

## **Convention Report on Youth Ministry**

It's hard to believe it's been almost a year since we hired Tristen Hyde and Megan Mecca to step in and serve as co-interim directors of youth ministry while we continue our search for the right person to permanently fill this role.

Since stepping into this role our co-interim youth directors have planned and executed 4 events. These have included various activities such as Bishop's Ball, Pickleball fellowship, a pool party, and New Beginnings Jr High Retreat. Our co-interim directors also spent some time out at Camp Crucis every week this summer with them attending every closing mass. Tristen was even able to serve as the camp nurse and a cabin counselor for a few weeks.

Things you can look forward to and anticipate soon include a Youth Rally at Camp Crucis for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> in December. We are also hard at work preparing Bishop's Ball for February 2024 and have begun work on Summer Camp 2024. There are many exciting things happening for our youth in our diocese.

Tristen and Megan have continued to grow and build DCYM (Diocesan Commission for Youth Ministry). They currently have 10 youth leaders serving on DCYM. This awesome group of 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders help them to plan and execute youth retreats and fellowship events. In addition to these tasks, these youth also help to advertise these events and invite other youth by speaking at their home churches, visiting other churches in the diocese, and sharing about events on social media.

We covet your prayers for the youth of our diocese, the leaders working with our youth, and the programs we have in place and will soon have in place to support them. Please also keep us in your prayers as we continue to search for the right person to permanently fill this crucial role for our diocese.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Next Gen Pillar Committee