

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Youth Ministry Program

Education, Formation and Discernment Process

The Process

In 2007 the United States Bishops published *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*. This document outlines the Catholic Church's teaching on youth ministry and the components of a comprehensive youth program. As youth, parents and parish community, we will come together for the next few months to pray, to study this document, to discern the direction of our parish youth ministry program and discern our own individual gifts for this ministry. **This process will take the place of high school Religious Education classes.** Students who need to attend high school Religious Education classes in order to be confirmed in the next few years must participate.

+ Who should attend?

All high school students who need two years of Religious Education before preparing for Confirmation and their parents Parent/Guardian attendance is required. No youth may attend without an adult.
This will "count" for spring attendance at Religious Education classes.

+ Who is encouraged to attend?

Any high school student and their parent who is interested in helping to design and build our youth program Parent/Guardian attendance is required. No youth may attend without an adult.
Parents of junior high students. Junior high students are not encouraged to attend.

+ Who is invited to attend?

Any adult from our parish community who would like to help design and build our parish youth program

The Expectation

This education, formation and discernment process will replace the Monday night high school Religious Education classes. High School students who need "credit" for Religious Education are required to attend. Their parents are also required to attend.

Any other adult who is interested in being part of this process is welcome to participate. The expectation is that all participants will attend and participate in all sessions.

All high school students are encouraged to attend (with an accompanying adult).

Junior high students are not encouraged to attend.

Scheduled Monday Night Dates

+ January 28

+ February 11, 18

+ March 3, 17, 31

+ April 7, 14, 21, 28

+ May 5, 12, 19