

## JUNE 20-21, 2020: YOUTH & CATECHESIS WEEKEND

### ➔ Did you know?: 191 Years



Our Catholic schools have provided a combined total of 191 years of Catholic education. Can you guess which school has been open longest? (answer below)

### ➔ 2,000+ Students



Last year, there were over 2,000 students enrolled in Faith Formation programs across the Archdiocese of Anchorage. Nearly 300 catechists volunteered to serve them.

### ➔ 372 + 239 Sacraments



Last year, 372 students received their First Communion, and 239 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congrats on this important part of your faith journey!

### ➔ 15% = 5 Parishes



Only 15% of our parishes (5 of them) have a full-time staff member dedicated to youth and young adult ministry. Most have part-time paid or volunteer youth ministry leaders.

### ➔ 100, 12, 80, 45, 29



Participants from our Archdiocese at each event: 100 attended the Alaska Catholic Youth Conference, 12 attended Just5Days, 80 attended World Youth Day, 45 attended a mission pre-trip in Costa Rica, and 29 attended the National Catholic Youth Conference.

ANSWER:  
St. Mary's School in Kodiak: since 1954



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2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

## A "CHURCH OF TODAY"

*"To change the world  
we must be good to those who cannot repay us."  
-Pope Francis*

Our young people are an integral part of the Church: not only "Catholics in the future," but a part of "The Church of Today."

"My son keeps his eyes and heart attuned to both the invisible and visible needs of those around him," said Kate Bazin. "I know that his school community will continuously nurture this giving spirit."

**It is our responsibility as parents and parishioners to support young people in their fledgling journeys of faith: through Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and Catholic Schools.**

"Children often observe and learn through experiences rather than just hearing or reading words," said Barbara Corso. "I love how our Catholic School makes sure to engage the whole child when teaching about being faithful."

"We as a family have learned so much about our faith and ourselves. It has required monetary sacrifice and a time commitment, but it has been priceless," said Gerianne Thorsness. "It gives me great hope."

How do you support the young people in your life, and the ministries in our Archdiocese that serve them?

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