Youth and Young Adults Office

The Youth and Young Adults Office has many events continuously occurring to allow for mature faith development. It is our goal to keep the Spirit of Christ alive in our youth and young adults. We strive to offer ministry opportunities that will enlighten and expand the minds, hearts, and souls of all. We especially seek to empower and to encourage our youth, young adults and youth ministers.

**Middle School Ministry**
invites youth ages 11-13 to greater participation in the life of the Church through age-appropriate activities that will help them to learn, grow, and appreciate the Catholic Faith.
- Annual Conference
- Themed Retreats
- 5 on 5 Volleyball Tournaments
- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournaments
- Dance Workshops
- Catholic School Retreats

**Young Adult Ministry**
seeks to serve the diverse population of Young Adults (18-35) in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Our gatherings invite Young Adults to a deeper awareness and love of the Catholic faith through activities such as:
- Advisory Team
- Taize Prayer in the Desert hosted monthly at the Norbertine Abbey
- Small Christian Community Faith sharing groups
- Annual Appreciation Mass and Banquet
- Themed Retreats—English and Spanish
- Ministry Training
- Seasonal Social Events (Sports, BBQ, etc.)
- Parish, deanery, archdiocesan, regional, national and international events
- Collaborative Ministry

**Youth/Young Adult Ministers**
Our office offers skills training for ministers working with Young/Young Adults in parishes using the Comprehensive Young/Young Adult Ministry models articulated in *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Youth Ministry and Sons and Daughters of Light: the Pastoral Plan for Catholic Young Adult’s* promulgated by the USCCB. We seek to build a network of support and encouragement through:
- Deanery-wide Comprehensive model training
- Monthly Deanery meetings
- Youth ministry advisory committee
- Executive SEARCH committee
- Annual Catholic Christian Leadership Institute for Adults
- Skills and liability workshops (English and Spanish)
- National Certificate of Studies in Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry presented in collaboration with the Center for Ministry Development
- Youth Ministers Retreat
- Strong Catholic Youth, Strong Catholic Families Training
- Annual Youth Ministers Appreciation Luncheon

**Youth Ministry**
promotes ministry to, with, by, and for high school age youth 14-18, following the comprehensive model articulated by the USCCB and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Our ministry to youth includes:
- Annual ASF Youth Conference
- Annual High School Advent and Lenten Retreats
- Summer Catholic Soccer League
- Catholic Christian Leadership Institute
- Youth Ministry Deanery meetings involving youth and parish leaders
- Yearly Confirmation Retreats
- SEARCH for Christian Maturity High School Retreats
- Quinceanera Trainings and Retreats
- Advisory Committee

**Campus Ministry**
Resource for those attending colleges & universities within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.