

## Youth Ministry Sunday - Why do we celebrate in Niagara?

The primary goal of Youth Ministry Sunday is to celebrate youth ministry in our parishes and in the diocese. Each parish is unique in its approach to youth ministry. It is these efforts that we celebrate today. It also allow Diocesan Youth Ministry staff and volunteers to say "this is what we offer", and "thank you to all the parishes in Niagara" for your financial and spiritual support for this vital ministry. The Diocesan Youth Ministry programs touch over 400 youth representing all six regions each year. Youth ministry in Niagara is a vital, exciting movement encompassing a large number of people and a broad variety of programs and resources.

### Programs

**SpiritQuest** takes place during the semester break in early February and is an opportunity for young people to explore their spirituality in the quiet of an intimate small group.

**Youth Leadership Training Program (YLTP)** is a three year program that takes place during March Break and assists young people in developing their "servant-leadership" skills.

**Youth Synod** takes place in early May giving young people a forum in which to discuss issues that are important to them; to have their opinions and voices heard throughout the larger church.

**Niagara Youth Conference (NYC)** takes place the week before the Labour Day weekend and is full of fun, learning, worship, spirituality, peer support, and lots of community building.

**Servers' Fest** is a one day event in February hosted by Christ's Church Cathedral at which servers of all ages gather in community to learn and to celebrate their ministry in the church.

**Youth Connections** is a regional training event with specific focus in Junior Youth Ministry that provides a social experience for the junior youth with training for their leaders. If you would like this traveling event in your area ...call us!

**Diocesan Synod: Youth Delegate Orientation & Residence** offers training, support and community for youth members attending Diocesan Synod.

**Regional Youth Ministry: Lincoln Youth Fest** involves junior youth from the Lincoln area churches in monthly activities while **The Gathering** is a youth-created and youth-led quarterly worship service featuring the NYC Band.

**Children's & Youth Ministry Network Gathering** meets annually through the **Spiritual Spa** for networking of staff and volunteers, and to share resources.

### Resources

**Diocesan Program Consultants:** Christyn Perkons and Joyce Wilton are available to answer questions, suggest resources, lead workshops, facilitate visioning & planning sessions and provide on-site consultations.

**Other resources** are available for loan through the Diocesan Resource Centre and are detailed on the Youth Ministry website.

**The Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee** supports and evaluates diocesan youth events, responds to initiatives from parishes and regions, recruits volunteers and is committed to a vision of youth as a vital and active part of the whole church. Our *Youth Ministry logo* evokes a sense of enabling; youth helping youth and adults supporting youth as they engage with their God and community, and step out into the world.

To join us as a parish contact, caring volunteer, interested supporter, or to purchase a cook-book, contact:

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