

**Youth Ministry
Of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**

2013-2014

A message from our priest...

The Lord is calling us to walk together in life and to be one for the other. In the celebration of the Holy Eucharist we become one Body and one Spirit. We are to be witnesses of His presence when we gather, and in our loving service and sharing.

In the Parish's life the talents, which God gave to each, are put into good use for one another. In our Church the Word of God is proclaimed, but also it has to be taught and lived. You can be catechists, animators, simple members of a choir, and helpers in serving the poor. We may need just your presence for a lot of fun, because of your talents and your input.

All are welcome, all can help, and all make a bit of difference.

See deeply in your heart ... the Lord is calling you even for more and in the Community you will find your vocation.

- Fr. Rinaldo Vecchiato, pastor (November 2011)

What is youth ministry within the parish?

- *A gathering of the church community that advocates, prepares and teaches young people to discovering more about God in themselves through faith-sharing, witnesses and service to others*
- *ANY group within the parish that involves young people*

Inspired by His Word...

One Body with Many Parts

"¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by^[a] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. "

- **1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

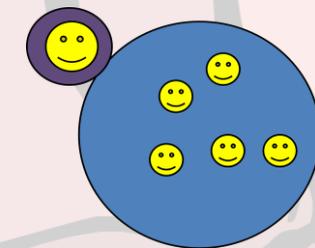
Inspired by this bible passage, we answer the following question: **What model of youth ministry will we be following?**

There are 2 models of youth ministry:

- ***The FAMILIAR MODEL***
- ***The COMPREHENSIVE MODEL***

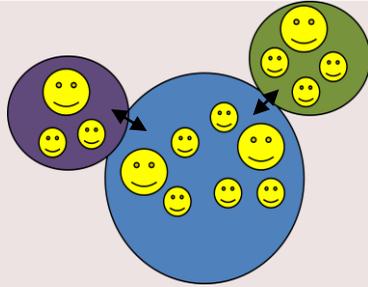
The familiar model usually involves one leader leading an activity, but tends to limit the growth of a community, of leadership, continuance and how many activities a person can get involve with.

THE FAMILIAR MODEL



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**We will be following
THE COMPREHENSIVE MODEL**



The comprehensive model allows for teams to be built, growth amongst the groups, and involvement in any activity. And because EVERYONE works together for a common goal to make a place in Jesus' heart and in our parish for our young people, leadership and growth within the community is inevitable. But this will take time to build (i.e. more than a year).

It all starts with a choice for our young people. How can we help them see that Jesus still walks amongst us? How can we show our young people that when we put God and His example of love first in our hearts, the future would not be so bleak and there is hope and goodness to live for?

And for those who are searching for something, or asking questions about Him, where can we find these answers?

There are many activities, and resources offered to us to answer these questions and more. And normally it starts by taking an active role in an activity.

The current activities that are catered to our young people, but also open to all volunteers are:

- HEAVEN'S ANGELS YOUTH CHOIR
(6 – 12 y.o. old)
- YOUNG ADULTS CHOIR
(13 y.o. old and up)
- YOUTH GROUP
- CHRISTMAS PLAY
- CHRISTMAS CONCERT
- CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET DRIVE
- VIA CRUCIS (the LIVE ACTION GOOD FRIDAY PLAY)
- WEEKLY GATHERINGS
- WORLD YOUTH DAYS
- YOUTH SUMMIT
- EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
- And more!

We are reminded of this awesome call from Pope John Paul II:

"Do not be afraid of Christ! Trust in him completely! He alone 'has the words of eternal life.' Christ never lets us down!"

We welcome you and your loved ones to take part in this community effort. God bless! - Janet Sudayan

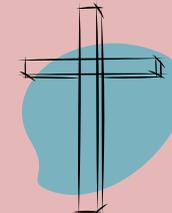
For our adults and parents:
Please support the future of our community

Be COOL, COMPASSIONATE, Be Christ-Like :D

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