



Year of the
Holy Spirit

Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra & Goulburn



PARISH YOUTH *Coördinators*

A Year of Formation and Mission

Parish Youth Coordinators exist to raise up a new generation in the life and mission of our Parish communities.

Building on the impact that CG Youth Ministers have had across the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn, Parish Youth Coordinators are roles that are centred on a vision of discipleship and accompaniment within the parish context.

These roles nurture spaces in our Church where children, youth, young adults and families can belong to the Church, believe in Christ and become missionary disciples.

2024

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Three Key Principles

Parish Focused

The Parish Youth Coordinator is a Parish-focused ministry in partnership with the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

You will have a particular role in the development of parish youth and young adult faith formation initiatives, building pathways into the life of the local parish community and the establishment of parish youth leadership teams.

Two-By-Two

Jesus' sent the disciples out two-by-two. So will we.

In every role, you will work in teams in a parish or across a region. As a team dynamic, we want to foster collaboration and support whilst streamlining ministry offerings.

In these teams, you will also help conduct regional and Archdiocesan events. The purpose of each of these events is to gather together and enrich existing parish communities as well as provide a context to engage new youth or young adults, accompanying them into ongoing participation in the life of the local Church.

Formation for Mission

You will be expected to attend the fortnightly (roughly) Apostolate Formation program across the year that directly relates to your ministry in a parish. The formation will focus on the kerygma, catechesis, prayer, discernment, apologetics, sacramental and liturgical formation.

This includes an Induction, Masterclass Series, Formation Sessions and Parish Youth Coordinator Retreats. This is detailed in our Apostolate Formation Program.



God has worked in my life in new and exciting ways this year. I've grown in conviction and courage while serving in my parish and I feel refreshed and determined to spread God's Word to the young people in my community and beyond.

- Lucy Koelmeyer,
South Tuggeranong Parish



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This year of ministry deepened my faith and opened doors for genuine friendship and community.

- Melwyn Monteiro
Holy Spirit Parish



MINISTRY *Responsibilities*

The Parish Youth Coordinator responsibilities are identified in detail in a tailored Ministry Plan. The general parish, regional and Archdiocesan responsibilities are outlined below:

Parish:

- 1. Community:** Develop new, or continue to grow existing, Youth Groups and/or Circles as an essential form of youth and young adult community within the Parish context;
- 2. Team:** Establish a Parish Youth Team that gathers regularly for prayer and formation initiatives (eg. Masterclasses and Archdiocesan Offerings), supports local expressions of community for young people and liturgical opportunities and facilitates key youth and young adult events within the life of the Parish;
- 3. Liturgy:** Support the engagement of youth and young adults into the Sacramental life of the Church. This could include a particular focus on engagement into liturgical service roles (Alter Servers, Readers, welcomers, music ministry etc.), Sacramental Preparation Masses, specific Youth and Family Massed and other liturgical opportunities identified in consultation with the Parish Priest and Parish leaders;
- 4. Discipleship Programs:** Lead programs (eg. Alpha, Belong Easter / Christmas / Pentecost Series) for existing groups or as an outreach program for new youth and young adults;
- 5. Retreats:** Facilitate at least one retreat per quarter. This includes a particular focus on aligning the retreats to those engaged in Sacramental Initiation as a key transition point into ongoing Parish life;
- 6. Sacramental Preparation:** Attend key moments throughout the Sacramental preparation programs (eg. Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation and RCIA) to build relationship with youth and young adults, promote existing Parish initiatives (including tailored retreat offerings) and support the facilitation of the preparation sessions as appropriate;
- 7. Witness:** Being an active and committed Catholic witness amongst youth, young adults and the parish community.

Regional and Archdiocesan:

1. Gather with other Parish Youth Coordinators for regional planning days (during school holidays) to foster collaboration and alignment between parishes that exist in geographical proximity to one another;
2. Support the conducting of regional and Archdiocesan events including initial formation experiences and leadership training opportunities (e.g. Missio, the Archdiocesan Assembly).



HAVE QUESTIONS? FAQ'S

Are these new positions?

Yes and no. Parish Youth Coordinators build upon the foundations of, and replace, CG Youth Ministers. These roles have a refined focus on our Parish communities, a new formation program and a greater emphasis on support.

How many hours per week?

Parish Youth Coordinators can be employed generally from 2.5 - 7.5hrs per week. Two common models are; two Parish Youth Coordinators at 2.5 or 5 hours per week; or one Parish Youth Coordinator at 5 hours and the other at 2.5hrs per week. This is negotiated with the Parish community and discussed throughout the application process. Parish Youth Coordinators are paid additional hours for the designated formation program.

Do I get paid?

Yes. Each year the pay schedule is finalised in consultation with the Catholic Commission for Employment Relations.

Can I work around my other commitments (eg. study)?

Yes. The positions are flexible, with hours to be negotiated with local coordinators and the Youth Ministry Manager.



Where can I work?

There are Parish positions across the whole Archdiocese.

Are there many Parish Youth Coordinators?

You will be joining a growing team of Parish Youth Coordinators across our Archdiocese and a large team of volunteers. We all gather frequently in a community called The Apostolate.

How long is the position for?

Positions generally follow the academic year (mid February to mid December).

Can I do another job at the same time?

Our priority is your pastoral wellbeing. Generally, yes you can have other employment. Whilst we understand that you may need additional employment, we would consider on a case-by-case basis any implications of other employment (especially ministry roles) on your capacity to fulfil the formation and mission responsibilities of a Parish Youth Coordinator.

How do I apply?

Fill out the form at cgevangelisation.org.au/parish-youth-coordinator



Taking up the opportunity to be a Parish Youth Coordinator has taught me the value of consistency and perseverance and kept me in touch with my faith despite the struggles and challenges of adult life.

- Andre Le
Cathedral Parish

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