

"Images of Youth, Challenges of Youth"

Factors contributing to the situation of young people today:

- * cultural isolation
- * many parents are wounded adults
- * children are alone and isolated
- * parents increasingly raise children alone
- * children have less contact with adults
- * high school drop outs and teen single parents are neither good role models nor good parents
- * children are not safe
- * we view youth as troubled
- * income disparity

Images of young people:

- * cornucopia kids
- * playing with matches
- * terminally ill
- * poor in spirit
- * resilient survivors
- * searchers
- * disciples
- * prophets

Challenges:

- * Proclaim the Good News ... and proclaim it again
- * Connect young people to the faith community
- * Challenge young people to become disciples
- * Give young people the opportunity to serve
- * Collaborate with those institutions that can communicate value and caring
- * Minister to young people within their context: Family