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A vision for Catholic Youth Ministry in England and Wales

(Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis,
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales)

- Goal A** Youth ministry **fosters** the complete personal and spiritual growth of each young person, acknowledging the specific needs of young people in our society.
- Goal B** Youth ministry **calls** young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today, rooted in the living tradition of our Church.
- Goal C** Youth ministry **enables** young people to participate fully in the life of the Catholic community, recognising the intrinsic value of youth and all that it has to offer to the Church.
- Goal D** Youth ministry **sends** young people out as prophetic witnesses of Christ, calling the world and the Church to a renewal of faith, hope and love.



*"You see things as
they are and you ask, 'Why?'
But I dream of things
that never were and I ask,
'Why not!'"*

George Bernard Shaw

Directory of Opportunities

CAFOD Youth Leadership

cafod.org.uk/Education/Youth-leaders-and-chaplains

Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed)

cymfed.org.uk

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk

More Than Dance

morethandance.co.uk

Pope John Paul II Award

ymt.org/#jp2award

SVP - Youth

svpyouth.org.uk
svpholyislandcamp.co.uk

Young Christian Workers

ycwimpact.com

Youth for Christ (CFC-YFC)

couplesforchristuk.org

Youth Ministry Team

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There is much to celebrate and to be thankful for, throughout our Diocese, when we consider how we support the faith journeys of our children and young people. At Baptism we assure each child, 'The Christian Community welcomes you with great joy'. Our parishes provide parents with support through sacramental preparation, Children's Liturgy and a variety of activities to support family life. Many opportunities are offered by schools and school chaplaincy. Others are offered by youth-serving organisations such as SVP or YCW. Co-workers (adults who work with young people) meet at local and diocesan level to network and develop youth ministry and the Youth Ministry Forum gathers the organisations across the diocese who work with young people.

The Department for Youth Services aims to support all these activities and, through the diocesan youth service, the Youth Ministry Team, offers missions, festivals, outreach events and retreats. We thus enable individual parishes to offer young people opportunities which one parish could not provide alone and, as part of this endeavour, we facilitate participation in national and international events.

As parishes join together in Partnerships, there is a new opportunity to consider how to respond to the needs of young people and to allow them to share their unique gifts with us. Everyone has a role in this ministry of accompanying and supporting our young Church.

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Youth Ministry opportunities or 'stepping stones' supporting young people through the different stages of their faith journey



Primary

Secondary

Beyond

Minnie Vinnies - St Vincent de Paul (SVP) group for primary schools encouraging children to put faith into action

SVP Holy Island Camp - A holiday week of fun and faith for Years 5 and 6 and young helpers 16+

Primary Retreats at the Emmaus Youth Village - Residential retreats for children giving an opportunity to explore a faith-based theme

Primary Festival Week - A celebration of belonging to Church for Year 6 children from 20+ schools per day

The Event - A junior version of The Source for Years 6, 7, 8 at St Joseph's Academy Hebburn



YMT School Missions - Missions take place following a regular cycle in our diocesan secondary schools and form part of Area Missions involving primary schools and parishes

Secondary Retreats at the Emmaus Youth Village - Residential retreats are an important part of a young person's faith journey allowing them to explore and deepen their faith

Secondary Schools' Festival for Year 9 and above - Called 'God Camp' by many of the participants, the Festival offers a three day camping experience of belonging to Church and celebrating faith

The Source - YMT monthly event for Year 9+ at St Mary's Cathedral – prayer, worship, guest speaker and social time

CAFOD Young Leaders - An opportunity for young people in Years 9-12 to learn leadership skills with which to take CAFOD's message of global justice to their schools.

'On Fire' Retreat - An opportunity for Confirmation candidates from different parts of the Diocese to reflect on the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives

Pope John Paul II Award - The Award invites sixth formers to live out their faith in their local church and in the wider community

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage - Young people 16+ generously helping our sick pilgrims at Lourdes

Youth SVP - Encourages young people to put faith into action in their local community

Young Christian Workers (YCW) - A movement run by, for and amongst young people aged 17-30 to take action in the light of the Gospel to bring about positive change. YCW IMPACT for those aged 13-17

Diocesan Youth Council - The Council brings together young people from schools and parishes to be a 'voice' to the Bishop and to contribute their gifts to the life of the Diocese

Youth for Christ - The youth arm of Couples for Christ, a movement for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life

More Than Dance - An initiative offering creative programmes for schools and parishes using dance to explore faith

YMT Gap Year 18+ - An opportunity for young adults to live in community and share the Gospel in a relevant way with other young people at the Youth Village and throughout the Diocese

Manifest - A fortnightly prayer group for young adults 18-30 at St Mary's Cathedral

World Youth Day - A worldwide encounter with the Pope every 2-3 years

Flame - Bi-annual National Congress for Year 10+

Coming soon: Young Discipleship Programme

