

Bulletin Announcements

Positive Friends for Teenagers

Have you been praying that your teenager will resist the many destructive influences that are pervasive in youth culture? Wouldn't it be great if you could insulate them in a positive peer group that supports them in making good decisions! YDisciple brings together the most powerful influences in adolescent development: parents, peers and mentors. If you are interested in having your teenager involved in a small group come to an informational meeting ...

Attention Parents!

Did you know that the overwhelming majority of young adult Catholics abandon their faith in college? Come to an informational meeting and learn how you can help your teenager build a faith that perseveres into their adult lives.

Parents of Teenagers!

Did you know that we as adults often overlook the fundamental needs that are unique to adolescence in our efforts to do what we think is best for our kids? Come to an informational meeting on the Five Driving Needs of Teenagers and hear how our parish can help you meet those needs.

Raising Healthy Teenagers!

Did you know that a caring adult mentor, a small group of supportive peers, and encouraging parents who open their homes and offer hospitality is a proven method of raising healthy teenagers! Interested in hearing more? Come to an informational meeting about YDisciple on

Pope Francis' Message to Parents of Teenagers!

"Young people often fail to find responses to their concerns, needs, problems and hurts in the usual structures." **Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel, 105**

Attention Parents ... our parish is implementing a proven method of mentoring and small group that responds to the needs of teenagers. Come to an informational meeting about YDisciple and hear what you can do to create an environment for your teenager to thrive!

Pulpit Announcement

I would like to begin by sharing with you a true success story of a young man named Nathan from Centennial, CO.

"In high school I had transferred schools and was in desperate need of new friends and guidance. Fortunately, my parish offered an opportunity for me to join a small discipleship group with an adult leader and 4 other teenage guys. Jim, my adult leader, became a mentor to me and was a much needed example of holiness that I could seek to imitate. Our group developed a level of honesty that enabled us to talk about real issues going on in our lives. We held each other accountable and built a brotherhood that still remains today. As a Catholic young adult, Jesus continues to be the center of my life and I am so grateful for Jim and the guys who helped set me on the right path."

You might ask, what in particular makes this a success story. To begin, Nathan did not become one of the 80% of young adult Catholics who abandon their faith in college. On the contrary, Nathan's faith and sense of purpose only grew deeper in his college years even to the point of sincerely discerning the priesthood. Secondly, Nathan was able to resist many of the temptations prevalent in college and find a strong group of friends who were committed to bringing the best out of one another. Finally, Nathan has a clear sense of mission as he prepares to be a faithful husband and father and for a career in classical education.

As parents, it is our responsibility to launch our children out of the home with faith and a sense of purpose. However, given the uniqueness of adolescence, we often need the help of other caring adults to assist us in this responsibility. Our parish wants to help and that is why we have started small discipleship groups using YDisciple. YDisciple connects your son or daughter with adult mentors and a small group of supportive peers. YDisciple creates an environment where your teen is understood, has a sense of belonging, can be open about their thoughts and feelings, can have meaningful dialogue about topics of the faith and life, and can receive guidance in becoming an adult themselves. YDisciple believes that teenagers don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Therefore, in YDisciple the faith is caught more so than taught. In many ways, the direction of their future begins in their adolescence. Let's do all we can to set them on the right path. If you would like to learn more about YDisciple, please plan to attend one of the informational meetings that will be held on. . .