

Introducing the new Office of Youth and Young Adults

The statistics show that millennials are leaving the Church: 79% of people who leave the faith do so by the age of 23. Former Catholics make up 10% of the American population. It's clear we're losing a generation of Catholic leaders.

The truth of the Church stands the test of time, but our culture has become immune to it. To connect with young people today we need to inspire trust and curiosity, even with something as simple as our name.

With the support of Archbishop Chaput, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry has been renamed:

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The name was prayerfully chosen while considering the person of David and the analogy of music.

David is the warrior who slew Goliath, giving young people inspiration to face the challenges of this generation. He's also a poet and wrote the Psalms out of an authentic heart of praise, speaking deeply to the connection music can bring. Music invites, unifies, and speaks a universal language attractive to all, something important in the outreach of youth and young adult ministry.

We're going to continue offering training and support to youth ministers, producing live events, and facilitating community service, but

with a renewed commitment to creating a culture that allows for young people to have a personal encounter with Jesus.

We're moving forward with great expectations that this new and bold way of presenting the Church - attractive to the culture while retaining the fullness of truth - will allow for the Holy Spirit to move amidst this generation.

Our anthem is this:

We're calling young people back to where they belong.

We are just getting started, but follow us on social media to stay up to date on what we're doing.



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