

The Mission of the Church & Comprehensive Youth Ministry

CHAPTER SIX

A photograph of middle school students working together at a table, overlaid with an orange tint.

Middle School

A photograph of a group of students smiling, overlaid with a blue tint.

Confirmation

A photograph of a group of students sitting on a couch and talking, overlaid with a green tint.

Youth Ministry

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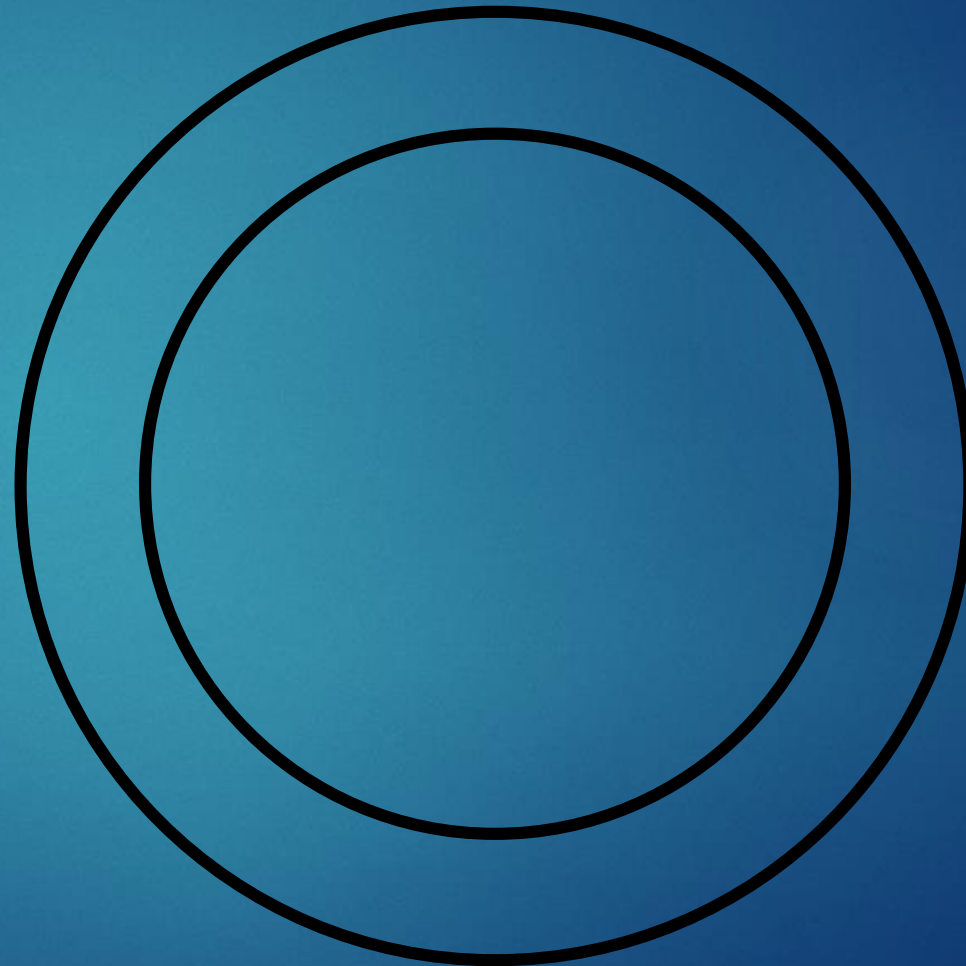
The Great Commission

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Matthew 28:18-20

Make two concentric circles

- ▶ If your birthday is in January thru June you're in the inside circle looking out
- ▶ If your birthday is in July thru December you're in the outside circle looking in





You should
be face to
face with
someone.

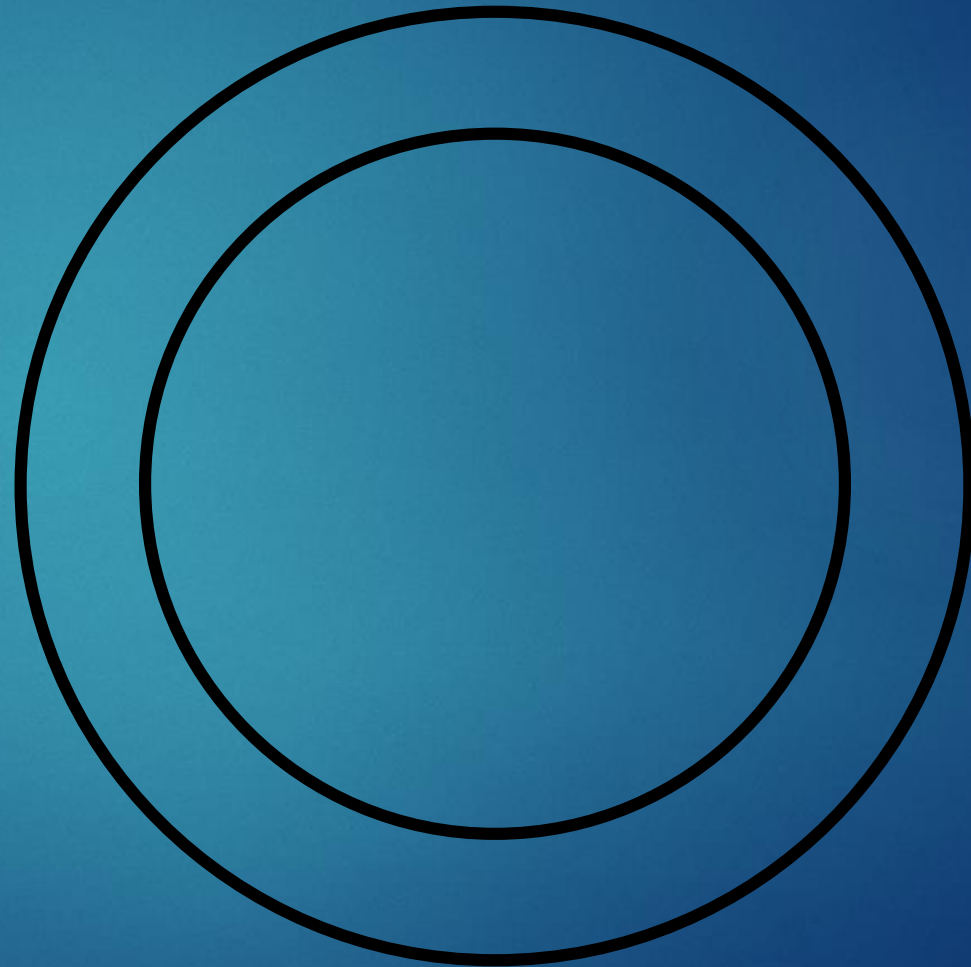
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What is your super power?

Outside ring move three places to
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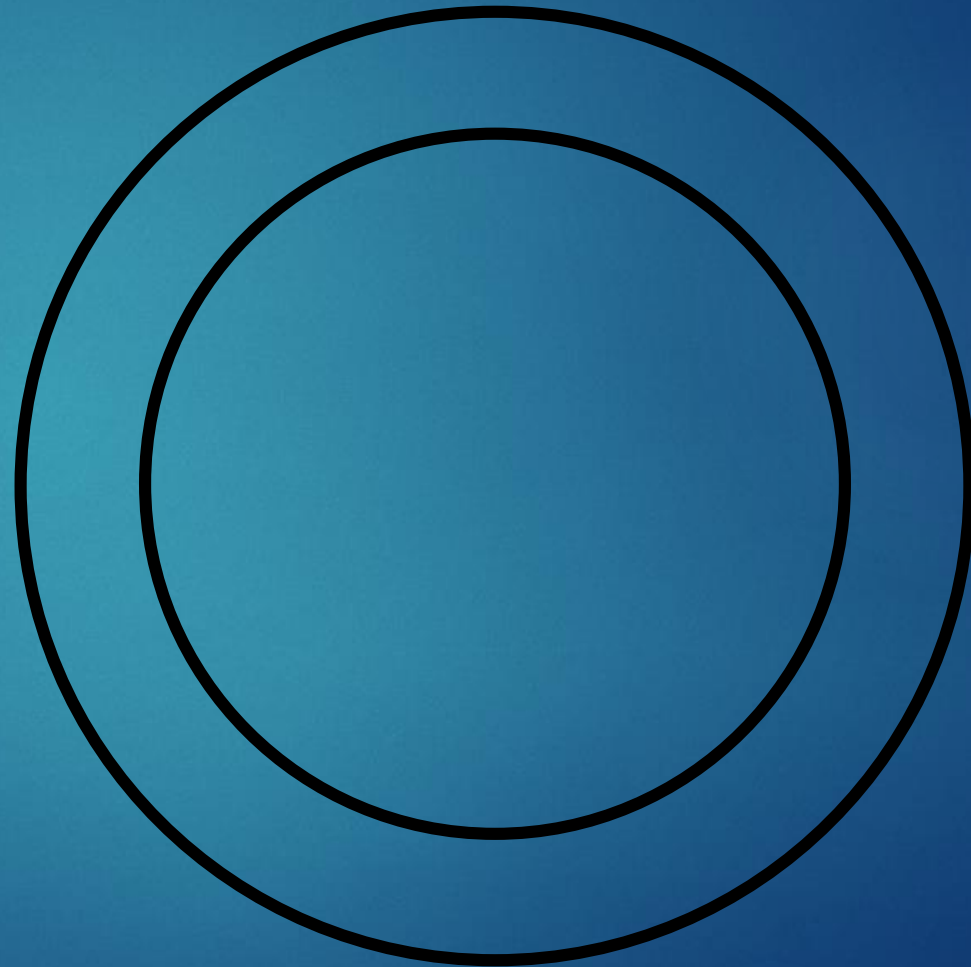
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Baptize people in the
name of the Father,
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Tell your
partner
everything you
know about
your baptism ?

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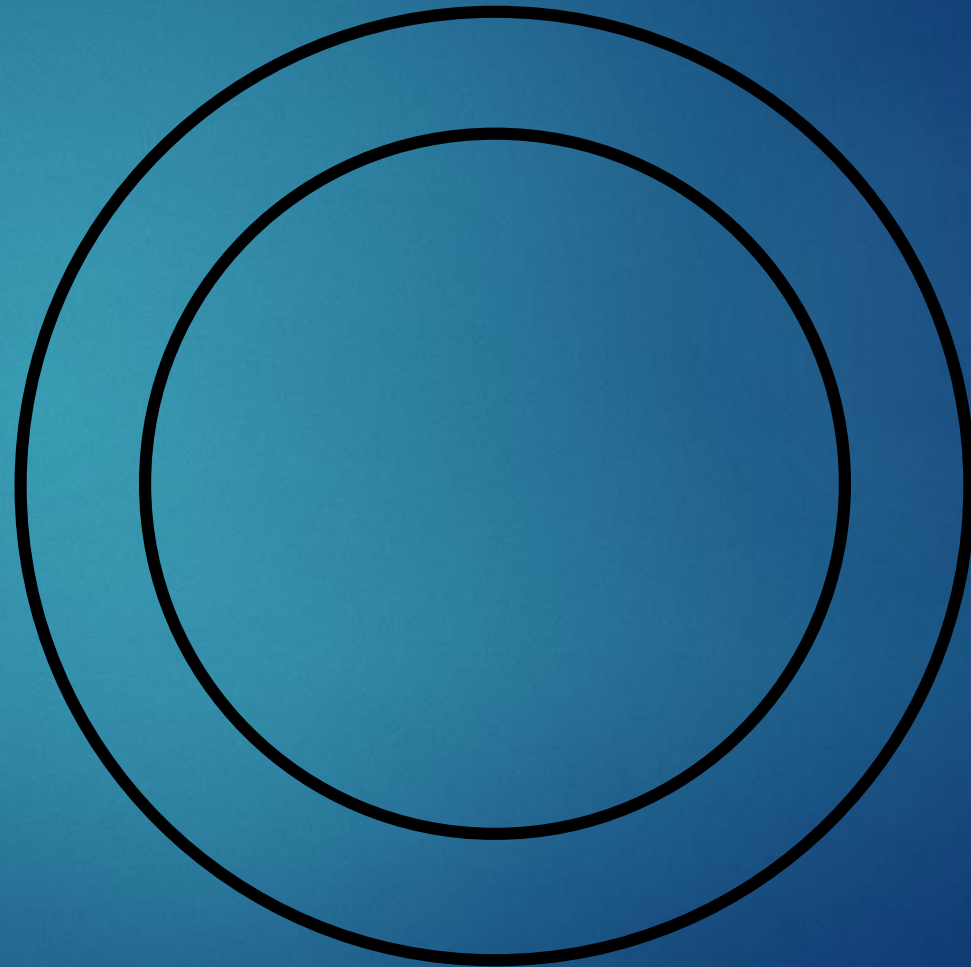
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Make disciples



How do the confirmation candidates know you're a disciple?

Outside ring move three places to
your right



Jesus promised us that...

He'd be with us until
the end of the age.



Describe a
time when you
felt so close to
Jesus.

Ready?



**Did you
pack your
umbrella?**



What is the Job Description of the Church?

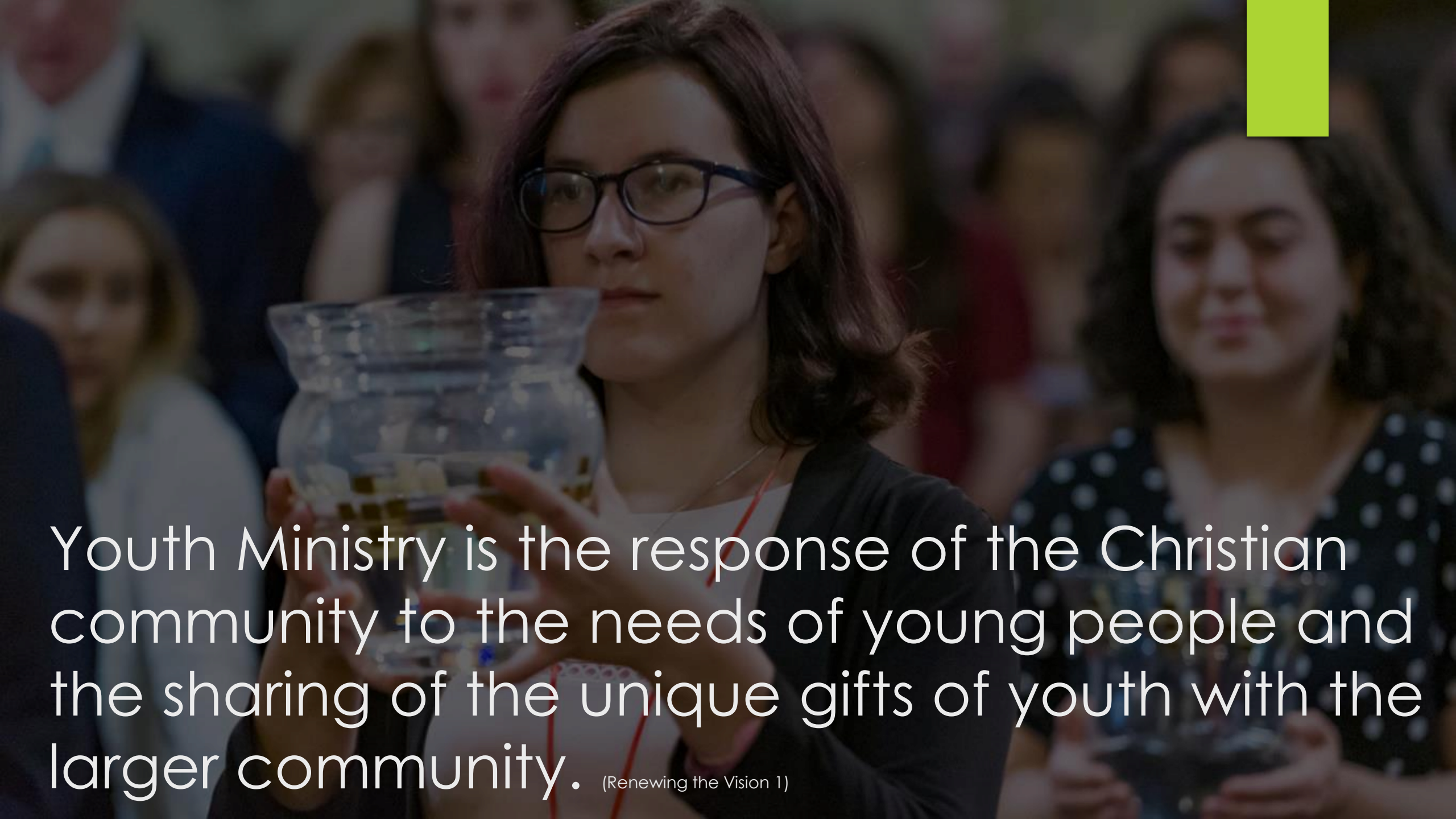


Build the Kingdom of God

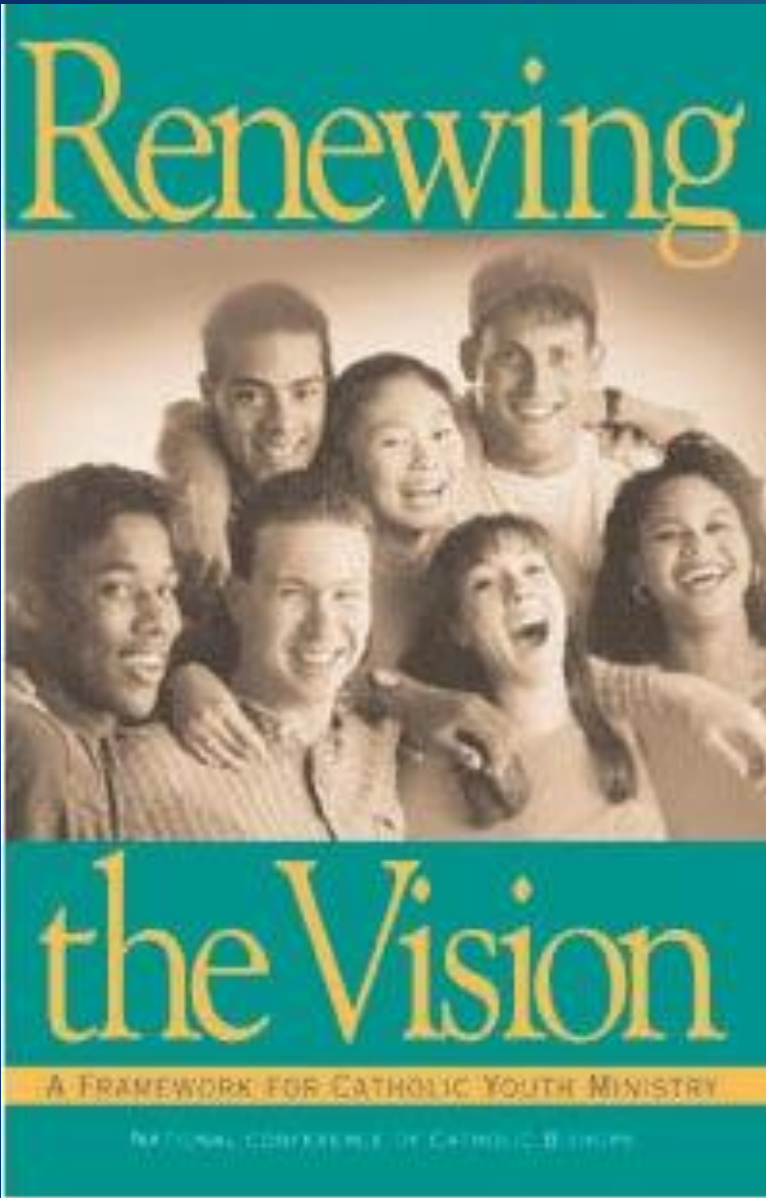
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What is the Job Description for the Young Church?



A young woman with dark hair and glasses is the central focus, holding a clear glass chalice. She is looking slightly to her left with a focused expression. The background is a blurred crowd of people, suggesting a church service. A bright yellow rectangular graphic is positioned in the top right corner.

Youth Ministry is the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community. (Renewing the Vision 1)



Renewing the Vision

- ▶ A Document published in 1997 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (Publication No. 5-004)
- ▶ In 1976 *A Vision of Youth Ministry* was published.
- ▶ ***Renewing the Vision*** builds on this and offers a blueprint for the continued development of ministry with youth.

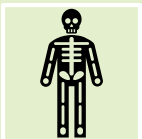
Goals of Youth Ministry



Goal 1 Empowerment: To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. (RTV 9)



Goal 2 Participation: To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community. (RTV 11)



Goal 3 Growth: To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.
(RTV 15)

Practical applications of Youth Ministry

- ▶ Developmentally Appropriate
- ▶ Family Friendly
- ▶ Intergenerational
- ▶ Multicultural
- ▶ Community-wide Collaboration
- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ Flexible and Adaptable Programming



**Remember
that
umbrella?**





This is a metaphor for all of youth ministry

Middle school
Youth Ministry

Confirmation

RCIA for children





EDGE
Middle school
Youth Ministry
Peer Ministers
Confirmation

Encruento

Teen choir
RCIA for children
LifeTeen
Teen Catechists
Youth group
Teen lectors

As a Table Group

As a Table Group

Middle
School

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Everyone (including grown ups)

This is a contest

- ▶ List as many things as you can that is ministry to-for-with and maybe by- the young church
- ▶ You have 60 seconds.
- ▶ There will be a winning table
- ▶ Ready set go...

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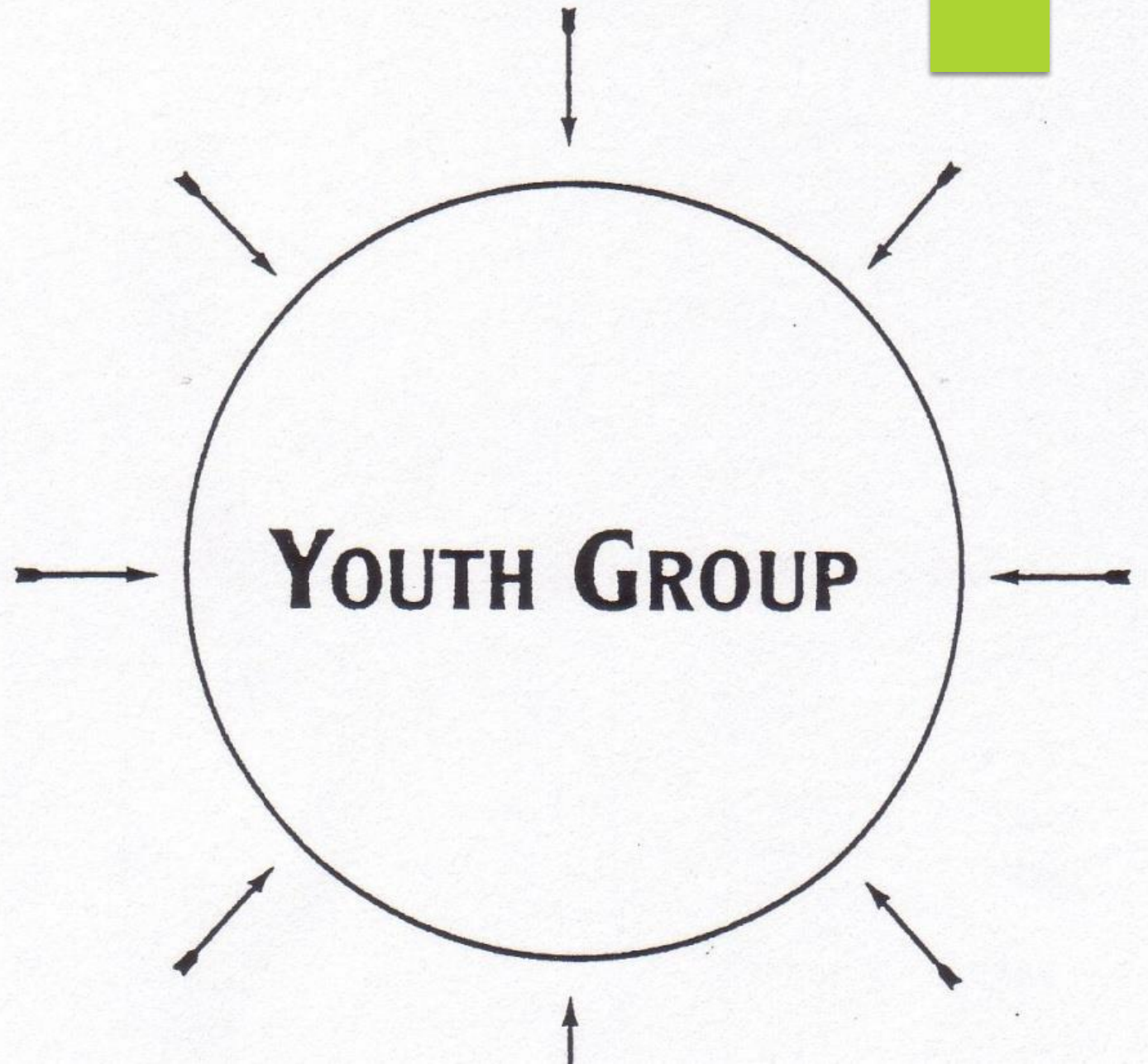
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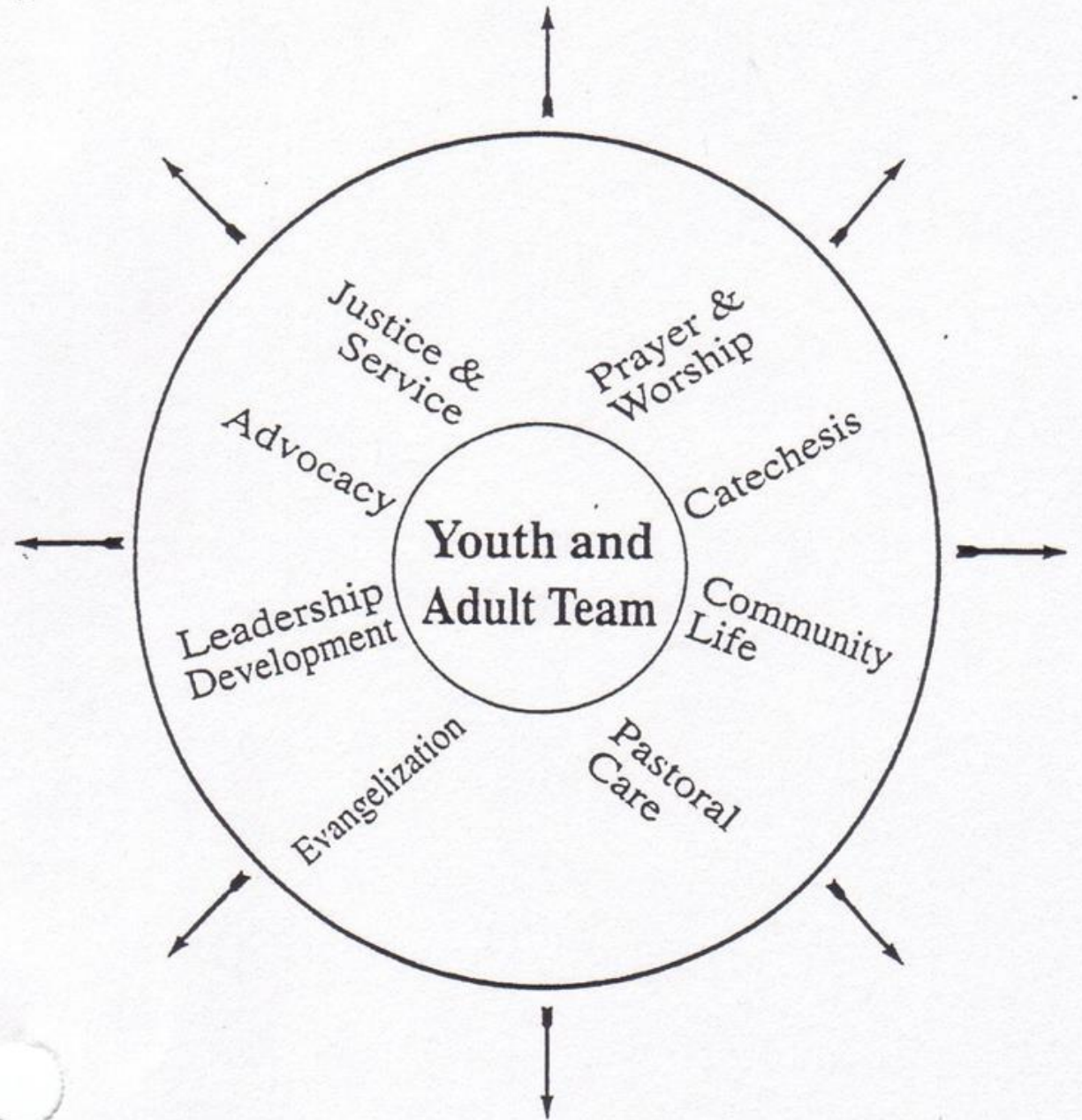
Comprehensive Youth Ministry

- ▶ Youth Ministry vs. Youth Group
 - ▶ Groups assume we are all the same
 - ▶ Groups assume we're available at the same time
 - ▶ Groups assume that one or two adults can do it
 - ▶ Groups assume you like groups

Group Ministry



Comprehensive Youth Ministry



What else do the Bishops say?



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Eight Components

- Advocacy: *integrated, mission, impact*
- Catechesis: *develop, increase, enrich, expand live*
- Community Life: *builds develops nurtures*
- Evangelization: *good news, invites, recognition, enables, openness*
- Justice, peace and service: *nurtures, empowers infuses*
- Leadership Development/Enablement: *calls forth, affirms, empowers*
- Pastoral Care/Guidance: *promoting, caring, providing guidance, challenging*
- Prayer and Worship: *celebrates, deepens, awakens, incorporates, nurtures, and fosters*

Four Ministry Settings

Youth Programming

Family Ministry

Involvement in Church and Community

Collaboration with the civic community

Ministry Settings

Gathered

Non-Gathered

- Small Group Programs
- Individual Programs
- Things for enrichment

What is the value?

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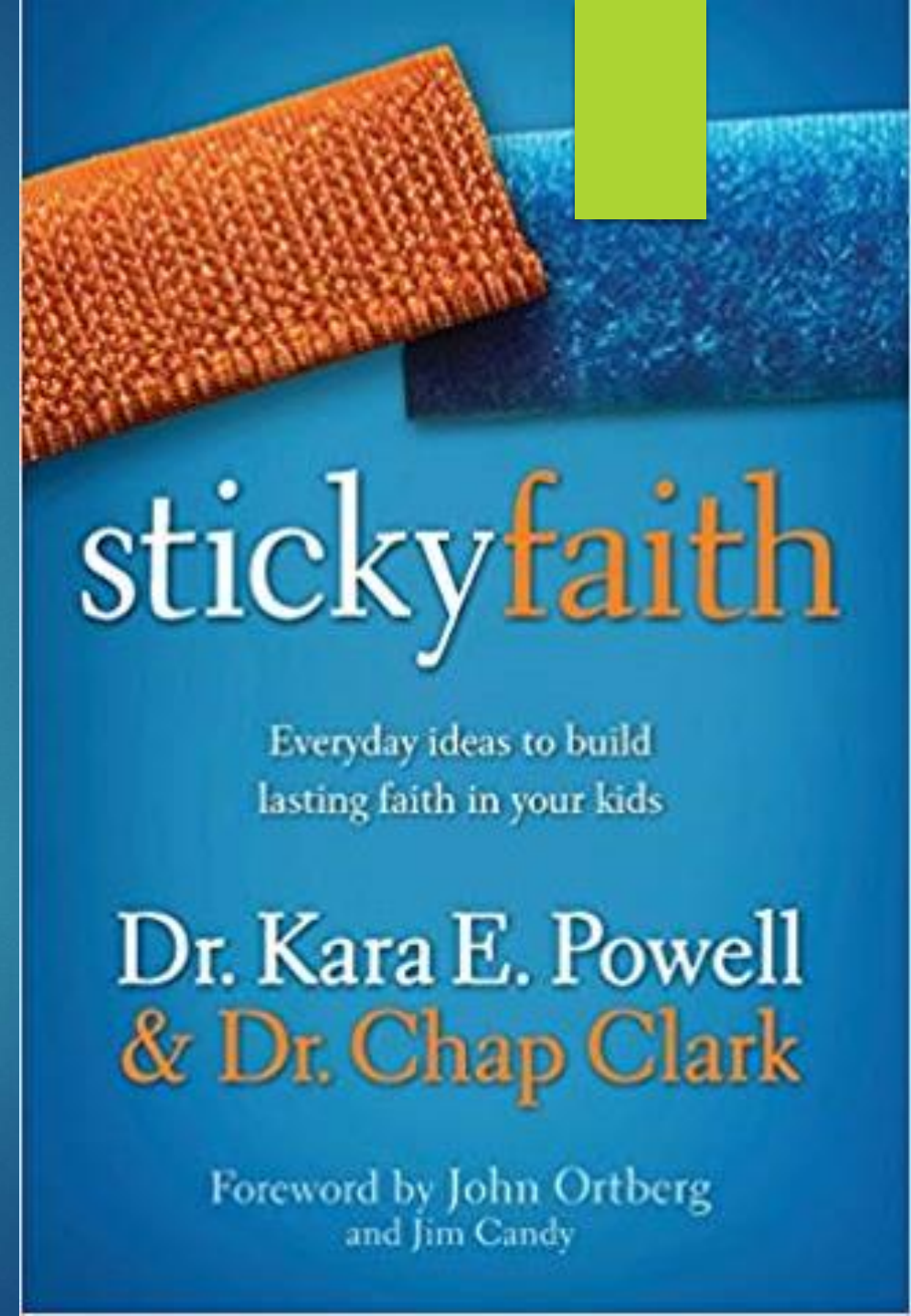




Be
Velcro



- ▶ Sticky faith is both internal and external
- ▶ Sticky faith is both personal and communal
- ▶ Sticky faith is both mature and maturing



- Understanding faith
- Make good decisions
- Safe place
- Parish life
- Development of self



Findings from Sticky Faith

- ▶ Build relationships with adults
- ▶ Help children find a church support system in college
- ▶ Focus on trusting in Jesus, and not the dos and don'ts



Catechists Role in Youth Ministry

- ▶ Transition Middle Schoolers into Confirmation
- ▶ Bridge the gap between “Youth Group vs. Confirmation.” “Their teens and our teens”.
- ▶ Evangelization of Youth Ministry in the Confirmation Program
- ▶ Catechist should journey with the teens in Youth Ministry becoming Velcro



Benefits of Youth Ministry to the Confirmation Program

- ▶ Teens have more support and more role models in their life.
- ▶ Leadership development can come out of Youth Ministry
- ▶ Leaders can become peer leaders for Middle school as well as Confirmation preparation
- ▶ Teens that may attend Youth Ministry nights/events can be inspired to join the Confirmation Program.



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