

# APPENDIX J

## Parents of youth survey

*Thank you for taking this survey. We need your thoughtful response to the survey so that parish leaders can be better informed about your interests as they plan youth programming.*

### Personal details

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (M)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the age of your teenager(s), grade level, and school below:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

### Expectations for the youth program

*To assist us in developing programs that address your expectations as well as your young people, please identify your most important goals for youth ministry by circling **five** items.*

1. To help young people feel like a valued part of the church.
2. To provide a community for young people where they can develop meaningful relationships with other youth and adult leaders.
3. To help young people develop a deeper appreciation of the meaning of Jesus for their lives.
4. To help young people develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
5. To help young people develop a better understanding of the Bible and what it means to us today.
6. To assist young people in developing an appreciation for what is unique about the Catholic faith.
7. To teach young people how to make moral decisions based on Catholic Christian values.
8. To assist young people in forming a responsible Catholic Christian approach in sexual matters.
9. To assist young people in developing a healthy self-concept.
10. To provide youth with guidance as they face personal, spiritual, and vocational decisions.
11. To provide appropriate support and guidance for youth during times of stress and crisis.
12. To involve young people in reaching out to serve people in need in the community.
13. To foster the spiritual growth of young people through liturgies and prayer experiences.
14. To teach young people to pray.
15. To understand the place of the sacraments in the Christian life.
16. To involve youth in leadership.
17. To foster healing and reconciliation in young people's lives and relationships.
18. To help youth develop a better understanding of their parents and to learn how to communicate better with them.

## Family concerns

*Below are listed some of the concerns faced by families with youth. Please indicate how strong each concern is felt by your family by circling:*

**1 = no concern, 2 = minor concern, 3 = major concern**

1.	scheduling hassles	1	2	3
2.	balancing school, home, and work	1	2	3
3.	lack of time together as family	1	2	3
4.	poor communication	1	2	3
5.	parental separation/divorce/remarriage	1	2	3
6.	problems with family finances	1	2	3
7.	making realistic rules and expectations	1	2	3
8.	participation in Mass/parish programs	1	2	3
9.	substance abuse: alcohol	1	2	3
10.	substance abuse: drugs	1	2	3
11.	making moral decisions	1	2	3
12.	on moral issues: sexuality	1	2	3
13.	getting along with siblings	1	2	3
14.	living a faithful life	1	2	3
15.	prayer	1	2	3
16.	tension between racial or ethnic groups	1	2	3
17.	sharing time in service to others	1	2	3
18.	balancing family and community commitments	1	2	3

Other:

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## Availability

Would you be interested in being a leader or helping out at youth events?

- Leader     Other support role     Both

When would be the best time for you to take part in activities?

- Sunday Afternoon                       Wednesday Evening  
 Sunday Evening                             Thursday Evening  
 Monday Evening                             Friday Evening  
 Tuesday Evening                             Saturday Evening

How often would you be interested in participating in parent programs, parent-teen programs or family programs? (Check all that apply.)

- Every other week                             Once a Month  
 Weekly for 3-4 weeks                         Overnight or weekend program  
 Weekly for 5-6 weeks                         Occasionally