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YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS

COMPONENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY

Renewing the Vision also identifies eight components of youth ministry, each of which is an expression of the ministry of the Christian community to young people. In a program of total youth ministry, parishes combine these components.

- Advocacy – enables young people by giving them a voice and calling them to responsibility and accountability around issues that affect them and their future.
- Catechesis – integrates knowledge of the Catholic faith with the development of practical skills for living the Catholic faith in today's world.
- Community Life – provides avenues for adolescents to participate as members of the faith community and opportunities for the faith community to acknowledge, celebrate and value its adolescent members.
- Evangelization – calls young people to be evangelizers of other young people, their families and the community.
- Justice and Service – involves adolescents, their families and parish communities in actions of direct service to those in need and in efforts to address the causes of injustice and inequity and nurtures a lifelong commitment to service and justice involvement.
- Leadership Development – utilizes adult and adolescent leaders in the variety of leadership roles necessary for comprehensive ministry.
- Pastoral Care – promotes positive adolescent and family development, provides care and guidance, challenges systems that are obstacles to positive development, and maintains a contact/referral list to connect youth and their families to support services as needed.
- Prayer and Worship – celebrates and deepens young people's relationship with Jesus Christ through communal prayer and liturgical experiences.