



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK FORM

### TOPIC 6A: YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)

Demographic information: Gender (circle one): [Male] [Female]  
 Age range (circle one): [<20] [20's] [30's] [40's] [50's] [60's] [70+]

### TABLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the discussion, each person is invited to share on one or two of the following questions:

- What stood out to you in our time of prayer or in the teaching?
- Thinking back on your middle school and high school years, did you have an experience that helped you know and love Jesus (or comment on your child's experience). Please share a little about the experience.
- What can our parishes and schools, in partnership with parents, do to help our youth (grades 6-12) know and love Jesus?

### IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION

These ideas are provided to help you get started in your discussion and to provide a framework to give feedback.

Note: Ideas A – F are the same as topic 5B, adjusted for this age group. Ideas G – K are new ideas.

- A) **Formation of Leaders, Catechists and Teachers:** Identify, invite, form and equip leaders to provide an authentic, credible, and effective witness of the faith.
- B) **Pastor Encouragement and Involvement:** Provide witness of visible and active involvement by pastors and clergy in parish faith formation and Catholic schools.
- C) **Comprehensive Faith Formation:** Partner with parents to teach the Catholic faith in its entirety (creed, sacraments, moral life, prayer and service).
- D) **Confirmation:** Collaborate with parents to provide a meaningful and fruitful experience as their youth prepare for and receive confirmation.
- E) **Prayer:** Give youth a variety of prayer experiences, helping them find their own personal relationship with Jesus through prayer.
- F) **Faith-building Events and Experiences:** Provide families with opportunities to encounter and foster a relationship with Jesus (retreats, Extreme Faith Camp, NET, world and local youth days, mission trips, vocational discernment opportunities).
- G) **Leadership Roles in the Parish:** Help youth personalize the faith for themselves and begin to take leadership roles in their parish, school, and community.
- H) **Evangelization and Service Initiatives:** Provide opportunities and encourage youth to take initiative on evangelization, service, and advocacy initiatives.
- I) **Navigating Cultural Challenges:** Provide tools for youth to make wise decisions rooted in the teachings of the Church (social media, human sexuality, sanctity of life, faith and science).
- J) **Adult Witnesses:** Facilitate a connection with adults who support, mentor and are witnesses of the faith.
- K) **Small Groups / Discipleship:** Offer the opportunity for youth to gather in small groups, with peers and adult mentors, to walk together as they grow in discipleship.

## FEEDBACK FORM – TOPIC 6A (YOUTH MINISTRY Grades 6-12)

Consider the question: What can our parishes and schools, in partnership with parents, do to help our youth (grades 6-12) know and love Jesus?

**I. Top 3 things that have worked for me:**

(To answer, please write up to three letters representing ideas from the list above.)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Top 3 things the parish or Archdiocese should prioritize in the future:**

(To answer, please write up to three letters representing ideas from the list above. Your responses may be the same or different from those in section I.)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

**III. My best idea: \_\_\_\_\_**

(Up to 20 words)