

Apostolic Planning
Working Group for Youth
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Vision: Jesuits West and its Works will meet the needs and nurture the desires of youth, young adults, and their families

Main Question:

Do we know their needs and desires? How can we embody Ignatian habits as we reflect on the changing needs of youth, young adults, and their families? Do we know them? How do we get to know them?

Questions to help address the main question:

How do we engage our various communities within their different contexts – elementary schools, high schools, parishes, colleges and universities, youth groups, Newman Centers, young adult groups, family ministry?

What about youth and young adults who are not in our elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities? How can we bring Ignatian Spirituality to them?

What do we need to do to prepare high school seniors in our schools for “church” after high school? How do we show them how to connect with campus ministry in Catholic colleges, Newman Centers at other colleges, parishes near to their colleges?

Can we be more intentional about integrating generations in relationships? How can we promote play and imagination as an Ignatian way to connect youth, young adults, and their families?

How can we broker Ignatian Spirituality resources for developing leadership for those who work with youth, young adults, and their families?

What is there to learn from Jesuits and lay colleagues in other parts of the world in their work with youth, young adults, and their families?