

## **Youth Ministry 2009 Goals**

Goal I: Empower young adults of our Parish to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Goal II: Draw young adults of our Parish to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.

Strive to create a culture where all young adults are welcomed, grow in Jesus Christ, and minister side by side with adults of the community.

Strive to create programs for our young adults that recognize their special talents and role in the life of the Church

Strive to create a youth friendly community, in which young adults play a conspicuous role in parish life. Saint Jude values the talents young adults bring and will support all youth by responding to their needs.

Goal III: Foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young adult of our Parish.

## **The Ministry of Advocacy**

Primary Goal: Fully integrate the young adults of our Parish into the life of the Church.

2009 Objective: *Increase involvement of youth in the planning of the Parish youth agenda*

Activities:

Develop Parish wide youth directory

Develop and conduct a Parish wide youth survey

Broaden representation of young adults on all committees, workgroups, and commissions that impact parish youth.

Conduct an annual brainstorming meeting; the focus would be on evaluating past and identifying future activities designed to engage elementary, middle school, and high school youth

Promote youth accomplishments or activities, which include academics as well as volunteer service and represent a broad spectrum of parish youth

## **The Ministry of Catechesis**

Primary Goal: Promote the faith development of the young adults of our Parish, with intentional exposure to curriculum which is built on the faith themes as outlined in renewing the vision.

2009 Objective: *Establish baseline confirmation rate and increase annually by 10% until full participation is reached*

### Activities:

Establish youth directory

Collect and analyze data of current confirmation participation rates

Examine and analyze data from other Parishes and nationally

## **The Ministry of Community Life**

Primary Goal: Build an environment of love, support, appreciation for diversity, and judicious acceptance that models Catholic principles; develops meaningful relationships; and nurtures the Catholic faith.

2009 Objective: *Increase the understanding of the Commission for Youth Ministry's role in representing St. Jude Parish as a charter organization of the various scouting organizations*

Activities:

Facilitate Scouting Town Hall gathering

Identify communication avenues to enhance scouting ministries

Facilitate two meetings in 2009 with all Scouting Leaders

Develop the guidelines by which we will help scouting flourish here at St. Jude Parish

2009 Objective: *Establish Roncalli as a positive resource/partnership*

Activities:

Coordinate efforts with Roncalli Religious Education teachers

Coordinate efforts with Roncalli to advertise St. Jude social/justice opportunities on Roncalli service calendar

2009 Objective: *Create consistent practices designed to promote spirituality in all aspects of St. Jude athletic programs*

Activities:

Coordinate with Athletic Board to create consistent practices designed to instill spirituality into all aspects of participation in St. Jude athletics.

## **The Ministry of Evangelization**

Primary Goal: All Parish activities, relationships, ministry components, and programs of comprehensive ministry with adolescents must invite young adults into a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus and empower them to live as His disciples.

2009 Objective: *Establish regular opportunities for St. Jude's young adults to "network their faith"*

Activities:

Revitalize youth prayer groups/study groups—Establish monthly “chat & chews”

Evangelization by example; develop programs which allow high school students to work with and teach youth in our Parish

## **The Ministry of Justice and Service**

Primary Goal: Create a supportive parish community that builds a sense of togetherness, nurtures a life of justice and service, works together to serve and act for justice, and provides support and affirmation

2009 Objective: *Promote service to our Parish community by recognizing young adults who exemplify leadership qualities in the ministry of justice and service*

Activity:

Establish a plan for recognition of young adults as leaders in the ministry of justice and service (see Ministry of Advocacy)

2009 Objective: *Create a wide array of service opportunities for young adults in our Parish*

Activity:

Collaborate with the Athletic Board to support and promote seasonal service opportunities

## **The Ministry of Leadership Development**

Primary Goal: Develop a leadership system that invites, trains, supports, nourishes, and recognizes adult and adolescent leaders and provides for the coordination of leaders throughout a comprehensive ministry.

2009 Objective: *Implement a system for recognition of leadership*

Activity:

Spring Youth Recognition Event (see Advocacy and Justice & Service)

2009 Objective: *Investigate leadership development programs and create 3 year plan for implementation*

Activities:

Work with YM (Jessica) to find Christian Leadership programs for our kids

Develop some programs with the ministry to give HS young adults opportunity to learn leadership with Jr. HS or other HS youth

2009 Objective: *Establish a teen council*

## **The Ministry of Pastoral Care**

Primary Goal: Promote positive adolescent and family development through a variety of positive (preventive) strategies; including, providing guidance as young people face life decisions and make moral choices.

2009 Objective: *Work to increase the understanding of young adults, adults working with youth, and members of the Youth Commission of the issues facing young adults today and gather tools and resources designed to fully support the young adults of our Parish*

### Activities:

Dedicate Commission agenda time on information related to critical issues facing young adults

Create resource guide for all those on the Commission and all those working with young adults with local support and resources designed to promote positive adolescent and family development

## **The Ministry of Prayer and Worship**

Primary Goals: Promote authentic participation of youth in liturgy. Provide opportunities for creative prayer with adolescents in peer, family, and intergenerational settings.

2009 Objective: *Increase authentic participation of youth in liturgy*

Activities:

Schedule and conduct two youth masses this year

After each youth mass, conduct a social

Dedicate three total masses to St. Jude sports programs (Fall, Winter and Spring)

2009 Objective: *Increase township young adult participation in all programs.*

Activities:

Develop a Parish-wide youth directory; this would include a township list whereby we could actively recruit and invite into ministry and active participation

Explore other area churches and their techniques for encouraging participation by young adults

Develop annual plan to increase participation

Identify school liaisons in each of the township schools within our Parish; develop a communication plan between Youth Commission and liaisons

2009 Objective: *Increase involvement of confirmed High School youth in church activities*

Activities:

Develop programs for confirmed high school students to stay involved in church

## **Supplemental Activities**

2009 Objective: *Define, strengthen, and create an effective Commission for Youth Ministry.*

Activity:

Develop a process to orient new members to the Commission

Develop a procedure for strategic marketing of all activities

Develop a procedure for strategic fundraising

Develop a process for the Youth Commission to provide input into the annual appraisal of the Director of Youth Ministry

*Information referenced from Renewing the Vision, A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry, United States Catholic Conference Inc, Washington D.C., Seventh Printing, December, 2006.*