

The Summit Seven

Engaging Catholic youth and their families



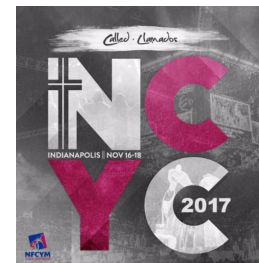
On April 13, 2016, Bishop Thomas Tobin convened the Post-Confirmation Summit to address the dramatic drop-off in participation in the faith by youth and young adults after they have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. As part of our ongoing efforts, the Summit Committee has created a semiannual bulletin of opportunities and strategies that address the seven main categories of recommendations received during the Summit.

For more information about the Summit and its findings, visit catholicyouthri.com/post-confirmation-summit.

We invite you to share your own youth and young adult ministry strategies and parish success stories directly with the Summit Committee. Your idea may be featured in a future Summit Seven email! catholicyouthsummit@gmail.com

1 *Multi-Parish Activities*

Tip! Consider coordinating with a neighboring parish to rent a bus or carpool to one of these upcoming events! Some of our parishes are already successfully planning multi-parish opportunities. **Melissa Roberts** from St. Philip Parish has helped organize combined parish trips to past Steubenville East and NCYC events. **Fr. Brian Morris** at St. Eugene's is currently collaborating with St. Paul's to bring youth to this summer's Steubenville East. Reach out to them for ideas about how to plan and promote your own combined parish activities either on or off your parish grounds.



Diocesan Youth Gathering: Spiritual Combat

National Catholic Youth Conference

November 16 -18

Multi-parish Gathered Thematic Retreats

January - April, 2018 | *Year of Mary* | Multiple Locations

2 Family Involvement

Diocesan Family Gathering: Grace Before Meals

Friday, November 30 | Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Box of Joy Project - Cross Catholic Outreach

November 4-12 | Completed Box Drop-Off Week

Tip! *This project is wonderful as a family or whole parish inter-generational event! Contact the **Office of Faith Formation** for more information and to be connected with an area rep.*



3 Invite

Ministry with Gen Z & Their Families: Leader Training

Saturday, October 14

Learn strategies for engaging and successfully inviting youth and young adults to opportunities like the ones listed here!...

Quo Vadis Days Camp

July 30 - August 2 | [View Flyer](#)

Tip! *Identify one or two high school-aged young men in your parish who may be open to an opportunity like this. A personal invitation from a catechetical leader or pastor will get the best response!*

Theology On Tap

September 2017 - New Schedule Begins! First Thursday of the Month

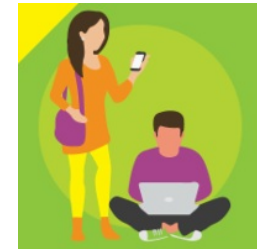
Welcoming Young Adults in their 20s & 30s

SEARCH Retreats

November 17 - 19 | High School Youth | February and March dates also available

Pastoral Planning

Warwick and Woonsocket parishes are encouraged to invite active young adults (18+) to lend their voice at pastoral planning regional meetings. All participants should be approved by the pastor.



4 Social Media

Tip! Check out this article by LifeTeen and ProjectYM

contributor, Fr. Matthew P. Schneider, LC.
[Which Social Media Does Your Youth Group Need?](#)



We want to hear from you! How are you already using social media to effectively communicate with youth & young adults in your parish? Email your success stories to us at catholicyouthsummit@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and your parish name and town in your email as well as links to your social media sites so we can see the great things happening in your parish!

5 *Worship*

Glorify

First Monday of each month during the school year
Evenings of praise, worship, & Eucharistic Adoration

Prayer Meetings

Monday Nights except Glorify days | High School Youth



6 *Confirmation Prep*

Lenten Mission

Thursday, March 15 | Chastity Speaker Matt Fradd

Facilitated Confirmation Retreats

Contact the **Catholic Youth Center** nearest you so that we can provide a customized retreat experience for your youth!



7 *Service Opportunities*

St. Gabriel's Call

Pregnancy outreach | [View Flyer](#)
Volunteers needed! Sort baby clothes and gear, make up layettes for newborns, answer phones, light filing.
High School Youth - College Students - and up!

Haunted Labyrinth

September - October | Rejoice in Hope Youth Center
Volunteers needed to build and work this event.

