

### **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. The celebration allows us also to thank the parishes and volunteers who support youth ministry at the diocesan level. 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.

**Youth Leadership Training Program (YLTP)** A three-year leadership training program held during March Break to develop youth as leaders who can offer Outstanding Leadership for Ministry. In addition to an emphasis on developing servant leadership skills, participants experience and create Life Changing Worship and focus on a Generous Culture of Stewardship.

**Youth Synod in Action (YSA)** A dual focus on Prophetic Social Justice Making and Outstanding Leadership for Ministry opportunity for youth delegates ages 13-21 participants are immersed in justice issues as well as providing opportunities to experience Life Changing Worship; takes place over the course of a weekend in early May.

**Niagara Youth Conference (NYC)** NYC in a Ministry of the Diocese, it is a faith based residential community that is transformative, engages in experiential learning, reflective questioning, laughter and fun. - takes place the week before the Labour Day weekend and is full of fun, learning, worship, spirituality, peer support, and lots of community building.

**The Gathering** is a youth-created and youth-led gathering; these events embrace a Continuous Culture of Innovation, Life Changing Worship, and Outstanding Leadership for Ministry.

**embark** is a new program starting late 2015 for 12 young adults aged 18-28 in the Diocese. This program is framed around four elements; discernment and your spiritual journey with God, finding the extraordinary in the ordinary, resourcing & equipping you in your life and context, and sharing in food and community.

**Trailblazing** is a national Theological Formation opportunity for Youth Ministry. Developed by youth ministers and tested by youth ministry practitioners, these easy-to-use, interactive modules will help you to navigate the changing terrain of youth ministry in the 21st Century.

#### **Resources**

Su McLeod, Program Consultant, is 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 portion of the 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.

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