

Key Concepts in Fostering the Generosity of Youth in the Parish

Key #1 Commit to the well-being of others, society and the world

The parish sees giving and serving as part of its commitment to its neighbors, nation and the world.

- Parish models a commitment to the well being of others.
- Parish leadership models the commitment to giving and serving in their own lives.
- Parish leadership engages in Public Policy issues on a regular basis.
- Parish leadership encourages young people to think critically about their faith and the world
- Parish leadership encourages young people to see others as our brothers and sisters?

Key #2 Cherish children and youth

The parish values young people and helps them know that they are important members of the faith community.

- The parish values the contribution of young people.
- The parish welcomes and respects young people.
- The parish is “Youth Friendly”.
- The parish encourages useful roles in the community events.
- The parish recognizes and supports the ways young people contribute to the parish in an age appropriate way.
- The parish understands the importance of ministry to, by, for and with youth.
- The parish has a comprehensive approach to nurturing children and youth and does engage them in parish life.

Key #3 Connect to faith and traditions

The parish’s commitments to giving and serving are grounded in Scripture, teachings, traditions and identity.

- The parish offers quality religious education experiences for people of all ages.
- Adults, youth and children have opportunities to learn about giving and serving in the context of Scripture and church teaching.
- Young people have opportunities to reflect on giving and serving within the context of their faith.
- The parish exemplifies giving and serving within the parish’s culture, rituals and traditions?

Key #4 Establish norms and expectations

Giving and serving are given ongoing emphasis in parish life.

- Parish leadership articulates a commitment to giving and serving for all ages throughout the year.
- People of all ages understand the expectation to give and to serve.
- Parish leadership displays reminders of giving and serving prominently.
- The young people inspire parishioners to give and to serve.

Key #5 Provide opportunities for youth to practice giving.

The parish is intentional in planning, encouraging and supporting young people’s financial giving.

- The parish catechizes young people in making faithful, responsible choices about money.
- Young people are involved in the decision making process for giving.
- Young people are encouraged and guided in their giving.
- Emphasis is placed on the habit of giving, not the amount given.
- Young people see the tangible results from their giving.
- Young people have the opportunity to talk about their financial giving.

Key #6 Provide opportunities for youth to practice serving

The parish is intentional in planning, encouraging and supporting young people's involvement in serving others.

- The parish involves young people in planning and leading service activities
- The parish offers ongoing service opportunities for young people in the parish? Service opportunities dovetail with "adult" opportunities.
- Young people prepare for and process their service involvement.
- Young people's service is recognized, affirmed and celebrated by the entire parish.

Key # 7 Support families

The parish supports and equips parents in their efforts to encourage their children to give and serve.

- Parish leaders encourage parents to nurture generosity in their teens.
- The parish integrates a family perspective into giving and serving events.
- The parish equips parents (through support, education and resources) to inspire their children to give and serve in their community.
- The parish offers opportunities for family service.

Key #8 Connect generations

Opportunities for giving and serving build bridges between young people and other generations in the community of faith.

- Adults in the parish understand their responsibility to nurture, guide and care for the young people in their community.
- Adults in your parish are role models for giving and serving in your community.
- The parish offers opportunities for all generations of your parish to give and serve together.