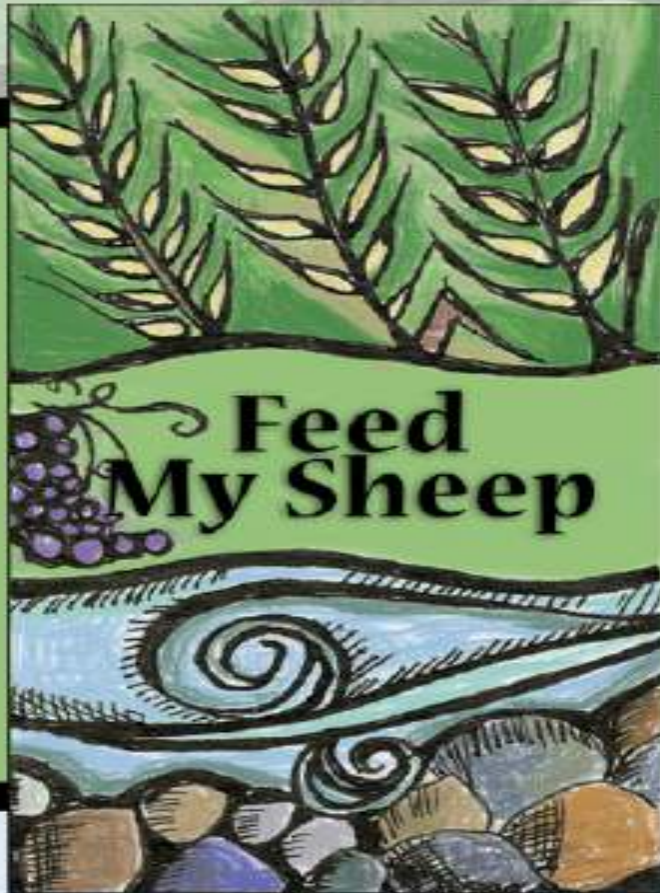


Comprehensive Youth Ministry

Corpus Christi Parish

Portsmouth, NH



**Feed
My Sheep**

Nourishing
Disciples:
A Pastoral Plan
for Catechesis

A Vision of Youth Ministry

- Introduced by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in September 1976.
- Defined Youth Ministry as:
“the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth within a larger community.”

Renewing the Vision

Youth Ministry ... happens comprehensively

Youth ministry is more than programs and events.

To be most effective, this is a ministry to, with, by, and for young people that involves their families, their parish community, and the larger community. At the heart of ministry with young people is the presence of caring, supportive relationships where youth experience the Good News in the flesh.

(discip<http://www.nfcym.org/resources>)

The Three Goals of Youth Ministry



Renewing the Vision

Goal One

To empower
young people to
live as disciples
of Jesus Christ
in our world
today.



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Goal Two

To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.



Renewing the Vision

Goal Three

To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each person.



Components of Youth Ministry

The response to young peoples' personal and spiritual needs and the call to involve them in the faith community are most effectively done by establishing holistic and comprehensive programs. There are eight fundamental components described in the *Renewing the Vision (RTV)* document, which provide a framework for youth ministry.

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- **Advocacy**



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- **Prayer and Worship**



How?



Comprehensive Youth Ministry Pathway to Confirmation

Active, participating member of the parish
(attending weekly Mass)

Active member of Youth Ministry Program

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Catechetical sessions, Prayer Sessions, Service
Youth requests Sacrament of Confirmation
Recommended to Confirmation Team by
Youth Ministry Leadership Team

Active, Participating Member
of the Parish

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Catechetical Sessions - Living Our Faith

Creative, high energy video-driven youth Bible studies on the most common issues facing youth today - friends, choices, Why Jesus? and more...

Prayer Services (in addition to Mass)

Dead Theologian Society, Specialized (LIFT & E East)

Service Opportunities

Parish and Community Opportunities

Other Events/Retreat

Girls Group, Guys Group, TOB, State and Regional Opportunities (NH Youthfest, Steubenville East)

Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Preparation is a distinct portion of the catechesis component within Comprehensive Youth Ministry.

Immediate Preparation for Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation includes:

1. What Catholics Believe about the Sacraments of Initiation
2. The history of Confirmation and its Intimate Connection with Baptism
3. Decision Making
4. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
5. Jesus' Call to Discipleship
6. Affirming What We Believe as Catholics
7. The Rite and Symbols in the Celebration of Confirmation
8. Mystagogy and Lifelong Faith Formation