

## Ideas for Youth Ambassador Local Parish Commissioning- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018

### Templates for all Items Are Provided in the Following Pages

- **Bulletin/Newsletter Feature:** One paragraph (provided in the template) that describes what the Youth Ambassador role is. A second paragraph introduces the specific youth Ambassador to the Parish. (If they are already a well known person, it could be a paragraph from the Ambassador about their personal reasons for taking on the role.)
- **Prayers of the Faithful:** A specific prayer for the Youth Ambassador of the Parish, and all of the new Youth Ambassadors of the Archdiocese.
- **Sharing:** After homily/communion the Youth Ambassador could share for 2-3 minutes about what they hope to offer the parish. If this person really isn't comfortable speaking in this setting then the Priest could give the same sharing about the Youth Ambassador.
- **Badge Blessing:** The Youth Ambassador badge will already have been blessed at the Archdiocese Commissioning, however this could be blessed again by the Parish priest at a suitable point in the Mass.
- **Poster:** much like the "Safeguarding Officer" posters, a Youth Ambassador poster could be placed in the Church foyer (so that Parishioners are aware that the role exists).
- **Video:** A video (1-2 mins) showing Archdiocese highlights of the 'Year of Youth' could be played at all masses on the weekend, perhaps with the end of the video referencing the new Youth Ambassadors (in the video the Archbishop could thank everybody for the Year of Youth involvement and wish the Youth Ambassadors well for the forthcoming year).
- **Social Gathering:** a special morning tea / supper / dinner / lunch could be held after one of the masses to celebrate the commencement of the Youth Ambassador in their role.
- **School Notice:** A version of the parish bulletin notice can be published in associated school newsletters to make the Youth Ambassador known to the wider local community.

## Parish Bulletin / Newsletter Article

### PARISH YOUTH AMBASSADOR

As the Year of Youth comes to an end the Archdiocese of Perth is commencing new initiatives to ensure the involvement of young people in the Church for many years to come. All parishes have been encouraged to appoint a 'Youth Ambassador.' This person won't necessarily coordinate youth activities, but will advocate for youth engagement in the Church. The Youth Ambassador will help make decisions that affect young people, and represent the youth of the parish at some diocesan gatherings. Across all parishes, Youth Ambassadors will undertake their role for one year, after which there may be a renewal or a hand-over.

On 11<sup>th</sup> November the new Youth Ambassadors from across Perth gathered for a special commissioning Mass with Archbishop Costelloe, and were each presented with their official gold colored badge. Our parish Youth Ambassador is \_\_\_\_\_. We sincerely thank \_\_\_\_\_ for taking on this role and contributing to our parish in this way. If you have suggestions, ideas or questions regarding the way we embrace young people in our parish \_\_\_\_\_ would be a great person for you to speak to. The ideal way to contact \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Prayers of the Faithful

*Following the normal/other prayers, the following 2 prayers can be added:*

As the Year of Youth draws to a close, we pray that God would continue to provide new horizons for us to spread joy and embrace the role of young people in the Church. **Lord hear us**

We pray for our new Youth Ambassador \_\_\_\_\_. Be with \_\_\_\_\_ as he/she undertakes the important role of advocating for the youth of our parish. Help him/her to discern, guide, discuss, and lift up the young people around us. **Lord hear us**



### Sharing After Homily / Communion- Template

*After homily/communion the Youth Ambassador could share for 2-3 minutes about what they hope to offer the parish. If this person really isn't comfortable speaking in this setting then the Priest could give the same sharing about the Youth Ambassador.*

Good morning/evening everyone. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am delighted to have been asked by \_\_\_\_\_ to be the Youth Ambassador for our parish.

As the Year of Youth comes to an end the Archdiocese of Perth is commencing new initiatives to ensure the involvement of young people in the Church for many years to come. All parishes have been encouraged to appoint a 'Youth Ambassador.' My role isn't necessarily coordinate youth activities, but rather to advocate for youth engagement in the Church. My role will be to help make decisions that affect young people, and represent the youth of the parish at some diocesan gatherings. Across all parishes, Youth Ambassadors will undertake their role for one year, after which there may be a renewal or a hand-over.

When I was asked to take on this role my initial reaction was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I agreed to take on this role for the next year because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am most excited that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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If you have suggestions, ideas or questions regarding the way we embrace young people in our parish please feel free to speak to me at any time. You can come up to me and chat in person, or my contact details are in the newsletter this week at the end of the notice about this new Youth Ambassador position.

My role isn't to run around doing all kinds of activities, but I look forward to getting started and doing what I can to advocate for all of the wonderful young people in our parish.

Thank you.

## **Badge Blessing**

*The Youth Ambassador badge will already have been blessed at the Archdiocese Commissioning, however this could be blessed again by the Parish priest at a suitable point in the Mass. Suggested wording is below.*

Heavenly Father, you provide us with many wonderful symbols on our journey of faith.  
May this badge be a symbol of the shining light that young people are within our parish community.  
As \_\_\_\_\_ our Youth Ambassador wears this badge, may it be a reminder of your Holy Spirit with them in their service.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **School Newsletter Notice**

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## **Template for Poster**

\*will send through electronic copies to your emails.