



year of youth

OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY

Young People, Faith & Vocational Discernment



CATHOLIC YOUTH
PARRAMATTA



Dear Friends,

The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018 as a national Year of Youth. It invites the Church into prayerful discernment about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the local Church and society. It calls for dialogue and active engagement focused on the reconnection and renewal of a new generation of young people in the life of our Church.

Like the Year of Grace, this special time of focussed discernment is an invitation to all, not just young people.

There are a number of resources that the Diocese of Parramatta and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have made available to parishes to raise awareness about this important time. We invite parishes to launch the Year of Youth locally on Sunday 18th March.

An Invitation to the Year of Youth & WYD Panama

Bishop Vincent and Catholic Youth Parramatta have prepared this video resource explaining the Year of Youth and inviting young people to the next World Youth Day in Panama. We hope you might play it wherever you feel it is appropriate during mass.

Year of Youth Artwork

A beautiful piece of indigenous art was commissioned to inspire new horizons for spreading joy. It is available in a number of forms. Catholic Youth Parramatta has A4 and A3 posters that can be utilised in your community. Perhaps frame it and re-use your easels from the Year of Mercy to display it.

Prayer for Youth

A small booklet has been produced that contains the Prayer for Youth and offers reflection on the artwork, along with some guiding questions for parishes and their engagement of young people. Catholic Youth Parramatta has thousands of these available. Make this available to your community during gatherings, meetings, and in homes.

Our Local Response

A number of new initiatives have been created by Catholic Youth Parramatta to bring the Year of Youth to life in our local Church. 'Be the 7' is one resource, amongst many programs this year, that invites young people to explore further the various ways in which they might live their faith and mission in our Diocese.

Universal Prayers

A collection of universal prayers have been written for each weekend of the year. It would be wonderful to include them in your parish.

For all the best information around the Year of Youth and for alternative resources like roll-up banners for display in your Parish please visit <https://www.youth.catholic.org.au/year-of-youth>

For all local resources and information we invite you to visit our own website as well www.catholicyouthparramatta.org

Kind regards,

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