

Diocesan Resources

available to assist your ministry to the young people of your parish.

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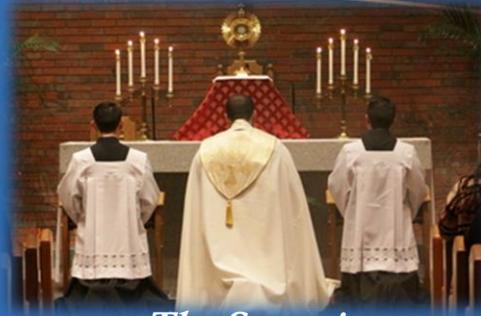
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DOPYoungAdultMinistry](http://www.facebook.com/DOPYoungAdultMinistry)

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The Summit

In preparation for the Post-Confirmation Summit, a Diocesan survey was conducted. The survey and national studies have both noted reduced participation by young people post-Confirmation. In response to the survey, Bishop Thomas Tobin convened the Summit on April 13, 2016 to address the dramatic drop-off in participation in the faith by youth and young adults after they have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Over 300 youth, young adults, parents, DRE's and youth ministers participated in the summit showing the great desire to help young people remain active and draw closer to Christ.

For more information about the Summit and its findings visit dioceseofprovidence.org/Summit



Engaging Catholic Youth and their Families After Confirmation

Findings of the
Diocese of Providence
Post-Confirmation
Summit



The Summit Seven

The Summit held on April 13, 2016 produced over 1,500 suggestions and recommendations. Below are the 7 recommendations for parish implementation that generated the most excitement among participants.



1 *Multi-Parish Activities*

It's a global world and youth don't always pay attention to parish boundaries. Increase communication, pool resources, and create more opportunities for multi-parish activities for youth.

2 *Family Involvement*

Create opportunities that involve the whole family. Parents and youth want the chance to grow in faith together. Service opportunities are a great time to allow parents and children to serve the Lord and to strengthen the bonds between themselves.



3 *Invite!!*

Youth and young adults are not always aware of the excellent programs that are happening in the parish. Don't wait for the youth to ask you what is happening in your parish. Look for new and creative ways to get the word out and invite them to come.

4 *Social Media*

Youth and young adults use technology every day. If we are going to engage them then that means meeting them where they are and using technology. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media are the way for us to communicate with them.

5 *Worship*

Focus efforts on increasing the connection and engagement of youth at Mass. Invite them as Confirmed Catholics to serve as lectors, ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.



6 *Confirmation Prep*

The time leading up to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation makes a lasting impression on youth and their decisions about future participation in the faith. Make this time the best experience for them by engaging a process that fosters and deepens a personal relationship with Christ in addition to their intellectual formation.

7 *Service Opportunities*

There are many service opportunities in the parish, the community, even internationally. Service is a key area to engage the youth, young adults, and families.