

YOUTH: All participants agreed – We must educate and nurture our Catholic youth to help them live their faith and continue to participate fully in the Church as they grow up. They are the future. We need to be a home, not an institution.

Social media and the internet can work for the faithful as well as against them, and that's where today's children, teens, and young adults live and communicate.

The Church needs more education that includes common sense. I have seen how my children grow in their faith through religious education and how their Hispanic heritage enriches that faith.

I think that having more activities for our children would be good. They like to participate when we have Youth Mass and that's a good way to keep them motivated.

It would be great if we could get more young people involved in music during the liturgy. A youth band, perhaps.

From high schooler: There is nothing for the youth to do in our parish. We need activities to bring us together and have fun.

From Children:

- O Attending Mass and catechism classes have helped me be better at decision making.
- O It would be great if more kids were in class.
- O The Youth Mass is the best because I really feel part of my faith and understand things better.
- O Class has helped me recognize more things during Mass (Bible stories, for example).
- O Several said they would like more field trips or doing things together not just in class.
- O I love it when Fr. Peter talks to us.
- O Learning the word of God is good for my life.
- O Crafts are a fun way to learn.
- O I like praying the rosary together.

