

## **Consultation and Discussion**

- Members of the Young Catholic Think Tank offer support to parishes implementing one of the Young Catholic initiatives. This support ranges from informal discussions to more formal consultations, depending on the needs and desires of the Parish. Additionally, team members have experience with the various resources below - please contact us if you'd like additional information. Please contact team moderator Lorenza Pastrick at [lpastrick@bishopnoll.org](mailto:lpastrick@bishopnoll.org) to begin the discussion.

## **Websites - Organizations**

- Diocese of Gary Youth and Young Adult Website - THE go to website for the most current information about Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of Gary. <http://www.garyoyya.com/>
- Busted Halo - An website with extensive resources for young adult Catholics. <http://bustedhalo.com/>
- Blessed Is She - A website created by and focused on Catholic women. A good website for women of all ages. <https://blessedisshenet.net/>
- Amazing Parish Conference - Website and conference program built around two books for revisioning the Catholic Parish - *Rebuilt* and *Divine Renovation*. <https://amazingparish.org/>
- FORMED - A website with extensive resources - books, videos, etc. Offered by subscription to parishes. <https://formed.org/>
- Focus - The website for a program of Campus Ministry for colleges. <https://www.focus.org/> The associated website for students has a number of resources available that may be helpful in young adult ministry. <https://focusoncampus.org>
- Endow - A website and program whose goal is to "To be the Catholic voice and home for all women, helping them to become the best version of themselves – living vessels of Christ to the world around them." <http://www.endowgroups.org/>
- Life Teen - A website and program for and about teens and teen ministry. The program is running at several parishes in the Diocese. Resources available even if you're not running a program. <https://lifeteen.com/>
- St. Mary's Press - Publisher of Bibles, books, etc. geared to youth and young adults. There's an extensive resource section on the website. <https://www.smp.org/resourcecenter/>
- Bluefish TV/RightNow Media - A large collection of videos and programs for Christian high school aged people. Prices for resources vary. <https://www.rightnowmedia.org>

- Bulldog Catholic - A website of the Catholic Community of the University of Minnesota Duluth. Hosts many homilies by Fr. Mike Schmitz and other resources. <https://bulldogcatholic.org/>
- Real Life Catholic - A website by Chris Stefanick hosting many resources for engaging and growing the Catholic Faith. Highly recommended. <http://reallifecatholic.com/>
- St. Andrew Missionaries - An organization that provides consulting and coaching in youth ministry for parishes and organizations. <http://standrewmissionaries.org/>
- Ascension Press - An organization that offers books, video and other resources for growing the Faith in teens and young adults. Some specific offerings are found elsewhere in these resources. <https://ascensionpress.com/>
- The Newman Connection - An organization sponsoring Catholic college ministry. Resources available not just for college but all young adults. <http://www.newmanconnection.com/>
- Youthministry.com - A website offering many resources for youth ministry. Some are free, some paid. <https://youthministry.com/>
- Forming Intentional Disciples Facebook Forum - A forum to explore best practices built around the book *Forming Intentional Disciples*. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/436537336408999/>
- Rebuilt Website - A website with resources to facilitate the suggestions in the book *Rebuilt*. <http://rebuiltparish.com/>
- Archdiocese of Indianapolis Youth Ministry Page - From the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Some of the resources might be helpful to parishes in the Gary Diocese. <http://www.archindyym.com/>
- Archdiocese of Indianapolis Young Adult Page - From the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Some of the resources might be helpful to parishes in the Gary Diocese. <http://www.indycatholic.org/>
- National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry - Perhaps the premier Catholic Youth Ministry organization in the United States. Many resources - some for members only. <http://www.nfcym.org/>
- NCYC - Website for the largest gathering of Catholic youth in the United States. <http://www.nfcym.org/ncyc1/>

## Programs

- Alpha - an ecumenical program for exploring the Christian Faith. The program consists of meal, presentation and discussion spread over a number of weeks. <https://alphausa.org/about/>
- Altaration - A program for teens and young adults exploring the Catholic Mass presented by Ascension Press. <https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/chosen/teen-mass>
- Letter to Women -From Endow - a study guide focuses on JP II's Letter to Women. <https://store.endowonline.org/aileen-blachowski-p4168.aspx>
- That One Girl - A book from Lifeteen that perfect for small groups our individual reading. Focuses on Mary as model. <https://shop.lifeteen.com/collections/books/products/that-one-girl>
- One Eight Confirmation Program - A Confirmation program from Life Teen. <https://shop.lifeteen.com/collections/youth-ministry/products/one-eight-confirmation-program>
- Decision Point - A Confirmation program from Matthew Kelly built around the decision that one has to make in life. Videos and book - the program is offered to parishes at extremely reasonable prices. <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation>
- Chosen - A Confirmation program from Ascension Press consisting of videos and book. <https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/chosen/confirmation-preparation>
- Theology of the Body - From Ascension Press this program adapts St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body into a comprehensive program. Makes use of video, books and instructor training. Available for middle schoolers - <https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/teen-chastity/middle-school-edition> Available for high schoolers - <https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/teen-chastity/you>
- Symbolon - The Augustine Institute has prepared an extensive program for faith formation. Suited for RCIA as well as general catechesis the program uses videos, along with workbook to present a comprehensive look at the Faith. <https://www.augustineinstitute.org/formed/symbolon/> Also available on FORMED and via Lighthouse Media.
- Bible Timeline - From Ascension Press presents the Bible in timeline fashion. <https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/catholic-bible-study/bible-study-resources>
- The Great Bible Study Adventure - A Bible study program from Ascension Press. <https://biblestudyforcatholics.com/>

- Exploring YOUCAT - A study program from the Newman Institute that works through the Catholic catechism for young adults - YOUCAT. <http://www.newmanconnection.com/institute/courses/exploring-youcat>
- Walking With Purpose - Several Bible study programs especially for women. <https://walkingwithpurpose.com/>
- YDisciple - A tool to aid in Youth Ministry - Available on FORMED

## **Videos**

- Anima - a video journey in Faith from Ahava Productions featuring Bishop Donald Hying. Available on FORMED and also Vimeo in a series of three videos. <https://vimeo.com/114207403>, <https://vimeo.com/116693977>, <https://vimeo.com/129395409>
- C4 - A series of videos by Bishop Donald Hying explaining some of the facets of the Catholic Faith by reference to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Prepared for the Year of Faith 2012-2013. <https://www.archmil.org/c4video/C4-series.htm>
- Echo - A series of video build around the chapters in the US Catechism for Adults by Bishop Donald Hying. <http://www.dcgary.org/echo/>
- Divine Mercy - The Greatest Story Ever Told - A video program with study guides about Divine Mercy. Available on FORMED.
- Share Jesus Lenten Campaign - From Redeemed Online a series of videos bring the Lenten experience to all ages. [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZrluGUD\\_Iy5LPTcu0kI8QA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZrluGUD_Iy5LPTcu0kI8QA)
- The Wild Goose - Introduces participants to the Holy Spirit - Available on FORMED
- NOOMA Videos - A collection of videos by Evangelical pastor Rob Bell that uniquely convey Christian thought. Excellent for older teens through adults. All but one is compatible with Catholic theology and thought (the one on Sundays). Many available on Youtube or from <https://www.christianbook.com/page/dvds/featured-dvds/nooma/nooma-downloads>

## **Music**

- Interlinc - A music streaming service featuring Christian music for meetings, gatherings, etc. Various subscription packages. <http://interlinc-online.com/>

## Books, Papers, etc.

- Rebuilt - The story of one parish as it revisions itself to better meet the needs of its core goal group. <https://www.amazon.com/Rebuilt-Awakening-Faithful-Reaching-Making/dp/1594713863>
- Divine Renovation - A guide to transforming a parish from a membership focus to discipleship. <https://www.amazon.com/Divine-Renovation-Bringing-Maintenance-Mission/dp/1627850384>
- Rebuilding Youth Ministry - A book on youth ministry strategies by Chris Wesley. <https://www.avemariapress.com/product/1-59471-576-9/Rebuilding-Youth-Ministry/>
- Discipleship Focused Youth Ministry - A book on youth ministry strategies by Jim Beckman & Eric Gallagher. <https://discipleshipym.com/book/>
- Your First Two Years in Youth Ministry - A book on youth ministry strategy by Doug Fields. <http://dougfields.com/your-first-two-years-in-youth-ministry>
- Forming Intentional Disciples - Perhaps the best known work on developing disciples rather than just members in the Catholic Church. By Sherry Weddell. <https://www.osv.com/Shop/Product?ProductCode=T1286>
- Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples - A follow-up to the book *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddell. <https://www.osv.com/Shop/Product?ProductCode=T1641>
- Fruitful Discipleship - A book on Church vision by Sherry Weddell. <https://www.osv.com/Shop/Product?ProductCode=T1734>
- The Elephant in the Youth Room - A book about youth ministry and issues that present themselves to youth ministers by Jim Chesnes & Kevin Driscoll. [https://www.amazon.com/Elephant-Youth-Room-Jim-Chesnes/dp/0982976259/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1518610013&sr=1-3&dpID=51SnbsjBAPL&preST= SY344 BO1,204,203,200 QL70 &dpSrc=srch](https://www.amazon.com/Elephant-Youth-Room-Jim-Chesnes/dp/0982976259/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1518610013&sr=1-3&dpID=51SnbsjBAPL&preST= SY344 BO1,204,203,200 QL70 &dpSrc=srch)
- Church Life Journal - From the McGrath Institute for Church Life - Notre Dame. A wide range of essays and articles about various aspects of Church life - much with a young adult focus. <http://churchlife.nd.edu/>
- Nourishing the Imaginations of the Young Church - A paper by Megan Shepherd. <http://churchlife.nd.edu/2017/06/07/nourishing-the-imaginations-of-the-young-church/>
- Celebrating the Easter Season, Part 5: Young Adults - A paper by Scott Boyle. <http://churchlife.nd.edu/2017/04/27/celebrating-the-easter-season-part-5-young-adults/>