

Summary

Called to Minister, Youth Past

17. Describe a time when the presence of youth in parish life most impressed and inspired you. What were they doing? What most impressed you?

The most common statement was seeing the kids work the fish dinners. One parishioner said, *"Helping out at the fish dinners and other dinners and breakfasts. Impressed with their willingness to get involved and give up their Friday nights."*

Several persons said *"Youth Conference."* One said *"World Youth Day - when chaperoning and watching our youth mingle with the others."* Others commented on *"being in church with young people at First Communion."* Another commented on *"Confirmation, preparations and banners were obviously inspiring, but the hope and grace that filled their hearts and souls were so evident."*

Called to Minister, Youth Future

18. In what new ways could our youth be more fully present with us in deepening our faith and serving others?

There were many ideas given for the youth and their involvement in the parish. The most common suggestion was *"More youth involvement during the Mass..."* Several people recommended, *"Having the kids more involved in the Mass-readers, ushers, etc."* One person suggested a youth Mass.

Several people suggested *"hire a youth coordinator to have events on the level of the youth today."* Other suggestions were to bring back the youth group. *"Have a volunteer who could institute this program, Appreciative Inquiry, for the young adults/youth. Let the youth tell us what they need."*

One parishioner recommended, *"To have maybe more possibilities for community service that could be worked in, given sports time and school activities-talk to parents about this."* Another recommendation, *"Take a STM/SFC group or two in LEAF type undertaking."*