

Catholic Diocese of Columbus – Chronology of Youth Ministry

<u>Director's Name</u>	<u>Organization's Name</u>	<u>Years</u>
Rev. George Mason	Catholic Youth Organization	1935-1945
Rev. Vincent Mooney	Diocesan Council of Catholic Youth	1945-1952
Rev. Richard Dodd	Catholic Youth Council	1952-1966
Rev. Carl Clagett	Department of Youth	1966-1970
Sr. Geraldine Warthling, OSF	Teens Encounter Christ	1973-1977*
	Office of Youth Ministry	1978-1980
Rev. James Petry	Office of Youth Ministry	1981-1982**
Sharon Reed/Rev. Patrick Toner	Office of Youth Ministry	1982-1984
Sharon Reed/Rev. Jim Klima	Office of Youth Ministry	1984-1985
Sharon Reed	Office of Youth Ministry	1985-1990
Greg "Dobie" Moser	Office of Youth Ministry	1990-1994
Patricia Clancy	Office of Youth Ministry	1994-1999***
Mark Butler	Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry	2000-current****

*= The Department of Youth was dissolved and there was a brief interim period before the TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) program was brought to the Diocese of Columbus. During this period, the Diocesan Recreation Association and Catholic Scouting program moved under the Department of Education (later called the Education Vicariate.)

**= A Canadian priest was hired to be the director of the OYM, but was unable to fulfill the position. Rev. James Petry served as the TEC Director (high school retreat program) and Sharon Reed served as the Journey Director (junior high retreat program.) Fr. Petry was killed in an automobile accident on June 16, 1982.

***= The director position was vacant between the fall of 1999 and the spring of 2000. During this time, the Office of Youth Ministry was moved from the Spiritual Life Vicariate to the Education Vicariate (changed to "Department for Education" in 2005.) Sr. Mary Patricia "Pat" Russi, OP oversaw the Office of Youth Ministry as Assistant Director.

****= The Office of Youth Ministry was expanded to include young adult ministry in the year 2000. The Catholic Scouting program and Diocesan Recreation Association were moved back under the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at that time. Campus ministry on the college/university and high school levels were also added to the office's responsibilities. The positions of diocesan director of youth and young adult ministry and diocesan director of college/university campus ministry were officially merged into one position on July 1, 2002. The office has coordinated the diocesan safe environment program since the year 2003.