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In this manual, the term “youth ministry” pertains to the parish’s pastoral and catechetical ministry with adolescents of high school age. Additional programs included within the term “youth ministry” are:

- Interparochial youth ministry events or gatherings
- Pastoral and catechetical ministry with adolescents in Middle School or Junior High School (if separate from the Parish School of Religion)
- Programs preparing youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation (if separate from the Parish School of Religion and/or other parish programs addressing sacrament preparation or Christian initiation)
- Parish-based Recreation Programs (all levels and activities)
- Catholic Chartered Units of the Boy Scouts of America (all levels)
- Youth-Serving Organizations (Girl Scouts of the USA, Catholic Youth Summer Camp, Inc. [CYSC], etc.) using parish, school, or diocesan facilities (all levels)