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LIFE & FAITH

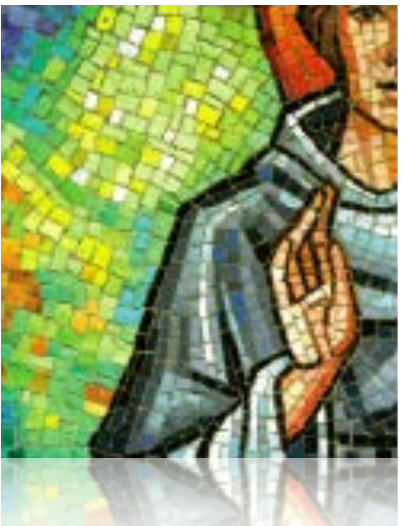


Is your parish ready to
grow young?



Our Desire

To draw people to
Christ
through our parish
communities,
leading them to
live as disciples of
Jesus Christ.




The Fruits of Forming People
to Grow as Good Stewards

Discipleship
Living faith
Participation
Deeper engagement
Stronger community
Service, giving




Our Shared Hope and Goal



Engage young people and their families
and transform the parish!



The Growing Young Study



- 250+ Catholic parishes and Protestant congregations
 - Nominated by Catholic and denominational leaders
- 40+ congregation interviews
- 12 in-person visits
- 10,000+ pages of transcripts

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The Growing Young Study



Parishes that engage young people and their families contribute more:

- Service
- Passion
- Innovation
- Money
- Overall health

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Six Core Commitments



Keychain Leadership






**Keychain Leadership:
Stewardship Connections**


- Ask every ministry leader to invite someone (offer suggestions as needed)
- Be attentive. Connect invitation with talents, strengths, interests (not generic)
- Use examples in homilies, photos, articles
- Be genuine!

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Empathy Today:
Stewardship Connections



- Identity: Who are you? A child of God, uniquely and wonderfully made, with many gifts
- Belonging: We value you. You belong to us
- Purpose: Each of us has something that only we can do
- Be compassionate.


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Take Jesus' Message Seriously

Young people are drawn to the person and message of Jesus Christ. Christianity can be awkward, but Jesus is compelling.



Take Jesus' Message Seriously:
Stewardship Connections



- Stewardship is a disciple's response
- Use every day examples and extraordinary ones
- Challenge people to sacrifice in response to Jesus' sacrifice
- Share the likely impact on the giver as well as the receiver
- Be bold!

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Fuel a Warm Community




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Welcoming. Accepting. Belonging.
Authentic. Hospitable. Caring.
"Like family."



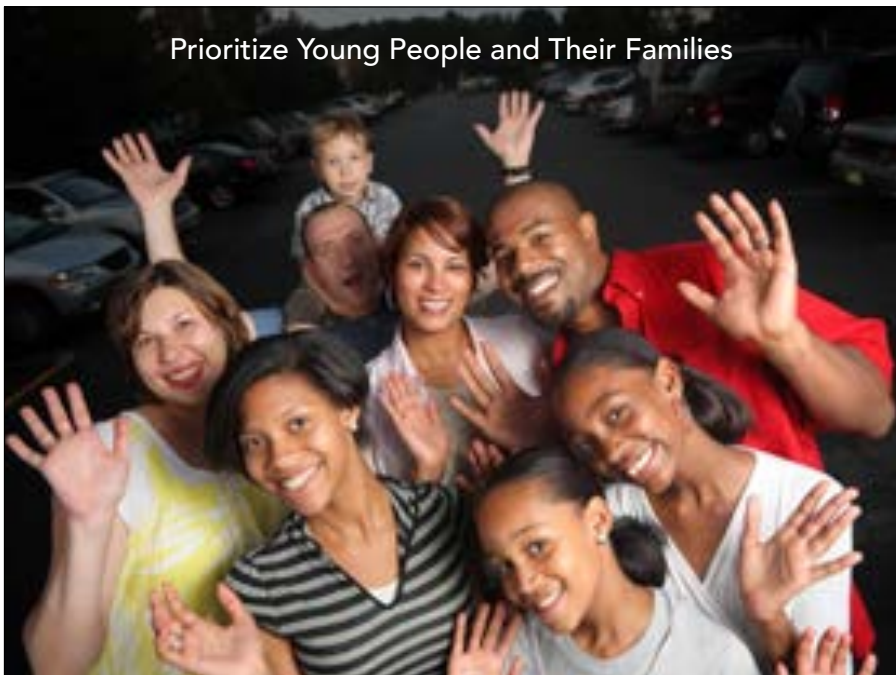
Fuel a Warm Community:
Stewardship Connections

- Foster genuinely welcoming parish culture
- Invite young people to take the lead on this
- Intergenerational relationships
- Establish patterns of spiritual mentorship/accompaniment
- Be warm.



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Prioritize for Young People and Their Families:
Stewardship Connections



- Offer opportunities for young people to witness, share their passion, experience, and hopes
- Give examples of how parish stewardship used toward youth/young adult ministry
- Be committed.

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Be Best Neighbors

YOU ARE
ENTERING
THE
MISSION FIELD

Be Best Neighbors

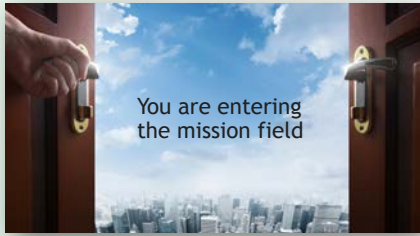
The best neighbors respect the journey
as much as the destination.
Dialogue is key.

Be Best Neighbors

Courageous neighbors embrace
ethnic and socioeconomic diversity.
Wise neighbors help young people
discern their calling.



Be Best Neighbors: Stewardship Connections



- Invite young people to offer their insights, concerns, and ideas
- Actively seek local partners
- Rather than "service hours," "stewardship opportunities"
- Be caring.

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What comes to mind?



It is up to us!



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