

Teens Conversation

Experience of Girls Friendly Society in Australia - it feels great with 260 people all filled with the spirit and supporting each other.

Who Jesus is to you and is it important to be part of the church? Going to church helps to keep the connection with Jesus surrounded by people who all have a relationship with Jesus.

Go to a Catholic school and have difficulty standing up and voicing our opinion. Jesus is our support when we have to act in ways that are challenging, like expressing ourselves against injustice.

Get a chance to reinforce personal beliefs when confronted by other institutions. Know what we believe when compared to other denominations.

Jesus is a friend that always gives, and we give back by sharing the word and doing what he wants.

Jesus is our sounding board. We can get mad at God, and he's okay with that. Jesus isn't the one causing things but he can allow you to be mad.

The congregation keeps me grounded and I can find someone to talk to when it gets tough.

We are the voice of the church now. We need to be empower.

There isn't much communications directly to the kids in ways that they best communicate.

Teens spend a lot of time on social media, and that's a great way to reach out. Use the social media to call together but then meet face to face.

Super busy in life. People may be afraid to associate with religion because the reputation they have. The Episcopal church needs to be witnessed to so that we can be a voice of reason.

It may be that you don't want to really get up to go to church but once you get there you get to be in the moment.

There is a calmness that comes over us when we get to church that doesn't happen during the week.

Convention - we are very traditional in our thoughts. There are some younger serving this year. This needs to happen more often, encouraging participation of everyone.

Jubilee centers - they are all independent and not really supporting each other. How can other parishes connect to support?

We fail to make those connections with churches right in our area. Find out what is going on in their church that is different and share what we do to do things with each other.

We don't advertise enough about what we are doing.

If you want to go fast go alone. If you want to go successfully, go together.

Friends in school come and go, but friends made in church last forever.

Once kids go to college, we lose them. The priests can facilitate a connection with the place where people are moving, or where young people are going to college.

Our Rectors need to cultivate a relationship with our kids before they go off to college. If teens know they can contact the clergy when they need to it helps them feel engaged even if they are away.