

## **Books**

- *Purpose Driven Youth Ministry*, Doug Fields: This book is a fantastic resource for youth ministers looking to revamp or start up an engaging program. Packed with useful information and practical tips.
- *Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry*, Thomas East: Here's where you'll find the vision, theological foundations, and pastoral practice of Catholic youth ministry.
- *Rebuilding Youth Ministry*, Chris Wesley: Ten indispensable strategies to help you make your youth programs just as successful. From the same people behind "Rebuilt," a massively popular book on parish renewal.
- *Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons? And 199 Other Questions from Catholic Teenagers* This is a good Q&A style book that covers a host of questions that people may have about the Catholic faith, from silly questions to quite serious ones. The answers are clear and reference Scripture. (by Matthew Pinto): This book provides an excellent pep-talk to reinvigorate disengaged Catholics.

## **Parish Programs**

### *Alpha Youth*

- Alpha is a very successful program, spread all over the world. While not specifically Catholic it does an excellent job presenting the Kerygma in an engaging way. Participants share a meal, watch a brief film, and then break into small groups to discuss. This program, targeted specifically for teens, is particularly effective at reaching those on the margins. [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org)

### *Lifeteen*

- Lifeteen provides parishes with a vast amount of resources and support. They also offer amazing summer camps, conferences, and events regularly. Their website has tons of free blogs and other online resources, and for a yearly subscription fee you can receive excellent curriculums and other resources, along with consulting.

### *Steubenville Conferences*

- These conferences, held all around the country over the summer, provide teens with a life-changing opportunity to encounter Christ. Dynamic, engaging, and contemporary. [www.steubenvilleconferences.com/youth](http://www.steubenvilleconferences.com/youth)

### *Catholic Heart Work Camps*

- These camps give teens an opportunity to serve a community while also growing in prayer and fellowship. [www.heartworkcamp.com](http://www.heartworkcamp.com)

### *YDisciple*

- Great materials for teen small groups. Included with a FORMED subscription. <https://www.augustineinstitute.org/ydisciple-faqs/>