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## Assessment Tool: Integration of Youth within Parish Life

Parishes with dynamic youth ministry support youth ministry and include youth throughout the life of the parish. Use this assessment tool to identify areas of strength and areas to grow for your parish.

*For each statement circle one of these options:*

*This needs growth* - This indicates that this statement does not currently describe your parish and that this area needs to grow.

*We try to do this* - This indicates that you are making efforts to make this statement true about your parish but there is more work to do.

*We do this well* - This indicates that this statement describes your parish at this time.

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1. Members of our parish know and value youth in our community.

*This needs growth*

*We try to do this*

*We do this well*

2. Our parish community understands youth ministry.

*This needs growth*

*We try to do this*

*We do this well*

3. Youth are involved throughout parish life.

*This needs growth*

*We try to do this*

*We do this well*

4. Youth are involved in leadership and decision making in our parish.

*This needs growth*

*We try to do this*

*We do this well*

5. Our parish encourages and affirms youth's involvements in parish life.

*This needs growth*

*We try to do this*

*We do this well*

6. Our parish staff and leadership have a common vision for youth ministry.

*This needs growth*

*We try to do this*

*We do this Well,*

7. Our parish staff and leadership are familiar with our youth ministry

*This needs growth*

*We try to do this*

*We do this well*

8. Our parish staff members collaborate with each other.

*This needs growth*

*We try to do this*

*We do this well*

9. Youth ministry leaders involve the pastor in youth ministry and keep him informed about youth ministry efforts.

*This needs growth*

*We try to do this*

*We do this well*

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What do you notice about your strengths as a parish community in your relationship with youth?

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What are your areas for growth?

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What is your parish's starting point for knowing and including youth more fully within your parish community?

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