

Stewardship Networking Group

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

July Stewardship Networking Meeting – NOTES

Stepping Up & Letting Go/Bridging the Generation Gap

THANK YOU, St Luke for hosting our meeting and to the 10 parishes who attended. Thanks to Salisha, the Campus Minister, Catholic Newman Center @ University of Houston, who gave a most spiritual, energetic and uplifting presentation on inviting young adults into parish ministry. Below are condensed notes on the topic from our speaker, Salisha Miller, at the meeting.

How to get Young Adults involved in Ministry?

Begin in Prayer – Litany of Trust and pray to the Holy Spirit. Use prayer events, such as novenas and invite all to pray for the Holy Spirit to respond to the needs and desires to engage our young adults.

TWO TRUTHS OF ALL PERSONS

Every human person wants two things: **to be known and to be loved**. The Baltimore Catechism defined the meaning of life as this: to know, to love and serve God in this life so that we can be happy with Him in the next. Your task is to know and love people in Christ Jesus.

TWO TRUTHS OF COMMUNITY

Every human community is centered on two realities: **the sense of belonging and the opportunity to contribute**. Our task is to know and love all those in our groups and ministries, and when we do this effectively, we have created **BELONGING**. But now we have to let them know and love others, or else they will remain infants and not mature to the full stature of Christ. **Contribution** increases belonging.

How are we getting to know and love the young adults in our community?

How are we creating a culture of belonging, honor and providing opportunities to contribute?

Ask and Invite a young adult to respond to the needs at hand.

Key is to find 2-3 leaders to cast vision, move ministry forward and develop other leaders coming into the ministry.

Examples of current thriving young adult groups at parishes: Pastor investment in young adults – Fr. Victor at St. Joseph and SAYA that has officers/leaders running their Spiritual, Service, Social and Intermural Sports and Play groups within their young adult community. Café Catholica every summer.

Ideas to begin:

Host a young adult social gathering with food just to spend time and get to know them and their interests. Can weave in a small teaching on prayer, bible verse.

Ask young adults to serve and help with parish needs like lectors, servers, greeters, ushers. – beautiful invitation to ask some of long term volunteers to mentor and encourager for young adults coming in

Ideally bringing in bible studies, TOB, Socials, like dancing or hiking what interests do young adults have and serving the community and parish.

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Next meeting: Sept 14, 2023 Accountability & Transparency with Parishioners, Ron Scovoda, presenter, (St Ignatius)



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