

Parents of Teens Survey

Please indicate the age of your teenager(s), grade level, and school below:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Part 1. Expectations for Relig

To assist us in developing programs which address your expectations as well as your young people, please identify your most- important goals for youth ministry by circling five items.

- 1. To help young people feel like a valued part of the church.
- 2. To provide a community for young people where they can develop meaningful relationships with other youth and adult leaders.
- 3. To help young people develop a deeper appreciation of the meaning of Jesus for their lives.
- 4. To help young people develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- 5. To help young people develop a better understanding of the Bible and what it means to us today.
- 6. To assist young people in developing an appreciation for what is unique about the Catholic faith.
- 7. To teach young people how to make moral decisions based on Catholic Christian values.
- 8. To assist young people in forming a responsible Catholic Christian approach in sexual matters.
- 9. To assist young people in developing a healthy self-concept.
- 10. To provide youth with guidance as they face personal, spiritual, and vocational decisions.
- 11. To provide appropriate support and guidance for youth during times of stress and crisis.
- 12. To involve young people in reaching out to serve people in need in the commUnity.
- 13. To foster the spiritual growth of young people through liturgies and prayer experiences.
- 14. To teach young people to pray.
- 15. To understand the place of the sacraments in the Christian life.
- 16. To involve youth in leadership.
- 17. To foster healing and reconciliation in young people's lives and relationships.
- 18. To help youth develop a better understanding of their parents and to learn how to communicate better with them.

Part 2. Family Concerns

These are listed some of the concerns faced by families with teens. Tell us how strong each concern is felt by your family by circling: 1 = no concern, 2 = minor concern, 3 = major concern.

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| 1. scheduling hassles | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 2. balancing school, home, and work | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 3. lack of time together as family | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4. poor communication | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 5. parents separation/ divorce/ remarry | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 6. problems with family finances | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 7. making realistic rules & expectations | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 8. participation in Mass/parish program | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 9. substance abuse: alcohol | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 10. substance abuse: drugs | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 11. making moral decisions | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 12. on moral issues: sexuality | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 13. getting along with siblings | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 14. living a faithful life | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 15. prayer | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 16. tension bet. racial or ethnic groups | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 17. sharing time in service to others | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 18. balancing family and community commitments | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Other: _____

Part 3. Program Interest

If Relig sponsored programs in these areas, which would you consider attending? (Mark as many as you like.)

- Understanding adolescent growth
- Understanding adolescent faith issues
- Family decision making
- Improving parent-teen communications and relationships
- Families, separation, and divorce
- Issues in the life of remarried families
- Approaches to family prayer and ritual
- Family Bible study
- Recycling religion: a refresher course for adults
- Handling questions of adolescent sexuality
- Helping youth make moral decisions
- Helping youth make school! career choices
- Adolescents, alcohol and drugs
- Mid-life issues for parents with youth
- Coping with the values of pop culture and media
- Parent/youth family nights (movies, games, etc.)
- Family social activities
- Family picnic or potluck dinners
- Family home Mass
- Neighborhood Mass for families with youth
- Evening of reflection (parents & youth)
- Evening of reflection (parents only)
- Overnight retreat (parents & youth)
- Overnight retreat (parents only)
- Resources for Advent or Lenten sharing at home
- Christmas gift sharing with a family in need
- Parish-sponsored family-oriented service projects
- Family service projects (local soup kitchen/homeless shelter or other service project)
- Family participation in local ethnic festivals/programs
- Joint family programs with ethnic parishes/community groups

Part 4. Availability

When would be the best time for you to take part in the activities listed?

- Sunday Afternoon Sunday Evening Monday Evening Tuesday Evening
- Wednesday Evening Thursday :Evening Friday Evening Saturday Evening

How often would you be interested in participating in parent programs, parent-teen programs or family programs? (Check all that apply.)

- Every other week
- Weekly for 3-4 weeks
- Weekly for 5-6 weeks
- Once a Month
- Overnight or Weekend Program
- Occasionally

Part 5. A Final Question

If you could ask for one thing from the church to help your family, what would it be?