NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Catholic Young Adults in the Archdiocese have been working to evangelize for many years. Wonderful young leaders have dedicated countless hours to this effort. In the spring of this year recruitment began for next year’s leadership team. The response was overwhelming. So many inspiring young adults applied that the team was split into three separate teams: Connection, Formation and Outreach. Connection will recruit and support Parish Representatives to help increase young presence in parishes and publicize young adult events. Formation will recruit and support hospitality teams, to run Mass+Meal+Mission and the fall young adult retreat. Outreach will be recruiting and supporting sports captains to launch a young adult sports league and host social events. All of these teams exist to awaken the sleeping giant of young adult Catholics in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. These teams have already been working very hard and we are excited for all that God is doing through them!

FEATURED PERSON

Tracy Russo is the Youth Minister at Epiphany Catholic Church where she has served for the past 26 years. Like many people in the Church she started as a volunteer before God, through her pastor, invited her to take it on as a full-time position. Tracy and her husband Kevin are devout Catholics with 6 children, 9 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. They are active parishioners at Epiphany beyond her role as youth minister. Kevin also works for the Church as a Chef for the Catholic Pastoral Center.

TRACY RUSSO

They are a beautiful example of people who go beyond their work and serve in ministry. They both give themselves in relational ministry to young people in their parish. Tracy famously started bible studies at Starbucks with a small group of teens and volunteers before school. It expanded to multiple days as teens from different schools wanted to get involved. In the wake of COVID-19 they moved to daily video meetings every morning and most evenings. If you would like to learn more about Tracy, about how Christ came into her life, or why she gives her heart to serve young people; please watch our interview with her here.

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FEATURED MINISTRY

A true bright spot in a year of many challenges was Our Lady of Guadalupe Family Camp. Summer is usually filled with 4th-12th graders. This year we opened the gates to families. They relished the opportunity to go Mass together again and get out of the house to enjoy God’s beautiful creation. There was time for Mass, Adoration, Confession family prayers and talks. They enjoyed their time swimming, canoeing, playing games, roasting marshmallows, and singing silly songs. God did great things at family camp this summer. It was so blessed that Family Camp will be offered again this Fall! We hope you and your family will be able to join us soon!

FAMILY CAMP
UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Adult
- CYA Volleyball Tournament Oct. 16th
- Halloween Block Party Oct. 30th
- Archbishop's Cookout Nov. 8th
- Social: Singo Nov. 19th

Family Camp
- October 2-4
- October 9-11
- November 20-22 (Spanish)

Fall Festival Day Camp
- October 31

Youth Ministry
- Train the Trainer Oct. 13th
- Train the Trainer Nov. 10th
- Every Monday at 10:30 a.m Youth Ministers Zoom Meeting

If you like to be involved in any of these activities, please visit our webpages.

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