



# DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER

YOUTH MINISTRY AND FAITH FORMATION  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## QUICK LINKS:



### CAMP SUMMIT UPDATE

Registrations and final payments are due on June 30. Please see [www.campsummitwinona.org/parishleaders](http://www.campsummitwinona.org/parishleaders) for more information. If you are already registered for Camp Summit, you will receive an email soon with more information. There is also still room for the High School Summit Leadership Day on July 17 at [campsummitwinona.org/highschool](http://campsummitwinona.org/highschool)



### STEUBENVILLE ROCHESTER

Registration is still open for Steubenville Rochester! Register: [www.partnershipforyouth.org/steubenville-rochester/](http://www.partnershipforyouth.org/steubenville-rochester/). The Diocese of Winona-Rochester will not be taking a group this year, but parishes are welcome to register on their own or contact Dana at [dpetricka@dowr.org](mailto:dpetricka@dowr.org) for options.



### ENTERTAINING ANGELS

The Mission Forward Hospitality Training "Entertaining Angels" closes this Friday for registration. We would love for you to attend! Visit [www.dowr.org/event-details/725](http://www.dowr.org/event-details/725). It is strongly recommended that parishes attend virtually as a small group.

# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

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I hope you are all having a blessed start to your summer! My name is Dana Petricka, and I am the new Director of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation for the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. I feel incredibly blessed to be walking with you this next year as a fellow worker in the vineyard.

Previously, I worked at Pax Christi Catholic Church in Rochester, MN for seven years and at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Columbus, IN for two years as the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Prior to working in parishes, I served as a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) Missionary for three years.

As I begin this new role for the Diocese, I realize I have much to learn from all of you. This past year has brought us many challenges, but I hope to work with you to help turn many of those challenges into opportunities to move forward in Missionary Discipleship. Please reach out at any via phone or email, and I look forward to connecting with you soon! Praying for you, and God bless!

## LET'S TALK!

One of my goals this year is to meet with each one of you to hear how I at the Diocese can best serve you. Also, I would love to connect with any new Youth Ministers or Faith Formation coordinators throughout the summer to help orient new staff. I remember vividly my first year as a youth minister, and I benefited greatly from an orientation process from my diocese. Since I am still collecting names and email addresses for new coordinators, please let me know of anyone you know who is new in the diocese. Thank you!



## FIRE SUGGESTIONS

Please help make FIRE as beneficial to you as possible! I would love your feedback on how FIRE can better support you as a parish staff person. If you could please take five minutes to fill out a brief survey at [forms.gle/Srow4m5oeHQ1x4pXA](https://forms.gle/Srow4m5oeHQ1x4pXA), I would greatly appreciate your feedback. You are also welcome to call or email me directly.

## COMMUNICATION

My hope is to send a Youth Ministry and Faith Formation newsletter to all directors and coordinators once a month. Feel free to share feedback with me at any time regarding these newsletters!

