

I'M A PARENT!

WHAT CAN I OFFER YOUTH MINISTRY?



One of the roles of parents in the Church is to pass on the faith. Passing on the faith can be challenging, but young people seek parental support and encouragement.

- Pray for your children, their friends, and the youth of your parish. Make time to pray as a family, at meals, on Sundays, in the car. Get creative and find ways to make prayer a part of your family rhythm.
- Volunteer to drive, to chaperone, to help out just once, or seasonally, with youth and parish activities in your parish community.
- Encourage your children to be involved in the parish community. Each person has many gifts to share. Help your children find something they can feel good about doing.
- Gather with other parents, to pray, to build community, to explore scripture and support each other.
- Support the leaders and volunteers working with young people, by thanking them and sharing ideas.

A Prayer for Youth

We offer to you, loving God, the gifts and needs of our youth. Bless them with your guiding grace as they face the challenges and opportunities in their lives.

Touch their hearts with the gentleness of your love, that they may know they are valued, and valuable.

Send your Spirit of hope to their lives, that they may believe in themselves and know they are needed in this world.

Grace them with the gift of joy that they may celebrate life through laughter and tears alike.

Guide us, as we continue to grow in our appreciation of the many gifts of young people, in the ministry opportunities we offer to them, in the journey of faith we walk with them, in our shared mission of discipleship in the world.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.