

## **Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries Convention Report 2024**

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 2024, we had our Young Adult Retreat on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. We had roughly 50 people in attendance throughout the weekend and 3 clergy. We got to enjoy fellowship, mass, and meals with the Camp Crucis Board of Managers during our retreat as well. We are looking forward to our January 2025 retreat focusing on the 10 Commandments.

We continue to meet every other week for bible study on Thursday evenings. We have a family style meal, fellowship, and then spend time in the book of Acts reading God's word and discussing together.

We meet throughout each semester for fellowship. We have had Friendsgiving, Pickleball tournaments, 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, TCC, and TCU.

We support 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.

The young adults in our diocese are our future as an Anglican diocese. They are full of ideas, life, and desires to serve. We must continue to pour into this age group and grow our churches through their participation at the parish level.

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