



Auxiliary Bishop of Perth

19 October 2018

Dear Father

Closing of Year of Youth and towards Australian Catholic Youth Festival

This year, the 'Year of Youth' is about calling on the Church to actively engage with young people, with the theme of "Opening new horizons for spreading joy: Young people, Faith and Vocational Discernment". As the Year of Youth comes to an end on the 25th of November, it is my hope to see ongoing and sustainable efforts to raise the profile and to continue to advocate for young people's engagement in the life of the Church.

To ensure that these good works continue beyond the Year of Youth, I highly encourage each parish, regardless of the lack of youth attendance, to nominate one or two Youth Ambassadors to represent the parish and your young people. Their main role is to promote youth ministry and engagement in the life of the parish and Archdiocese.

It is important to note also that the Youth Ambassador is not necessarily a Youth Leader or Youth Minister, nor do they need to be a young person. The Youth Ambassador is one who advocates and champions the cause of youth ministry in the parish, especially with the Australian Catholic Youth Festival being hosted in Perth in Dec 8-10, 2019. (Refer to attachment for more a Role Description)

Parishes that currently do not have youth activities or a youth group are strongly encouraged to appoint a Youth Ambassador as a first step towards youth engagement.

Parishes that have elected Youth Ambassadors are encouraged to send the names and contact details of their ambassador/s to Catholic Youth Ministry office: cym@perthcatholic.org.au by the 31st of October 2015.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Bishop Donald Sproxton VG
Auxiliary Bishop

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To assist in the process of identifying and appointing a Youth Ambassador this document outlines the possible role for the Youth Ambassador.

Role Description of a Parish Youth Ambassador

1. Youth Ambassador should have a passion to advocate for the engagement of young people in the life of the parish.
2. Youth Ambassador may be a member of the parish council to represent the young people of the parish.
3. Youth Ambassador should support the work of those involved in youth ministry within the life of the parish but need not necessarily be actively involved.
4. Youth Ambassador would represent the parish, youth workers and youth at diocesan meetings or events or send a delegate.
5. Youth Ambassador role should be appointed for 12 months, renewable.
6. Youth Ambassador should have some experience dealing with councils, parish priest and parents.