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YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS

SERVICE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

Our faith calls us to work for justice; to serve those in need; to pursue peace; and to defend the life, dignity, and rights of all our sisters and brothers. This is the call of Jesus, the urging of his spirit, the challenge of the prophets, and the living tradition of our Church.

The ministry of justice and service nurtures in young people a social consciousness and a commitment to a life of justice and service rooted in their faith in Jesus Christ, in the Scriptures, and in Catholic social teaching; enables young people to work for justice by concrete efforts to address the causes of human suffering; and infuses the concepts of justice, peace, and human dignity into all ministry efforts.

In keeping with the commitment of Catholic youth ministry to educate youth for Christian service, each youth ministry program should provide opportunities for youth to participate in service activities and service programs of the diocese, their parishes, and local community organizations.