

Planning for Youth and Liturgy Assessment Form

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| Preparing Youth for Liturgy | | | |
| 1. Young people in the community understand the meaning of liturgical actions and symbols. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. We provide opportunities for young people to participate in a variety of worship experiences. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. We promote the personal prayer life of youth by teaching about prayer and providing diverse opportunities for participating in communal prayer. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. We create opportunities for young people to reflect on their experience of liturgy and its role in their spiritual life. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. We provide ways for youth to prepare during the week for the readings of the upcoming liturgy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. We provide support for parents by supporting youth participation in liturgy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Preparing Liturgies with and for Youth

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| 7. Our liturgical space fosters a feeling of participation in the liturgies rather than a feeling of being a spectator. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. We have a liturgical music advisory board on which youth are represented. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. We use songs in liturgies that are easy to sing and have lyrics that speak to all members of the assembly—including young people. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. We have strong musical ensembles that incorporate a variety of instruments and include many voices, including young voices. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Preparing Liturgies with and for Youth (<i>continued</i>) | | | |
| 11. All liturgical celebrations reflect the variety of cultural heritages in the community. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Homilies are well prepared, passionately delivered, and have depth. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Homilies are appropriate in length. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Homilists use appropriate stories and examples that connect to young people's lived experience. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Homilists spend time with youth to hear their reflections on the Scriptures. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. We involve young people in the various liturgical ministries of the parish. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Youth in liturgical ministries receive appropriate training and spiritual formation for their roles. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Young people are actively recruited to share their gifts in liturgical ministries and feel accepted by the entire parish or school community in doing so. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Issues and events that affect young people directly are a regular part of the prayers of the faithful and other community prayers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. Young people are actively involved in liturgical preparation. | | | |
| 21. We provide special youth liturgies on an occasional basis to celebrate important moments in young people's lives—the beginning of school, retreats, Christian service, graduation, and so on. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Preparing the Community for Youth Involvement | | | |
| 22. The entire parish community actively participates in all aspects of the liturgy (singing, responding, listening, gesturing, and so on.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 23. In the liturgical celebrations, youth feel welcomed as valued members of the gathered community. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24. Parish staff and leaders collaborate to promote youth participation in liturgy. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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