

What will a Faith Representative have to do?



- Act as a link between parish, school and home, under the guidance of the Diocese, for a period of two years.
- Enable / support key Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry Projects and Events
- Circulate information in their parish / area regarding Youth & Young Adult Events / Pilgrimages etc.
- Attend relevant Diocesan Faith Formation Conferences and workshops.
- Where possible, the role will be linked to the Pope John Paul II Award in the parish.
- Be a part of the ongoing development of Youth & Young Adult Ministry within the diocese, particularly through their feedback / experience on the ground.
- Work collaboratively with the Parish Priest to discuss and meet the needs of young people in their parish.

Are you interested?

Contact your parish priest expressing your interest before Friday 27th January.

Those who are nominated by their parishes for the Faith Representative role will then be contacted by Nodlaig Lillis (Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Ministry Officer) with more information.

Information sessions will be held in locations around the diocese in February 2023 prior to preliminary training for Faith Representatives which will begin in March 2023.

Faith Reps will be commissioned in Autumn 2023 following a period of training / discernment in the role.

More information can be found at:

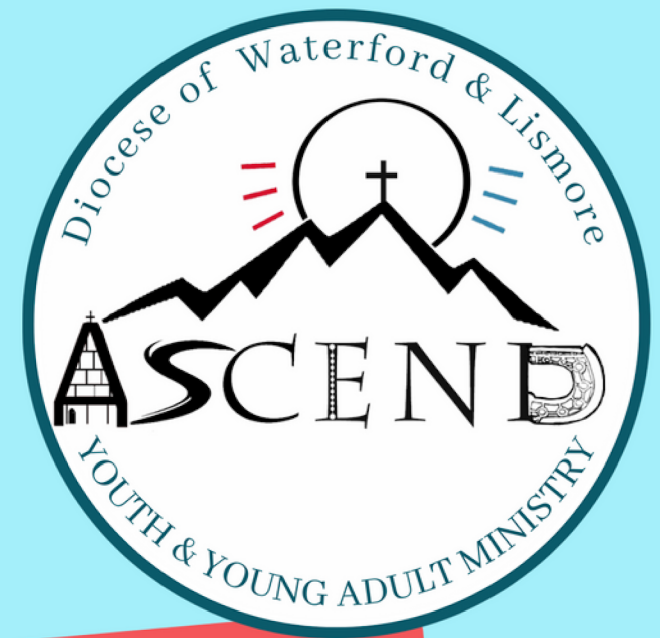
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Let us pray,

Father of Kindness, You have created the hearts of our young people to know, love and serve You. We thank You for blessing us with the privilege of intentionally walking with them on their journey of faith and offering meaningful opportunities to encounter Jesus in their lives. Jesus, grant that we may reflect

You and Your love to all we encounter. You are the Way for those who need guidance. You are the Light in the darkness for those who are lost. You are the Truth that cuts through the confusion and doubt. Holy Spirit, guide our thoughts, words, actions and intentions, that all we do may be for the greater glory of God. Mother Mary, be a mother to our youth and let them feel the warmth of your maternal embrace.

We ask this through the intercession of Saint John Paul II, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Blessed Carlo Acutis, Blessed Chiara Luce Badano, Saint Declan, Saint Carthage, Saint Otteran, Saint Ita, Our Lady of Knock, Saint Joseph and Saint John the Evangelist. Amen.



We're launching a plan... and we need your help!



Just imagine...

- A Diocese brimming with opportunities for our young people to come to know and love God.
- A Diocese filled with opportunities for our young people to explore their faith throughout the year through events, pilgrimages, retreats, etc.
- A Diocese rich in vocations.

We don't just have to imagine - it can happen!

Pope John Paul II Awards | Faith Formation | Retreats | Pilgrimages | Youth Groups | Post-Confirmation Follow-Up | Social Media | Young Adult Groups | Alpha Youth | Camino | Hikes | Weekly Newsletters & Resources | To the Heights Clubs | Vocations Promotion | REnewal Support for RE Teachers | and more...

How is it possible?

The Diocese of Waterford & Lismore is launching "Ascend: A Three-Year Strategic Plan for Youth and Young Adult Ministry". This collaborative plan focuses on intentionally walking with young people on their journey of faith and offering meaningful opportunities to encounter Jesus.

Are you excited by this prospect? Read on!

How you can help

Firstly we need your prayers for youth and young adults, and for those who minister to and serve them in faith.

Secondly, we're recruiting Diocesan Faith Representatives in our parishes to work with us in implementing the plan, and making the vision a reality.



What is a Diocesan Faith Representative?

- A parish-based volunteer whose role is to support clergy, post-primary school RE teachers, chaplains, and parents in enabling young people and young adults to form a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Support, resources and training for Faith Representatives will be provided by the diocese and parish.

Who can be a Diocesan Faith Representative?

- A practicing Catholic, over the age of 18, supported by the local Parish Priest / Curate.
- Someone who relates to young people, adheres to Diocesan Policy and Procedures, and supports the Strategic Plan. *Please note: Safeguarding training, Garda Vetting and References will be required for this position, as per Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.*
- A responsible and reliable person who can work as a member of a team.
- Ideally someone with experience in supporting their parish community already.
- Ideally a Diocesan Faith Representative would be available to support some projects during the working day, but this may not always be the case.

Examples of Diocesan Faith Representatives would be retired persons, homemakers, third level students, teachers etc.

If you are a person of faith, and feel called to support young people on their journey of faith, then this could be for you!