

■ POLICY

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YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS

SCHEDULING OF ACTIVITIES - RESTRICTIONS

Scheduling of parish youth ministry activities on Sunday mornings and on the days of the Easter Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, unless explicitly permitted by the pastor, is prohibited.

Examples of permissible activities include: overnight/weekend retreats; parish lock-ins; Walking Stations; and, Living Stations. As with all parish programs, final approval for such activities rests with the pastor.

Youth ministry activities should be scheduled well in advance, with special consideration for parish and Diocesan calendars. Every effort should be made to avoid conflict with major diocesan events. This is particularly important for multi-parish sponsored youth events that are similar in purpose and structure to a Diocesan youth event. Examples of Diocesan youth events include, but are not limited to:

- National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) (mid-November, alternate years)
- Bosco Bash (late January)
- Youth Rally (mid-March)
- LEAD Retreat (late summer)