram Takeover! Invite your pastor or guest to takeover instagram for the day, sharing stories and answering questions
- 21 **Session 10** (online)*
- 28 **Session 11** (online)*

MARCH

- 7 On-Site: Distanced Life Night or similar event
- 14 **Session 12** (online)*
- 21 **Session 13** (online)*
- 28 *Palm Sunday, On-Site: Distanced Life Night or similar event*

APRIL

- 4 *Easter | No Formation*
Digital Outreach Instagram Live: Let's pray together!
- 11 On-Site: Distanced Life Night or similar event
- 18 **Session 14** (online)*
- 25 **Session 15** (online)*

MAY

- 2 On-Site: Distanced Life Night or similar event
- 9 *Mother's Day | No Formation*
- 16 Mentor Formation:
wrap up and recall graces

*While teens are engaged in online formation at home, consider scheduling monthly opportunities for ongoing mentor formation and time for mentors to be reaching out to parents for support and encouragement.