

Youth Commission

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General Committee Statement

The Youth Commission is a structure within the parish community with a focus on the needs for the youth in the parish. Their primary function is to discern and evaluate the happenings within youth ministry in the parish. The members are the voice and conscience for youth ministry in the parish along with assessing and giving direction to the needs of the youth of St. John the Baptist Parish.

Role of Committee

The role of the Youth Commission is to give direction and guidance to those working with and for the youth of St. John the Baptist Parish. Their advocacy on behalf of youth will continue to add vibrancy and aspects of faith within the parish community.

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Committee Membership

The committee consists of up to twelve parishioners in good standing who have a commitment to the needs of youth. The committee members consist of senior high school students, parents, grandparents, school representatives, youth serving professionals and interested members of the parish who wish to work to see the needs of our youth are met within our parish family. It is suggested that the youth representative on Parish Council be appointed by the Youth Commission.

Term of Membership

Each committee member will hold a seat for a term of three years. When a vacancy exists or a term comes to completion, parishioners will be invited to join and the current committee members will select the new members by discerning the needs of the commission.

Chair and/or co-chair

The chair and or co-chair will be selected by the current committee at the start of each school year and will hold the seat for a minimum of one year.

Meeting Times

The committee will hold, at the minimum, quarterly meetings. At the beginning of each school year, the committee will select dates for the current school year meetings. Additional meetings can be called by the Chairs of the commission when the need arises.

Reporting

The Commission reports on the needs and the activities of the youth in our parish to the Pastoral Council through the Youth Representative that sits on that committee.

See what the plans are for this year! (following document)

YOUTH COMMISSION GOALS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-2012

1. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will develop a combined Confirmation preparation and faith formation program for Gr. 8 students/confirmation candidates in order that the students will be well formed in their knowledge of the Catholic faith and given an opportunity to encounter Christ through the experience of the living church community.
2. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will develop ongoing formation opportunities for altar servers in elementary and high school in order that they may deepen their relationship to Christ in the Eucharist and develop their sense of mission in the community.
3. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will develop an updated COR program for Gr. 11 plus in order to provide an opportunity for personal encounter with Christ, and to meet Christ in family relationships and the church community.
4. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will participate in Diocesan and large youth events for high school students and adults in order to provide opportunity for ongoing personal faith development and to improve skills for leadership and evangelization.
5. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will continue pastoral visits to elementary schools in order that relationship with the parish can be developed and parish leadership can provide evangelization and catechesis in this gathered setting.
6. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will develop a youth oriented Bible study for high school students in order to increase their knowledge and ability to apply the message of Scripture to their lives and to further their understanding of the tradition and teaching of the Church.
7. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will seek ongoing development of communications through use of the parish Website for all in order that all may be more informed of youth ministry in the parish and so that youth may be highlighted in their active involvement in the life of the parish community.

8. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will develop a combined catechesis and leadership development / planning program for the youth ministry leadership team in order that the youth leaders may be better informed in the faith of the church and become more confident in evangelizing through their youth leadership.

9. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will provide a catechesis program based on YOUCAT for all high school students in order that high school youth will have a forum for learning about the teaching of the church and discussing its place in their lives.

10. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will provide a comprehensive youth group program for high school students in order that high school youth will have an opportunity to participate in a group setting in activities including all 8 components of youth ministry in their own peer setting, to increase their commitment to the life, mission and ministry of the church.

11. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will provide a joint youth group experience of gathered youth sessions based on specific themes for students in grade five and grade six in order that these students may deepen their knowledge understanding and experience of Catholic faith and church membership in the context of an enjoyable peer environment.

12. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will provide a youth group experience of gathered youth sessions based on specific themes for students in Grade 7 in order that these students may deepen their knowledge, understanding, and experience of Catholic faith and church membership in the context of an enjoyable peer environment.

13. St. John the Baptist Youth Commission will provide opportunity for expression in the dramatic arts, dance, music, and visual arts throughout a variety of parish programs for all interested students in both elementary and high school in order that gifts and talents in these areas may be developed and used in service of the church and community and more young people may be drawn to share their God-given gifts. This will include occasional use of a drama team, liturgical dance team, youth choir and visual artists at parish events, and may also include a parish celebration of such gifts through an evening of performance to the community.