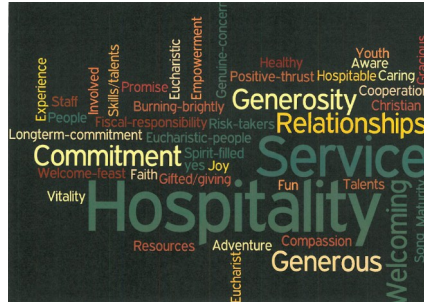


Weekly Commission Action Plans— Week 2 of 7 (May 22, 2011)

Lifting up our Parish Strengths—Youth Commission Church of St. Patrick-Edina



St. Patrick's has programming for people from the time they're born until the day that they die. As a parish, we should be extremely proud of this. It's rare within our Archdiocese and it reflects this parish's commitment to its members' life-long spiritual growth. **As a Youth Commission** we focus on people ages 12 - 30.

SUNDAY AS SUMMIT

It's always been a challenge to get young people to mass. There are innumerable distractions in our world, and it seems sometimes that the more we are plugged in the more we miss. At the same time, we as a parish need to continue to evaluate ways in which we can be more relevant to the youth, young adults, and young families.

As a Youth Commission one step we're taking is to introduce contemporary music to the Saturday liturgy twice a month starting this fall.

GREATER / DEEPER INVOLVEMENT

We can look at the difference we're making in people's lives and want to pat ourselves on the back. However, while there are amazing things happening here every day, we know that there are some individuals who, for whatever reason, are slipping through the cracks. **As a Youth Commission** we're going to be deliberate and focused in our efforts to reach out to those people who might otherwise feel that they don't have a place in our program.

PASSION FOR SERVICE AND JUSTICE

An important part of our mission as Catholics is to realize that our focus should be beyond our own community, and yet for many, hopping on a plane to Guatemala or boarding a bus for a week of service in Brownsville, Texas just won't work. **As a Youth Commission** we'll plan inter-generational service opportunities here in Minnesota that we hope will get more youth, parents, and grandparents involved in service on a local level.

If you have any questions or would like further information about the Youth Commission and its programming please contact Youth Minister [Nicole](#) directly.