



High School Youth Ministry

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WELCOME TO YOUTH MINISTRY



Welcome to a new Youth Ministry year. Every year comes with a new challenges. However, our mission goal remains to accompany all our teens and families as they grow closer to Jesus Christ, teach the Truth of the Catholic Church, and to help teen grow in fellowship with each other. We are blessed and grateful for all our CORE Adults and their commitment to offer their love and time to the youth.

REGISTRATION & DIOCESAN FORMS

To register your teen:

- Go to: www.olvnnow.com/parish-registration-form
- From the pull-down menu, select the appropriate option for your family
- Go back to: www.olvnnow.com, select the "Blue Sheep" icon to **register for** our **Flocknote** communication system
- Diocesan Safe Environment forms will be filled/signed electronically via PermissionClick.com link sent via Flocknote e-mail/text

FLOCKNOTE TEXT & E-MAILS



Keeping you informed in a safe, easy & least obstructive way.

Flocknote texts & e-mails is our system to accomplish this goal. Your personal information remains protected. To sign up, follow the instructions provided.

Flocknote Texts. We keep you informed in 144 characters or less. These texts are quick reminders of important info.

Flocknote E-mails. For more in-depth details on Youth Ministry events, we will send an e-mail that will include links, fliers, and pertinent information.

NOTE: *Flocknote tracks who opens or does not open e-mails. Please, read the e-mails.*

CONTACT WITH MINORS FORM

In accordance with Safe Environment rules, we **DO NOT** contact minors directly either by text or by e-mail.

Flocknote is a Safe Environment method to communicate with your teens via text or e-mail. It keeps records of any text or e-mail response for review.

Teens receive Youth Ministry information safely and parents keep control. We ask you consider allowing us to have their cellphone & e-mail for that purpose.

NCYC & FUTURE EVENTS



Thank you for your prayers and generous financial support

We met our \$10K goal.
Eight OLV High School Youth Ministry teens will be the Diocesan Ambassadors to the National Catholic Youth Conference

\$10K Goal



100%

We will continue some additional fundraiser events to help defray the cost of our adult chaperons.

Eight OLV Youth Ministry teens are Diocesan Ambassadors to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in November. We are very blessed with generous parishioners support for our goal of \$10K to cover teen and adult costs.

NCYC is just the beginning. It is also a biannual recurring event. We made it this year, we can do it again in 2027. However, there are other events, closer to our us that would enrich our teens faith and understanding of the Catholic Church.

We cannot take them there without parental support. Read the Flocknote e-mails. Know that we are committed to help your teens remain with their eyes focused on Jesus. We need your help.

DCCW FOOD PACKING, SEPT 13



"For I was hungry and you gave me food", Mt 25:35

Diocesan Catholic Council of Women (DCCW) Food Packing event, Sept 13, at the Walton County Fairgrounds.

Our teens and families helped monetarily (each meal costs \$0.33) and packing meals as a team. Bring your family to help in the morning (9am-11am) or afternoon (1pm-3pm) shifts. Donate monetarily at crosscatholic.org. Take your Faith into action, *"working through Love"*, Gal 5:6.

COOKS FOR YOUTH DINNERS

Last year, Father Roy started the concept of feeding our teens with food, fellowship, and nourishing their Faith. It was a hit!

We only meet 30 times in a ministry year. Consider volunteering to cook at least one meal. The parish provides the materials, you will give your culinary skills, serve, clean up, and show your love to the teens.

To volunteer, go to our webpage: <https://olvnw.com/youthministry> and use the form on the left column.

Ms. Christine Paris, our Business Manager, is our point of contact.

CORE ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Consider joining our CORE Adult Team:

- Must be 21 years (>25 to drive teens)
- Complete Safe Environment training
- Complete Background Check
- Leads small group talks with teens
- Teaching not required, but encouraged
- Help with general ministry activities

ADULT EVENT TRANSPORTATION

We rely on parents and adults authorized for driving teens to attend off-campus events. In addition to Safe Environment and Background Check, you must:

- Authorize a Motor vehicle Report
- Insurance liability \$100K/\$300K

PRAYER, SERVICE & SACRAMENTS

Our goal is to lead your teens and your family closer to Jesus Christ. To do this, we need you to be witness of Faith:

- Go to Mass every weekend
- Encourage teens to be Altar Servers, Lectors, and Hospitality Ministers
- Eucharistic Adoration, go regularly on Wednesdays; join us when we go pray
- Sacrament of Reconciliation, make it a family event; Monday 6-7:30pm, or on Wednesday 6:30-8pm. Be free of sin.
- Knight's 1st Wednesday Rosary, we would love to see more families join us