

Effective Practices for Dynamic Youth Ministry

A recent study* looked at what made some parishes more successful at working with young people than others. After talking to young people, priests, youth workers and others working in parishes, they came up with the following conclusions:

- Young people feel at home and are genuinely known and liked - they feel like they matter.
- Young people are integrated into the full life of the parish.
- Young people share in leadership and decision making in the parish.
- Young people have opportunities to witness to their faith with their peers, as well as younger children and with adults.
- The involvement of young people is encouraged and affirmed.
- The community knows that it is everyone's responsibility.

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The diagram shows how parishes can involve young people and then deepen this process.

