

DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER

THE MISSION

Youth Ministry and Faith Formation

The Church Exists to Evangelize

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTORY FOR CATECHESIS

Evangelizing is not, in the first place, the delivery of a doctrine; but rather, making present and announcing Jesus Christ (27).

There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, are not proclaimed (32). Youth Ministry and Faith Formation at the Diocese of Winona-Rochester must always be rooted in sharing and witnessing to the Good News, that Jesus Christ, Our Lord, has conquered death and through Him we can inherit eternal life as adopted sons and daughters. The transmission of faith to the next generation is highly relational.

In addition to content, the faith formator must desire to walk with young people and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.



What we do

The Office of Youth Ministry and Faith Formation is "the means which the bishop as head of the community and teacher of doctrine utilizes to direct and moderate all the catechetical activities of the diocese" (General Directory for Catechesis, No. 265).

WE ASSIST BISHOP QUINN IN HIS ROLE AS THE CHIEF CATECHIST BY:

- Supporting pastors and coordinators in their vital task of educating the youth throughout Southern Minnesota
- Providing educational and professional development, networking, and retreat opportunities for directors and coordinators of faith formation, youth ministry, family ministry, and catechists.
- Implementing guidelines for sacramental preparation
- Consulting on the selection of resource materials
- Offering activities on a diocesan level where young people can encounter Jesus.



In memory of Father Smith

BY PAUL MORRISON

To create engaging content for your newsletter, it's best to review your recent accomplishments as a church. Pastors and other officials can also use it as an avenue to reach out to churchgoers. Maintain a visible presence in your community and address people on a more personal level, perhaps by sending a spiritual message or reflection for the week.



Looking for more ideas? You're free to gather important information from various sources. Interview parishioners and feature them on your newsletter to involve different members of the community. How about talking to the different sectors that make up your church, such as the choir and the youth groups? Take photos or ask them about their latest events. Announce bake sales and charity drives. There are plenty of possibilities, especially when you ask your community to contribute their ideas. Consider your distribution methods too. If you decide on print, you can hand out your newsletter after Sunday service. However, going digital will give you a wider reach and provide you with more opportunities to get feedback. When you're done, review your newsletter and make revisions if necessary.

"A good man,
is a good
man,
whether in
this church
or out of it."

BRIGHAM YOUNG

