



## ***DIOCESAN COUNCIL ON YOUNG ADULT EVANGELIZATION***

***Minutes: December 10, 2019***

6:00 – 6:30 HOSPITALITY

OPENING PRAYER

INTRODUCTIONS & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY UPDATES

- Victoria Perez-LaPorte/Valpo, NCYC/Awakening/Adoration Night, Looking at expectations of numbers
- Nick Rosier-QAS, Michigan City, took time off for Alpha, social dinners, twice a month meetings, scheduling things for future events, looking at volunteering
- Melissa Lopez-St. Peter/Paul, St. Francis Xavier-Nothing new, getting ready for baby
- Fabiola Jimenez-Holy Spirit, Winfield, Young Catholic Council, looking at getting events started, looking to attend an alpha meeting to try to get people together for an Alpha for young adults, incorporating into the parish, know the young adults, but how do we draw them in,
- Amanda Hornback-St. James in Highland, new priest is helping things get “better,” more willing to do more things
- Ted Sinil-St. Mary Crown Point, Still trying to catch up after graduating, looking at creating a group, a monthly gathering, bringing in community building, nothing in place in the moment, Theology on Tap this summer
- Matt Kresich-Holy Name, Cedar Lake, Awakening Retreat, Adoration Night (35 people), At Holy Name: Call one of the young adult couples and go out to dinner with them. YA in charge of Parish Hati mission, two YA and Matt going to Haiti, Volleyball League starting up in South Lake County

NEW BISHOP!

- The council offered their assistance as volunteers during Ordination and Installation events.

REVIEW PAST EVENTS

- Adoration Night-numbers were consistent, looking at how to get people to invite others,
- Awakening Night-gave the history, numbers of retreatants dropped, looking at what that means for the Diocese of Gary, October retreat was faithfully fruitful with a small number of retreatants, possibly doing the retreat once a year instead of multiple times a year, looking at doing more research in how to reach out to different

communities, building relationships, geographically spread out, looking at taking a team approach to reaching out.

- Observation: same group, but also, can you bring someone?
- Outreach: how to bring others and then invite them
  - Not in bulletin? How to reach out in new ways? How to teach others to reach out?
- Young Adult Contact at every parish? Send it to them especially to them.
- We want a summer event!

## DISCUSSION: HOW CAN WE BEST SUPPORT YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY IN THE DIOCESE OF GARY? and CALENDAR BUILDING/GOAL SETTING

### What do YOU, as ministers to young adults, need?

- Community and prayer
- List of local speakers
- Parishes to understand that they need to have a web presence
- Supportive Parishes to allow ministry with young people to grow
- Learn how to find Young Adults/How to Evangelize
- Figure out Clusters--who can partner with whom
- We need to understand how to sell our mission
- List of local faith people on social media (like priests, religious, communities)
- Invite more people to attend DCoYAE
- Weekend morning gatherings-Saturday morning
- Learning how to foster Discernment

### Young Adult Ministry Goal Setting for 2020

- Host a large gathering for young adults and their families
- Community prayer
- Intentional Community building
- Intergenerational events
- Interministry events
- Help parishes build relationships with Young Adults
- "Booth ministry," being present at events like the Men's and Women's Conferences
- Campus outreach? - (Ashes on campus for Ash Wednesday)
- Creating "swag" to give out and create a shared identity
- Shared identity: Region Catholics

## 2020 Event Ideas

### Identified as Priorities

- Large Summer Gathering
- Special Adoration: Lent?
- Men's Retreat
- Women's Retreat
- Young Adult Retreat
- Local Camino-July 25-26?
- New Bishop Meet and Greet

### Other Ideas

- Volunteer Activities/Days of Service
- 3rd Order Franciscan YA group
- Small Faith Sharing Groups
- Speakers
- Potluck-cluster based?

## Region Catholic Fest

- Large, summer gathering for young adults and their families
- Mass
- Social events-sports, chill time, families and kids
- Location
  - Place with outdoor space as well as a possible Plan B site
  - Ideas: Dunes, Cedar Lake (with a petting zoo), Whiting, Chesterton
- Music-live band, praise and worship, "regular" but family friendly music
- Confession times
- Invite religious communities to be part of it
- Invite parishes to donate or sponsor food or parts of the events
- HOSPITALITY HAS TO BE AWESOME
- Bounce house
- Intentionally invite people

## CLOSING PRAYER

**NEXT MTG:** March 10, 2020, Queen of All Saints, Michigan City

Notes will be posted here: <http://www.garyoyya.org/diocesan-council-on-young-adult-evangelization/>