

DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTETOWN

Youth Minister

Overview

Youth Ministry aims to develop leadership skills, foster community, cultivate a stronger sense of justice, build self-confidence and promote spiritual maturity among the parish youth.

Activities/Responsibilities

- Under the direction of the Pastor, Youth Minister is responsible for initiating programs and services, prayer and liturgical celebrations for parish youth.
- Invites and motivates parish youth to participate in events/ maintains contact list of youth.
- Develops community among youth, families and parish through events and service projects.
- Advocates for the needs of youth and supports families in promoting healthy adolescent lives.
- Makes recommendations for resources, agencies, budget needs to the Pastor/designate.
- Liaises with the Diocesan Director of Youth and other parish Youth Ministers and is available for meetings and training provided for Youth Ministers.
- Ensures that at least **two unrelated adults** are present at all youth activities.

Skills, Experience and Personal Qualities

- Is a fully initiated adult member of the Catholic Church in good standing.
- Must be comfortable mentoring and witnessing to her/his personal faith.
- Registered with parish for at least 2 years or recommended by former parish.
- Has some experience working with youth and some knowledge of the principles of youth ministry. Relates well with youth and parents.
- Has appropriate leadership and organizational skills
- Is familiar with the Liturgy and basic teachings of the Catholic Church and has a basic understanding of the stages of faith development.
- In cases of emergency, knows contacts/ procedures.
- Sufficient maturity to exercise this ministry with attention, energy and enthusiasm for youth.
- Is comfortable with accountability, confidential and sensitive to the proper boundaries.

Screening Recommendations

This is a **HIGH Risk** position when the participants are younger than 18 years. High risk needs completion of a volunteer form, an interview with reference checks and a Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record Check.

This ministry position description generally reflects the Ministry of Youth Minister currently practiced at _____ Parish.

Parish Volunteer Screening Committee

Pastor

Date