

Catholic Diocese of Columbus

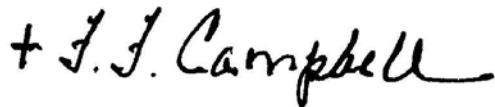
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INTRODUCTION

The Youth Ministry Programs in the Diocese of Columbus play an essential role in fulfilling the Church's responsibility to proclaim the Gospel and to call all people to holiness and service. The fulfillment of this responsibility among Catholic youth occurs through many activities, catechetical formation, prayer and worship, and opportunities to serve others.

I promulgate this *Policies and Guidelines for Parish Youth Ministry Programs* manual to assist our parishes in establishing and enhancing programs for our youth. Through it, standards of quality have been updated and common direction is given. Implementation is dependent on a continued positive working relationship among those who work for and with our parishes – Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, pastors, coordinators of youth ministry, local youth ministry teams, parents, and youth.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ F. F. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, D.D., Ph.D.
Bishop of Columbus