

Resources to Minister from Home

Resources and Support for the Youth Ministers and Team	
<u>Diocese of La Crosse Website</u>	This is the official website for the Diocese of La Crosse where you can get the latest updates as we navigate these uncharted waters.
<u>Diocese of La Crosse Youth Ministry Facebook Group</u>	This is a group for anyone who works with young people in the Diocese of La Crosse. This includes Youth Minister's, DRE's, CRE's, Catechists, and Adult Team Members. Here we can connect with other ministers in the Diocese of La Crosse by praying together, share ideas, & even bounce ideas off of one another. Please note this group is private. Each new member will need to request to join the group on the Facebook page.
<u>NFCYM COVID-19 Webpage</u>	This is the webpage for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry's response to ministering during the COVID-19 outbreak. It contains a wealth of information pertaining to subjects like: Working and Ministering Remotely, Ministering to Young People During a Crisis, Supporting Parents, Prayer, Mental Health, etc.
<u>Free Webinars from the NFCYM</u>	The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry has some upcoming free webinars for those who work with young people.
<u>Project YM Facebook Group</u>	"This is a large and diverse group. It is for people who have questions about or want to discuss Catholic Youth Ministry. Everyone who wants to be a part of this conversation is welcome. That includes (but is not limited to) parish youth ministers, diocesan employees, school staff, volunteer leaders, itinerant ministers, Catholic organizations, and anyone else with an interest in Catholic youth ministry. You do not have to be Catholic to be a part of this group, but the doctrinal lens of this group is."
<u>Free Resources from LifeTeen</u>	This page on the LifeTeen website offers free resources and examples of what they offer. If you do not already subscribe to LifeTeen, these resource may be of some assistance to you if you are planning an online group meeting, or you want to take this time to prepare for future face to face meetings.
<u>Formed</u>	"Formed is your one stop for all the best Catholic media in one place, uniting over 60 Catholic publishers including The Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, The Saint Paul Center, Herald Entertainment and many others. Enjoy Catholic study programs and entertainment, audio and ebooks on any device—Desktop, iOS, Apple TV, Android, Roku and Amazon Fire." *Note: This site requires a paid subscription.
<u>Dynamic Catholic</u>	The mission of Dynamic Catholic is to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing world-class resources that inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism. This site has free videos, reflections, books, and CD's. Author and Catholic Speaker Matthew Kelly is the founder of Dynamic Catholic.

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<p><u>Chastity Project</u></p>	<p>“Chastity Project believes that young people play a pivotal role in the new evangelization, and therefore invites them to launch chastity projects within their schools and churches to promote the good news of purity to their peers...Through low-cost resource distribution, media appearances, seminars, and social media, Chastity Project exists to promote the virtue of chastity so that individuals can see God, and be free to love (Matt. 5:8). The orange and green colors of the Chastity Project logo are from the tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to whom the ministry is consecrated.” This organization is founded by Jason and Crystalina Evert.</p>
<p><u>Official Website of Roy Petifils</u></p>	<p>“Roy has twenty years of experience working with young people and young adults for twenty years as a youth minister, a professional educator and administrator, school counselor and now as a counselor in private practice. He specializes in counseling teens, young adults and couples. He currently serves as the president of the Louisiana Association for Spiritual and Ethical Values in Counseling (LASERVIC).” This website has a free blog where Roy talks about dealing with different teen issues.</p>
<p><u>Burning Hearts Disciples</u></p>	<p>“Burning Hearts Disciples equips, trains, and supports Catholics across the country to live out the mission of the Church to "go and make disciples" (Mt. 28:19). You are invited to better understand and implement the call to New Evangelization - to re-propose the person of Christ to the people in your family, in your community, and in your parish. Burning Hearts draws on the best church, business, and education resources, to customize individual faith growth plans or parish/diocesan discipleship plans that inspire you to be Disciples of Christ.” This site has a free blog and some free resources to nourish you spiritually.</p>
<p>(NEW) <u>Ascension Press</u></p>	<p>Ascension Press has resources (some free and some paid) to help parish staff in their ministry during this time.</p>
<p>(NEW) <u>St. Mary’s Press</u></p>	<p>St. Mary’s Press has made a free version of their resources for current customers. They also have two resource pages that offer some free ideas and activities that aren’t attached to a program, per se:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>For Children</u> • <u>For Middle and High School</u>
<p>(NEW) <u>United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)</u></p>	<p>The USCCB has resources to assist with ministry during this time.</p>
<p>Contact Chris Rogers anytime.</p>	<p>Please know I am always here to support and assist you, especially during this uncharted territory. My personal cell phone number is 608-512-8905 and my email address is <u>crogers@diolc.org</u>. Please do not hesitate to call to bounce ideas around, vent, help problem solving, or even just to chat.</p>

Resources for the Young People

<p><u>LifeTeen YouTube Channel</u></p>	<p>This channel has a variety of styles of videos from the profound to the funny that meet Catholic young people where they are. Each Wednesday there are new videos and they host a live-streamed digital small group called Lecito Live on Wednesdays at 6p EST.</p>
<p><u>LifeTeen Blog</u></p>	<p>This is a blog containing a wide variety of articles speaking directly to the needs, questions, and spiritual life of young people.</p>
<p><u>Real Life Catholic</u></p>	<p>Real Life Catholic is a site that has free videos, audio materials, and blogs about living out your Catholic faith. Real Life Catholic was founded by Chris Stefanick.</p>

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<u>Ascension Press YouTube Channel</u>	This channel has great videos that explain the Catholic faith. One of the most popular presenters on this channel is Fr. Mike Schmitz.
<u>Word on Fire YouTube Channel</u>	This channel contains in depth content about the Catholic faith presented by Bishop Robert Barron.
(NEW) <u>ODB Films</u>	ODB Films fosters an encounter with Christ through artfully made, spiritually rich films. Their mission is to foster an encounter with Christ through artfully made, spiritually rich films. This site has free videos and other resources.

Resources for Virtual Group Meetings

<u>Zoom</u>	Zoom is an online video conferencing platform. With the free version you can host up to 100 video participants, and have an unlimited number of meetings. However, with the free version there is a 40-minute limit on group meetings.
<u>Google Hangout</u>	“Hangouts brings conversations to life with photos, emoji, and even group video calls for free. Use Hangouts to keep in touch. Message friends, start free video or voice calls, and hop on a conversation with one person or a group. Include all your friends with group chats for up to 150 people.”
<u>Project YM Live</u>	This is a weekly hour long broadcast that includes games, music, and a teaching from one of the top Catholic youth ministry speakers in the country. Teens will be able to watch the live stream from any device and chat live during the event with other young people from across the country! It’s simple: you share the link with your teens and they’re able to log on Sunday nights for a live broadcast! They will give you additional resources to have follow up conversations with your teens after the broadcast. They will be broadcasting weekly on Sunday nights from 7-8pm Central. The first broadcast is Sunday, March 22 nd & will feature evangelist Paul J. Kim & worship leader Dave Moore.
<u>Google Surveys</u>	You can use Google Forms to create surveys where you can pose questions to your young people and collect their answers all in one place. For example, you can post a link to a YouTube video of a Catholic speaker and use the survey to ask your young people questions to help them express their thoughts on the video, help them dig deeper, etc.
<u>Doodle Polls</u>	If you are looking to find out the best time to hold a Virtual Meeting, this website is free and allows you to create a poll that gives options for times to meet. Your team, young people, parents, etc. will click on the link that Doodle assigns to your poll and select the dates/times that work best for them giving you a clear snapshot of everyone’s availability.
<u>Flocknote</u>	With Flocknote you can send a note to the people with/to whom you minister by text message, email, Facebook, Twitter, RSS, place automated calls, and even update your website - all from any device. Flocknote does offer a free service where you can use the service to communicate with under 40 members. If you have over 40 members then there is a fee to use the service.

Resources for Families

<u>Diocese of La Crosse Office for Marriage and Family Life</u>	This the official website of the Office for Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of La Crosse. It contains a wealth of information including articles, videos, and links.
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Spiritual Resources for Everyone

<u>Online Catholic Mass</u>	This is the webpage for the Diocese of La Crosse TV Mass.
<u>Making a Spiritual Communion</u>	This article explains why and how to make a spiritual Communion.
<u>Daily Readings</u>	The USCCB website containing the Daily Readings.
<u>Going Deeper in Prayer (Adults)</u>	“Going Deeper in Prayer” is a new initiative for individual adults, including 2 aspects: 1) different Prayer Cards with Resources and 2) Sessions on “How God Guides Us.”
<u>Going Deeper in Prayer (Parents and Young People)</u>	“Going Deeper in Prayer” is a new initiative in the Diocese of La Crosse. Parents may scroll down to the pertinent grade levels for Prayer Cards and Resources. There is A Specific Focus on One Prayer for each Grade Level
<u>The Face of Prayer</u>	“The Face of Prayer® exists for those in need of prayer, healing, and answers. Additionally, The Face of Prayer® is embarking on an exciting video catechism series and we want to hear from you! We invite you to submit questions you’ve encountered along your faith journey and together, as Bishop Caggiano and others answer your questions, we will create a video catechism.” This is a partnership between the Diocese of Bridgeport and the Mater Ecclesiae Foundation.
<u>Light a Candle Online</u>	Light a digital candle & share your prayer intentions from home.
<u>Liturgy of the Hours</u>	Here you will find morning, daytime, evening & night prayers online.