

The Four Pillars

The formation experience will extend to at least one full academic year. Depending on the number of Mentors, the hope is to have at least one Mentor per deanery.

The meetings will focus on the four "pillars" of formation (yeah, the one used by seminaries to form super priests). These include human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral aspects of being an effective youth minister. And it's all delivered by a fellow youth minister in a form of a casual conversation!

There is no cost to enroll in the program. Materials and other good stuff will be provided after admission. Priests, especially pastors, are encouraged to take an active part in this great initiative.

Committed to Youth

The Office of Youth Ministry remains committed to the spiritual and physical well-being of our young people. Their future depends on the leaders they encounter.

Learn more about the program and enrollment by visiting our website:

[www.insidethewalls.org/
apprenticeship-program](http://www.insidethewalls.org/apprenticeship-program)

or calling:

(973) 377-1004, ext. 403

The Apprenticeship Program





It's all about Jesus' style

Jesus started with no budget and no buildings. He had no staff, no Twitter account, no Ph.D. All he had to start the most successful ministry in the history of the world was a few committed fishermen from Galilee. He gave them His time and attention. And it worked!

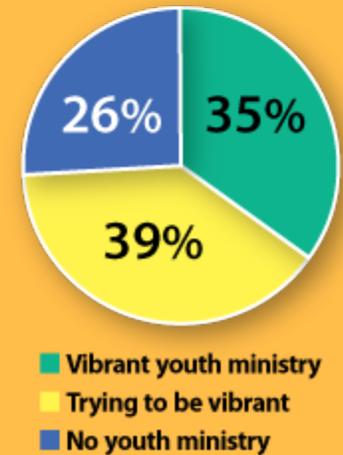
What if we did the same for our youth? The Apprenticeship Program aims to do exactly that: to share the time and attention of our most experienced youth ministers to form the next generations of youth leaders in the diocese!

The Situation

That awesome chart you see in the top right corner represents the current state of youth ministries in our diocese. It's not that bad, right?

But consider this simple fact: an average longevity of a youth minister is 6 months. This means that, within the next 6 months, these numbers can dramatically change! Unless, we think of the future and form the next generation of youth ministers, who will last longer than 6 months...

The vibrancy of youth ministry in parishes, 2017



What's the Plan?

The plan is simple: get involved. If you are a pastor, send someone as an Apprentice. No skills, no foreign languages required. Just commitment. If you are an experienced youth minister, consider becoming a Mentor. What are the perks? Extra contributions to your 401K in Heaven.

The Mentor and the Apprentice will meet on a regular basis, at least four times a year, to discuss selected topics. Additionally, they will attend training sessions sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office.