

One Year in Youth Ministry:

Listed are just a few things to be on the look-out for each month as well as some ministry ideas that fall into place at certain times. What would you add to the list?

January

Happy New Year! Encourage youth and families to celebrate the New Year with Mass as it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Epiphany is great time to encourage teens and families to share their gifts with Jesus by sharing with the community.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a great time for service (perhaps before skiing, sledding, and other popular outdoor activities.)

Walk for Life – San Francisco.

February

Fired Up Confirmation Conference – confirmationconference.com

Summer trip planning for missions, work camps, conferences, etc.

Consider sending last year's high school graduates a care package during Valentine's month to them at college, military or even still at home working hard!

March

Attend Youth & Young Adult Ministry Leaders Lenten Retreat

Lenten activities – be sure the youth are included in larger parish offerings like a Parish Mission, Reconciliation Services, Stations of the Cross, etc.

Discuss our Lenten practices and see how well the teens can describe them (catechize where they need clearer understandings.)

Look for the NCYC information in odd-numbered years (registration packet, deposit due dates, etc.)

April

Usually Holy Week and Easter related activities – the most holy times of our Church. Do your teens/families participate in the Triduum events? How can you better include them?

May

Blessing of Prom goers (and prayer for those not going to prom?)

Mother's Day

Prayer before exams and ending of a school year

Pentecost – Happy Birthday Church – evangelize and share the Good News!

Register for Fired Up Confirmation Conference in February

June

Baccalaureate Mass for graduating seniors

Teens helping at Parish VBS program

Father's Day with Bishop Soto Event

July

Summer mission trip, conference, or other outing

Teens help at the parish picnic and/or county fair

Purchase Tickets to ON FIRE

World Youth Day Local Celebration

August

Back to school Blessing of students and teachers

Collect school supplies to donate to a Pack the Bus or similar project

Register for the NCCYM in December

September

Parish Youth Ministry Report form completion

Look for Diocesan Youth Convention registration packets in even-numbered years.

ON FIRE – onfirenorcal.com

Ministry Days – ministrydays.com

October

Homecoming blessings – players, cheerleaders, band, etc., as well as court and dance-goers (alternate activity for those not wanting to go to dance?)

Look for a diocesan conference for you as a catechist/minister to attend.

November

National Catholic Youth Convention (NCYC), odd numbered years

Thanksgiving holidays

December

In even years, attend the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM)

Advent activities – waiting in joyful hope!

Pray at the Youth & Young Adult Ministry Leaders Advent Retreat

Christmas activities – maybe your teens will take Giving Tree tags? Offer gift-wrapping or babysitting to help busy moms? Christmas Carol at a nursing home?