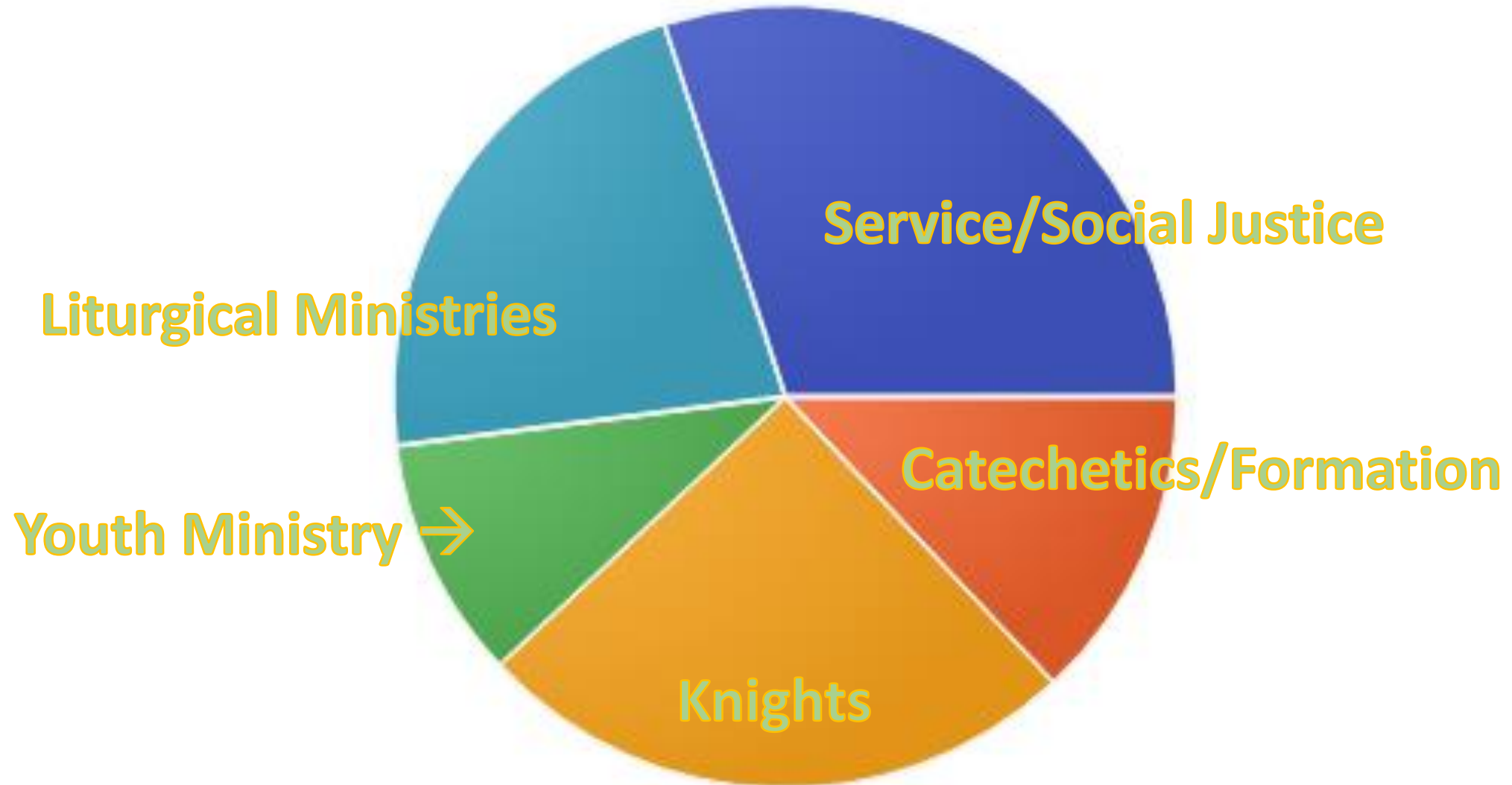


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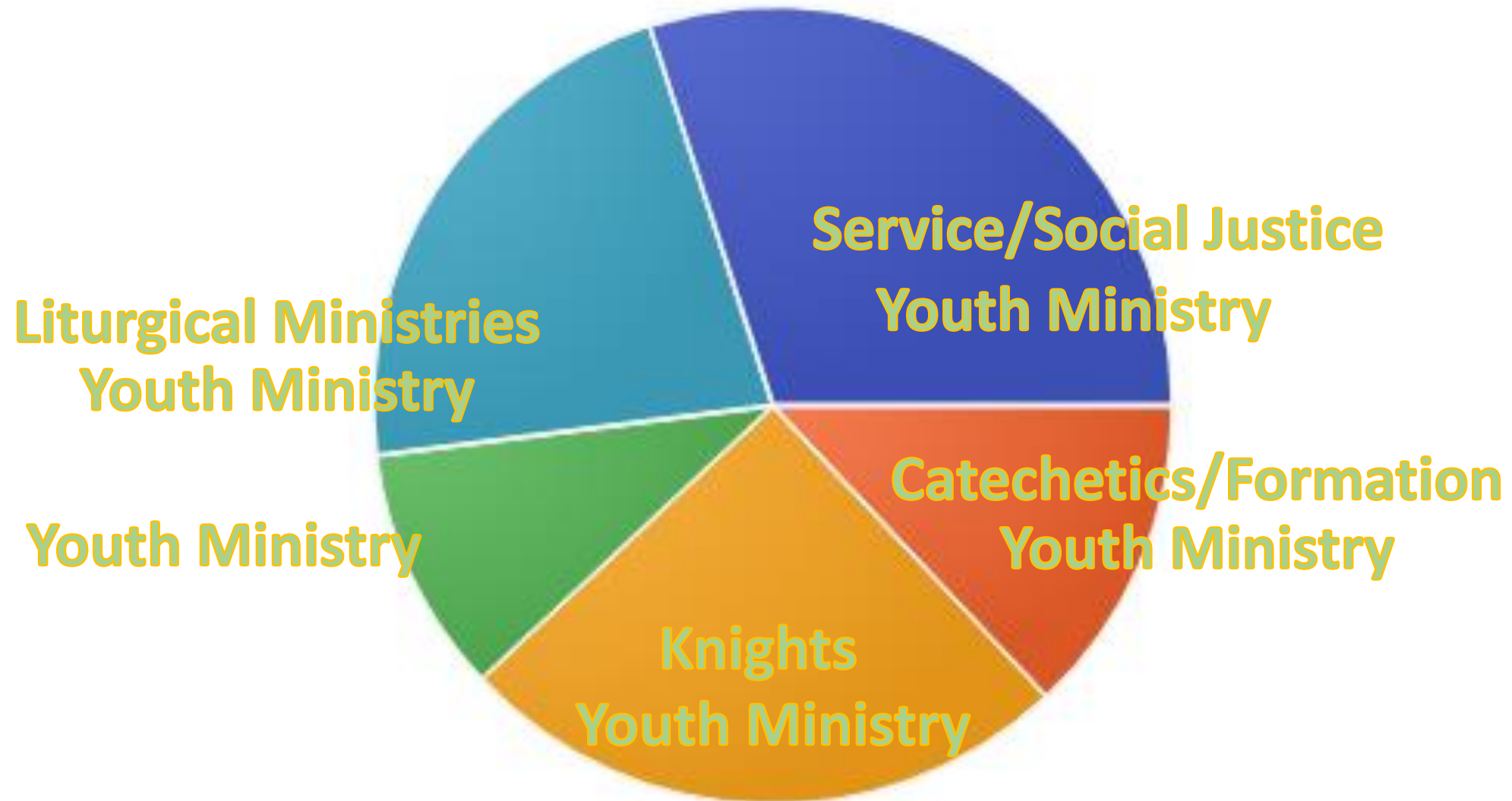
- What is this project about? Ultimately it's about Jesus Christ and leading our youth and young adults to a relationship with Christ – the Good News of the Gospel found within the community of the Church.
- The focus of this project is not on youth for the sake of youth. It is about leading them to Christ and assessing all ministries in our parish and how they can best serve our youth and young adults.
- The focus of this project is NOT about establishing a youth group
- The project intends to involve the whole parish community in 'training up' (Proverbs 22: 6) the youth/young adults into becoming disciples of Christ, maximizing efforts of existing parish ministries, and evangelization efforts that are deliberate and specific for the whole parish to participate in



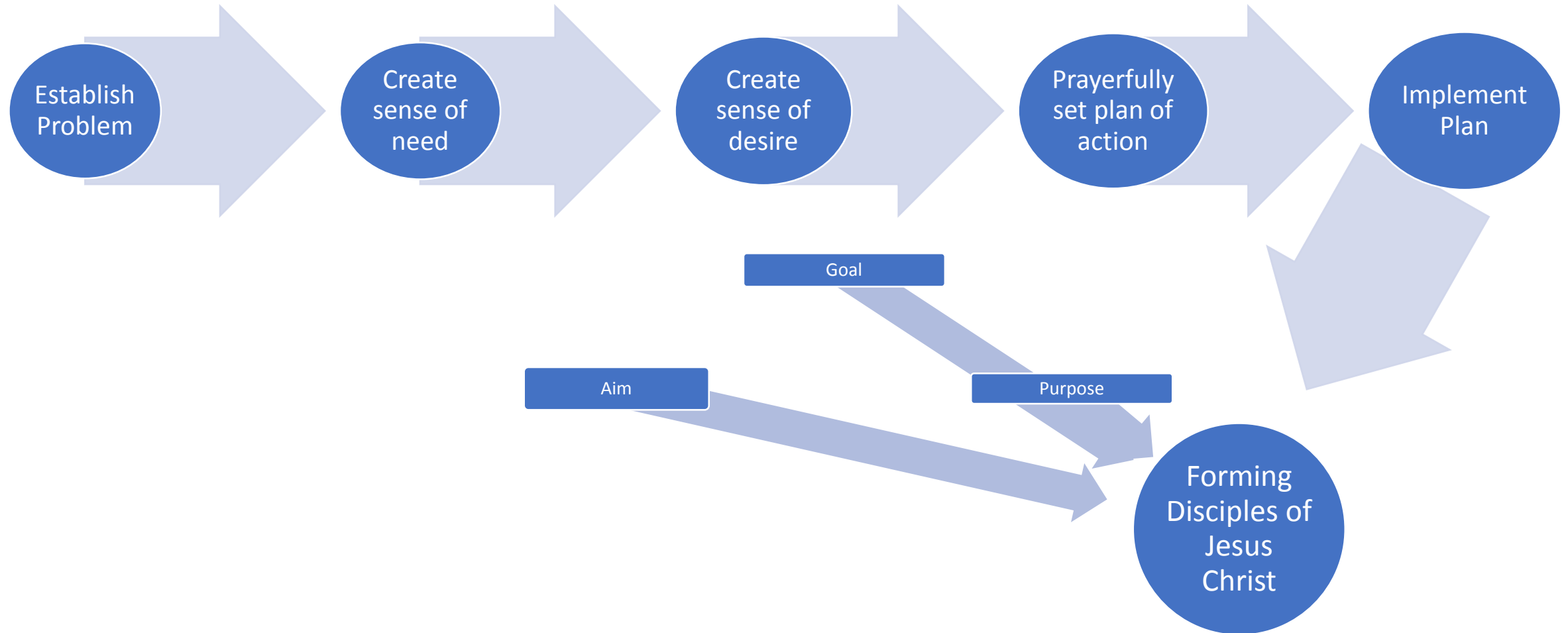
Old Ministry Model



Goal of St. John Bosco Project



Purpose of Parish Survey



Current Youth Programs

Key Questions:

How can we improve what we are already doing?

Should we consider new models or modalities for growing young disciples in the world?

Because this is the way we have always done it, is it the best way for our current situation?

Other Parish Programs (Knights, CDA, Liturgy, Service, etc.)

Key Question:
How can young people become involved in these already existent programs?

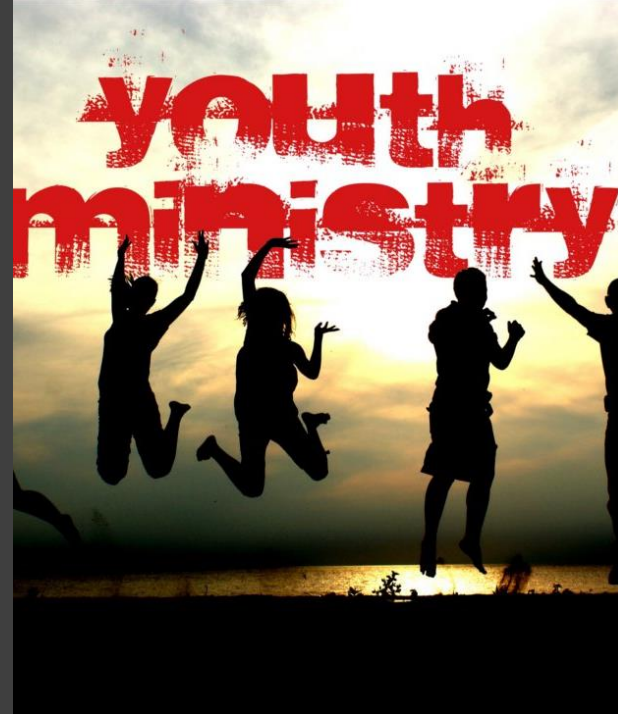
New programs/initiatives directed in one of two ways:

Youth already
in the Pews

Youth outside
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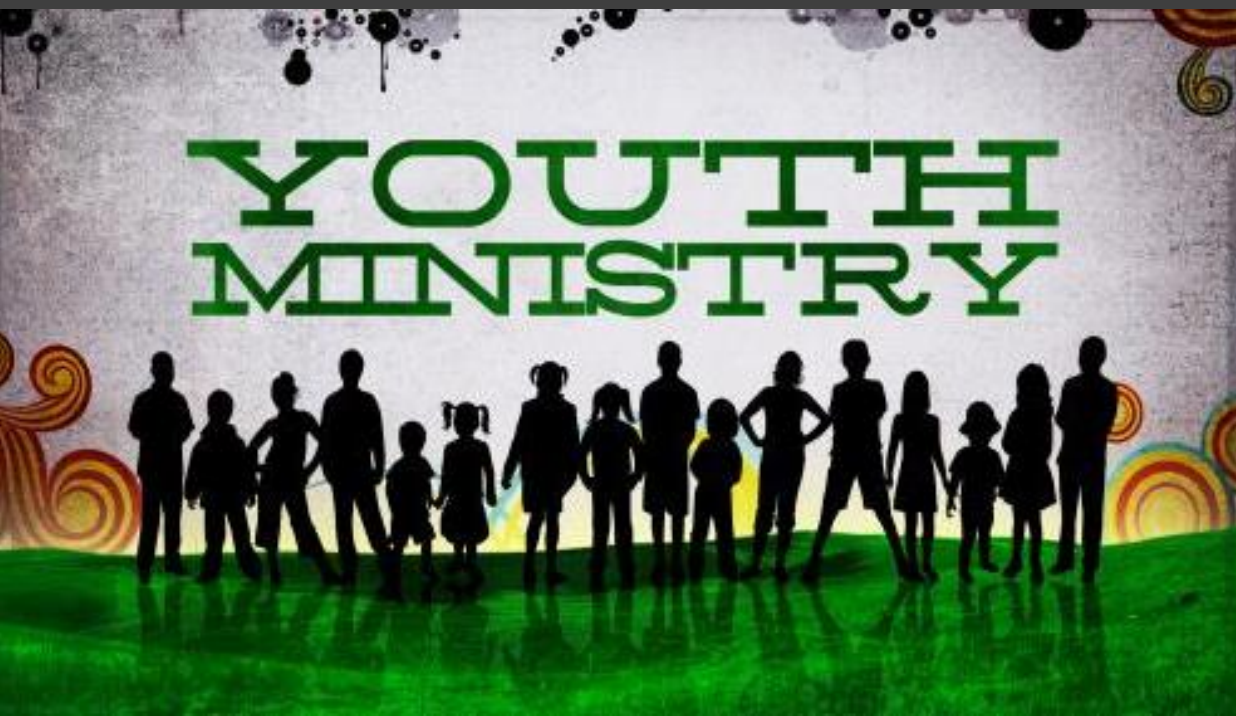


Youth serving in the Church



Confirmation Age Change Templates

- Bible study series
- Youth Group model – 7:30 – 9:30
 - Social time (30-45 minutes)
 - Large group activity
 - Teaching/Bible Study
 - Discussion
 - Prayer time
- Service group – Catholic Service Corp
- Evangelization teams
- Single gender accountability group
- Life teen program – www.lifeteen.com



Evangelization Ideas...

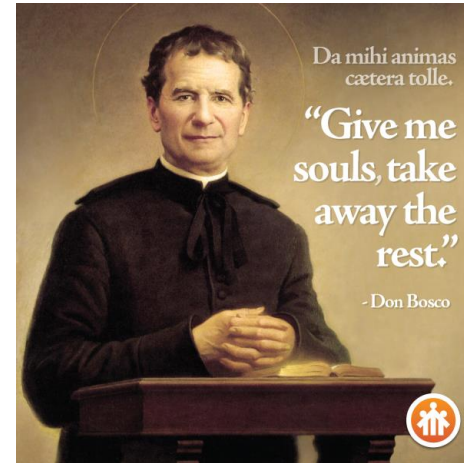
- Specific outreach to youth and young families in the community
- Small cards that each parishioner can pass out to friends, at coffee shops, etc. Something with the Church address and Mass times, an invitation to Church, etc.
- Advertising youth events where youth are located – coffee shops, etc.
- Special date to invite friends to church or faith formation
- Need: ‘Every day’ evangelization training – how to bring up Christ/the Church in every day situations



YOUTH
Evangelism
Team

Unify, Engage and Mobilize

- The Church in Vermont has to work together on this project to win more souls for Christ.
- Engage youth and young adults in conversations about faith.
- Mobilize youth and young adults, and the whole parish to grow and expand. We should not underestimate the power of the Gospel!



*How good and pleasant it is when
God's people
dwell together in unity!
Psalm 133:1*

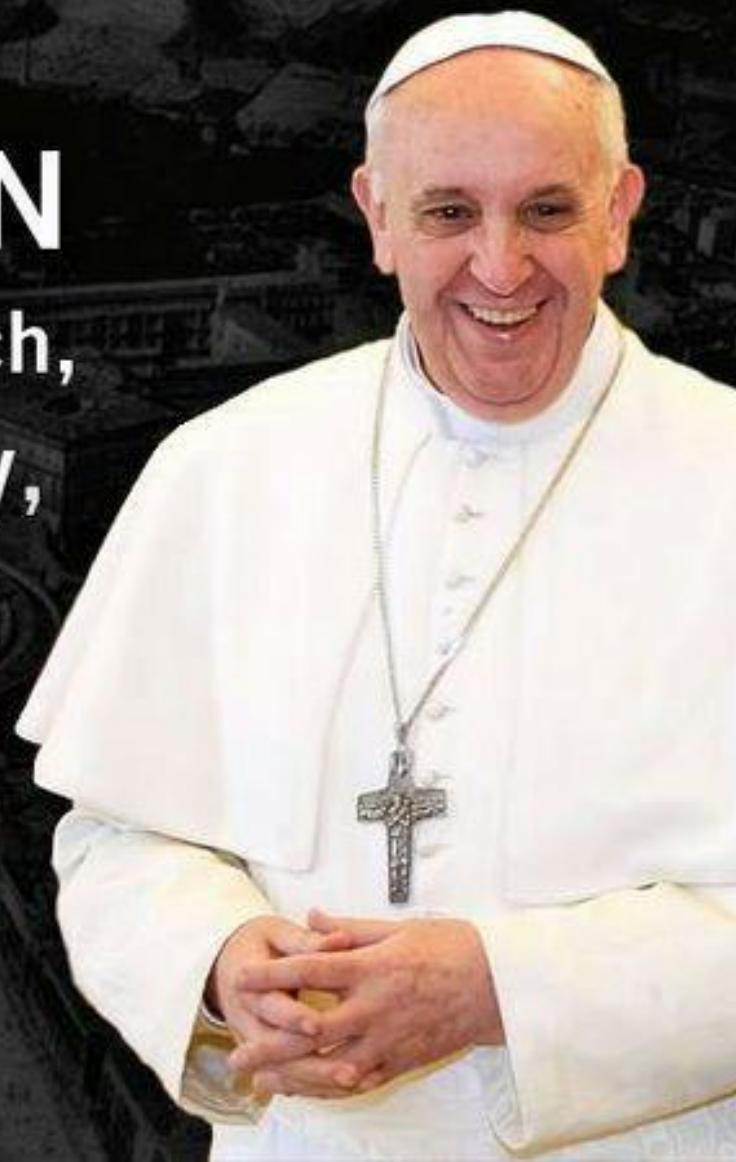
The Road to Emmaus as our model

- Accompaniment
 - Loving look
 - Authentic witnesses
 - Sharing the authoritative word that saves souls
 - Patient listening
 - Walking beside
- Drawing out gifts and talents
- Giving youth a sense and call for mission



“EVANGELIZATION
is the mission of the Church,
not just of a few, but my,
your, our mission.”

— Pope Francis



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**"We cannot keep to ourselves
the words of eternal life given to us
in our encounter with Jesus Christ:
they are meant for everyone,
for every man and woman...
It is our responsibility to pass on what,
by God's grace, we ourselves
have received."**

Pope Benedict XVI

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