

## Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries Convention Report 2023

My name is Catherine Marshall and I am the Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries for the diocese. I work alongside young adults across our diocese to plan, organize, and execute retreats and events for young adults aged eighteen through late twenties.

In January 2023, we had our Young Adult Retreat on spiritual gifts and vocation. We had roughly 40 people in attendance throughout the weekend and 4 clergy. We got to enjoy fellowship, mass, and a meal with the Camp Crucis Board of Managers during our retreat as well. We are looking forward to our January 2024 retreat focusing on “The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit”.

We continue to meet each week for bible study on Thursday evenings. We have a family style meal, fellowship, and then spend time on the gospel reading from the previous Sunday.

We meet throughout each semester for fellowship. We have had Friendsgiving, game nights, Benediction and Worship nights, a Christmas party, and many meals together. We have growing and flourishing college ministries at Baylor, Texas A&M, UTA, and TCU.

We supported the Camp Crucis summer camp staff through providing meals, care packages, staff training, and volunteering our time out at Camp this summer. Many of our young adults served on summer camp staff, St. Mike’s staff, and as volunteer cabin counselors this summer.

There is no future of the church without our young adults and young families. It is vital we give the time and attention to this age group that it deserves. As Christ followers we are commanded to follow Jesus and make disciples. Our young adult ministry will continue to focus on studying God’s true word, worship together at mass, and serving together to grow and expand our ministry. We have had strong clergy support this year and we pray that will continue in 2024.

If you have young adults in your parish, please contact me to get them involved and plugged in. If you want to support young adult ministries, I would love to hear from you, we have plenty of opportunities! Thank you, Bishop Reed for your vision in creating the young adult ministry. I am honored to be a part of it.

Respectfully Submitted, Catherine Marshall