



**Archdiocesan Commission for Ministry with Young People**

# **Annual Report 2014**

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## Executive Summary

Acting under its Terms of Reference, the Archdiocesan Commission for Ministry with Young People (the Commission) seeks first and foremost to work collaboratively with appropriate Church bodies to nurture the Christian faith development of Catholic young people particularly in respect of embracing the person and vision of Jesus Christ.

In 2014 the Commission has decided to begin producing an annual report on the state of youth ministry in the Archdiocese. The Commission hopes that this will provide other Archdiocesan agencies with a good overview of youth ministry activities in the Archdiocese and that over time the collection of annual reports will provide a longitudinal view of youth ministry in the Archdiocese.

This year's report covers 29 active youth ministry groups throughout the Archdiocese, including groups based around parishes, ethnic communities and ecclesial movements. As this is the first report, some groups may have missed out. However, we hope that the coverage of the report will grow over time.

### Key Statistics:

- 29 youth ministry groups
- More than 30 full time or part time employees
- Many hundreds of volunteer workers
- More than 50 regular events (monthly or more frequent) attended by thousands of participants
- Two thirds of all events report increasing participation, with only 3 reporting decreased participation

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## Parish and Deanery Groups

### Aggies Youth

St Agatha's Parish Clayfield

#### About our ministry:

We try to find ways to encourage young people to feel welcome in the Parish community and to nurture their faith.

#### Average age range of participants:

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Lifeteen Mass and supper each Sunday

**Contact email address:** Parish Office Ph. 3262 2859 or clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

#### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	approx. seven

#### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Lifeteen Mass				

#### Written report about our year:

Lifeteen Mass has been running for many years. Young people (13 to 30) fill all ministries and music is contemporary. Supper is provided by volunteers.

At QCS testing time we produce a postcard style prayer card for students to show them support.

This year we hosted a NET encounter day for yr. 6,7 and 8 students relating to peer pressure. We used the Diocesan-sponsored NET team who did a great job. We would like to hold another NET event next year.

We struggle to hold youth-centered social events due to not having a Parish Hall and not having an employed youth co-ordinator/ leader. It is difficult to get volunteers who have the time and expertise to keep up with the computer technology and health and safety regulations required to engage in youth-orientated activities.

If it is not feasible to employ a youth worker in every Parish perhaps it would be possible to employ some to work for two years in a Parish to help generate youth activities, before moving on to another Parish, gradually servicing the whole diocese.

## All Saints Youth Ministry

### All Saints Parish

#### About our ministry:

All Saints Youth Ministry provides the opportunity for young people to experience faith within our community.

It is with Christ as our example that we aim to make young people feel welcomed and included in the activities that we offer, whether it be going to the movies, a night at Altitude, or having a coffee together and talking about life.

#### Average age range of participants:

Primary Students  
 Secondary Students  
 Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** All Saints Parish Centre

**Contact email address:** 07 3264 8283

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

#### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	1	Approx 20

#### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Altitude - Youth Group	Wednesday	6-10 participants	Fortnightly	increased
Buddies Day	Saturday	11-20 participants	Monthly	increased
Youth Mass	Sunday	0-5 participants	Fortnightly	no difference
Leaders Retreat	January	11-20 participants	Annually	increased

#### Written report about our year:

We have started up a free guitar workshop for our community for those who would like to learn to play. This is intended then to provide the opportunity for those who are keen to then play at a Youth mass on a Sunday night.

## Burleigh Heads Youth Group

### Burleigh Heads Parish

#### **About our ministry:**

To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world by fostering the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

To draw young people into responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community.

To be a platform to engage and connect the Marymount Colloge student be participate and express with the wider parish Catholic faith community.

#### **Average age range of participants:**

Secondary Students

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Once a month and a Youth Mass every 2 months in 2014. In 2015 the Youth Mass will be on the 1st Sunday of each month.

**Contact email address:** 0412 222260/ jtheseir@bond.edu.au

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** No

#### **About our leaders:**

<b>Full-time paid staff members</b>	<b>Part-time paid staff members</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
None	None	12

#### **Our events this year:**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Time/Date</b>	<b>Avg participants</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>2014 attendance</b>
Youth Mass	Vary	6-10 participants	Monthly	

## Carina Catholic Youth

### Our Lady of Graces Carina

#### About our ministry:

Evangelise the Young People of our parish, especially those at risk of disconnection, through both social and faith based activities.

#### Average age range of participants:

Secondary Students

**We generally meet at:** Both at Parish and the local community venues.

**Contact email address:**

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

#### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	5 Regulars

#### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Fun, Faith, Feast	September	21-30 participants	Once Off	increased
Coffee Club Christians	September - November	0-5 participants	Weekly	no difference

#### Written report about our year:

Carina Catholic Youth is facilitated by volunteers and we utilise Social Media and our Youth Website to promote planned events. The activities of the Youth are facilitated by a Parish Youth Council which includes both young people and parents of young people.

Our parish priest has been tireless in supporting young people to become more active participants in our Sunday Night Liturgies which are designated to be Youth Masses. We have had guest youth preachers to our liturgies and this receives strong feedback.

In 2014 our parish sponsored 4 young people to attend the Ignite Conference in addition to about 5 others from the parish attending. We have tried to facilitate the involvement of our youth in Ignite Events and also Deanery Youth Events to a lesser extent.

Currently we have a small core group of enthusiastic young people, interested in supporting a revitalised youth liturgy on a Sunday Night. We have found that the Ignite style big events revitalise the faith of the young at risk of disconnection who are then energised to reach out to evangelise others. Working in a secular context this is proving difficult but we remain very committed. We would endorse any archdiocesan efforts to sustain the quality but reduce the entrance price of such Ignite Youth events.

Net has proven very effective in reaching out to young people in our parish through events held in the parish. Again those who attend have an amazing time however getting the initial attendance proves difficult.

Currently we are promoting a ministry for secondary school students, who attend Coffee Club Christians at a local shopping centre, to talk about their ongoing faith journey each week. We are promoting Ignite Summer Camp, as we feel this style of youth event, revitalises the developing faith of young people.

We are currently trying to develop a Liturgical Band, to harness the great depth of musical skill in our schools that does not translate into our Church.

To sustain and nurture the core group we have, we are also holding parties and events that help the young people connect socially first to feel the security necessary to perhaps get involved in some of the more faith based activities.

We are finding that when some young people do get further involved, they are trying to get to Mass even if their parents are not attending. This requires careful consideration and connecting with the young people earlier and sustaining the social security for their parents also may hold the key in terms of sustaining the social security that appears particularly important for the faith expression of our young.

We continue to pray for our beautiful church and believe our current Pope is leading by example in reaching out pastorally to those who need it most.

## Corinda Graceville Catholic Parish Youth

### Corinda Graceville Parish

#### **About our ministry:**

To engage high school aged youth, and young adults, as well as families with primary school aged children in Parish activities.

#### **Average age range of participants:**

Primary Students  
Secondary Students  
Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Currently, Children's Liturgy is the only group meeting.

**Contact email address:** youth.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** No

#### **About our leaders:**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	1	6

#### **Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Children's Liturgy				

#### **Written report about our year:**

I have recently started as the new Youth Programme Facilitator. When I arrived there were no specific youth programs in the parish at all. I have been working towards starting a Youth Group which we hope to launch in the new year.

As a start, we will be hosting a weekly Pizza Night after our Sunday evening Mass during Advent. These Pizza Nights will facilitate discussion with the youth in the Parish to plan what sort of programme they would like to see in the Parish.

We do also currently have an active Children's Liturgy programme and are in the process of trying to expand this to cater for children in years 4-6.

Next year, we hope to launch a Youth Group for high school aged youth, as well as a prayer group for young adults

## Gold Coast Young Adult Group

Southport Parish

### About our ministry:

The provide young adults with opportunities to grow in faith, meet one another, pray and learn more about the teachings of the Catholic church.

### Average age range of participants:

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Mary Immaculate resource/hospitality room (Ashmore, Gold Coast)

**Contact email address:** alicemabbutt@gmail.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	Myself

### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Meeting				

### Written report about our year:

The Young Adult group is new this year as nothing existed on the Gold Coast for Catholic young adults. The group has been going well so far. On the Gold Coast there are many young people from overseas who are studying and who do not always have friends and a familiar faith community here in Australia. We are looking towards building up confidence/friendship within the group so that others feel comfortable to run meetings, organise topics and prayer.

## Hervey Bay Catholic Parish Youth Ministry Team

Hervey Bay

### **About our ministry:**

To develop young men and women who are passionate about the work of Jesus and are inspired to work within our faith community and our wider community

### **Average age range of participants:**

Secondary Students

**We generally meet at:** In the local parish hall

**Contact email address:** [cjdonnelly@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cjdonnelly@bne.catholic.edu.au) 0448488443

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

### **About our leaders:**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	3

### **Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Team Meeting	Friday 6	11-20 participants	Annually	increased
Cooking for Christ	Sunday 4pm	6-10 participants	Annually	decreased
Opening Mass blessing	Sunday 9am	50+ participants	Annually	increased
Relay for Life	Saturday	21-30 participants	Annually	increased

### **Written report about our year:**

Our team meets regularly and look at formation of our young people and invite them to ministry in the parish where there gifts are. Each year we offer an opportunity to receive the sacraments, reconciliation, Eucharist. Over the past 2 years we have commenced a mass with Fr Morgan and the NET team has been able to join us for mass then we gather afterwards with some inspiration from Fr Morgan.

We have a Christmas party type of event at the end of our year and we have over 50 in attendance. Our numbers vary each meeting but usually on average over 20 in high school age. We send our young people to ignite summer camp and we try to attend one Archdiocese event each year and participate in our Parish Christmas Eve mass for families through various ministries including hospitality.

Our format is includes, food, fun and games and formation. Our senior students are asked to lead prayer at each meeting creating a roster as well as running the games for the team. We demonstrate prayer with them at the start of the year and then they lead the group from then on. At times we have past members come and share their life now and the challenges to life the life they talked about in the team when they were at school and living at home. The adults gather at the end of the year to plan dates and events for the coming year.

Each year there is one or two of our members asking to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church. All of our members are not Catholic but come along and participate even in the events such as opening mass, stations of the cross and they will lead prayer too.

## Holy Spirit Youth Group - Uprising

Holy Spirit, Bray Park

### About our ministry:

Our primary purpose is to attract high school and uni aged young people together to get to know each other and the catholic faith, and to be of service to parish. We meet every month for youth group and mass, after which , we put on a sausage sizzle for everyone at church.

### Average age range of participants:

Secondary Students

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** At the parish meeting centre

**Contact email address:** 0429 508 972

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	I am the only leader but everyone who comes participates

### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Sausage sizzle				

### Written report about our year:

At the beginning of this year, some members of an older youth and myself resurrected a youth group that had been dormant for a little over six months and expanded it with only a little success.

We have not put on any major events this year because of the difficulty of getting everyone together. However, every month, we put on a sausage sizzle to improve the atmosphere after Sunday mass. This has been the most successful thing we have done so far.

## Impact Youth

### St Joseph's Parish Nambour

**About our ministry:**

A Youth Group for the Nambour/Sunshine Coast area, and a way to introduce young people to God.

**Average age range of participants:**

Secondary Students

**We generally meet at:** Parish Centre

**Contact email address:** nicholas1767@hotmail.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** No

**About our leaders:**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	2

**Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Youth Group meeting				

## LifeTeen

### Darra-Jindalee Catholic Parish

**About our ministry:**

LifeTeen is a youth group aimed at 12-18 year old's where we provide Catechesis, an opportunity to discuss issues that concern young people and an opportunity for like minded young people to just enjoy each others company.

**Average age range of participants:**

Secondary Students

**We generally meet at:** Twelve Apostles Jindalee Parish Hall

**Contact email address:** youthdarjin@gmail.com; 37158517

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

**About our leaders:**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
1	None	4

**Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
6:30pm-8:30pm	September holidays	31-49 participants	Annually	no difference
Body and Soul	Thursday Evenings	0-5 participants	Weekly	no difference
Light It Up Community Sleep Out	June/July Holidays	50+ participants	Annually	increased

**Written report about our year:**

LifeTeen Youth Group (Darra-Jindalee Catholic Parish)

Youth Ministry in the Darra-Jindalee Catholic Parish has a very strong and rich history spanning over 20 years. Over the last three or so years the youth group has followed the LifeTeen program which has proven to be very successful in providing solid Catechesis for the young people in the Parish.

Over the course of 2014 LifeTeen has also begun to focus on social justice issues and providing the young people of the parish with an opportunity to raise awareness about issues that they are passionate about. The Light It Up Community Sleep Out is an example of them taking action and raising awareness about homelessness in Brisbane. The Light It Up Community Sleep Out brought together over 90 participants from a number of different groups in the parish from the St. Vincent de Paul conference, the local state high school, LifeTeen members, sacramental program members and even youth members from other local youth groups such as the Passionist Youth at the Fort. It was an incredible experience to see members of the Dara-Jindalee Community from all ages and from different groups coming together to experience what it is like to experience being homeless for just one night. This community project was so successful that it will now be an annual event with the intention of drawing more groups from our community together.

LifeTeen at Darra-Jindalee gives the young people of the parish an opportunity to meet like-minded teenagers and to share and learn about their faith in an environment where they feel safe to be themselves.

## OLR Parish Youth

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Kenmore

### About our ministry:

To connect young people who are like minded in their faith an avenue to grow and learn together.

### Average age range of participants:

Primary Students

Secondary Students

**We generally meet at:** meeting room of the parish

**Contact email address:** kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	7

### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Youth Event	August	11-20 participants	Annually	no difference

### Written report about our year:

Our parish youth ministry team has for the past 6 years slowly evolved into a committee who oversee the younger youth.

We have 2 adult leaders + the Parish Priest + 5 young adults who meet monthly to plan the youth events/calendar.

We have our youth event after the 5.30pm Youth Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month.

The youth facilitate the Mass and provide the music. They then meet until 8pm after Mass.

Youth topics/events after the Mass include: Q & A; Lenten Reflection; Gospel reflections; Mary; people of the bible; games; craft and more.

The annual events are: Sports Day; bush walk.

The average age of attendees are upper primary and lower secondary and we have a strong group of attendees who are very keen of approx 15 people.

## St Patrick's Youth Group

St Patrick's Parish Beenleigh

### About our ministry:

To help lead young people to a deeper knowledge and love of God, and a life-sustaining relationship with Jesus Christ; to provide a safe and enjoyable place to mix with peers; to give them opportunities to become more involved members of the church and wider communities.

### Average age range of participants:

Secondary Students

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** St Joseph's School Hall

**Contact email address:** Cathy 0400 494 943, youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	1	none at present

### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Youth Mass	5.30 - 9pm Fridays	21-30 participants	Fortnightly	increased
Youth band practice	7 - 8pm Tuesdays	6-10 participants	Weekly	increased

### Written report about our year:

This year at St Patrick's Parish, we held a weekend retreat for young people. This was in response to the Brisbane NET Team being available to minister in Parishes.

The retreat was held on Friday evening, Saturday, Saturday evening and Sunday, finishing with lunch. The older group were given the option of staying over in the Presbytery with the NET Team.

God's unconditional love and relationship with Jesus were the themes for the weekend. The members of the NET Team did a great job of opening up these themes in a fun and meaningful way for the young people.

Because of the emphasis placed on the retreat, both because it was a bigger than usual event, and also because it was being run by the NET Team, we had a great response. Apart from attracting most of the once in a while members, there were a couple of young people who came along for the first time, who are now regular members of our youth group.

All in all, I have been delighted with the outcome of our retreat, and hopefully will be able to make it an annual event. Some of the young people have already been asking me when the next one will be!

I would like to extend my thanks to the Archdiocese for making the Brisbane NET Team available for ministry in Parishes. I think its a great initiative for youth ministry in our area.

## St Paul's Youth

St Paul's Parish Woodridge

### About our ministry:

Our ministry is to assist and support our young faithful to continue a life with Jesus.

### Average age range of participants:

Primary Students

Secondary Students

**We generally meet at:** Parish Meeting room/hall/church

**Contact email address:** stpaulsyouthwoodridge@gmail.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	3

### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
MEETING	9:00-10:00	21-30 participants	Monthly	no difference

## St Stephen's Cathedral Young Adults Ministry (YAM)

Cathedral of St Stephen Parish

### About our ministry:

The Young Adult Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Stephen (St. Stephen's YAM) gathers young men and women (ages 18-35) to connect and grow through sharing and deepening our Catholic faith towards enriched spiritual self-actualisation. We strive to live our lives according to Gospel values. Through coordinating weekly spiritual and social gatherings, we nurture the pillars of Prayer, Formation, Community and Charity.

The patronage and counsel of the Cathedrals Clergy and Religious imbues St Stephen YAM with an authentic Catholic spirituality manifest in erudite Catechesis. To help foster efficient, collaborative cohesion in this ministry, the St. Stephen's YAM Core Team serves to liaise with our Religious Companion Sr. Thao Nguyen fdcc in planning, discussing and organising key team initiatives.

The YAM Core Team invites and entrusts key leadership responsibilities to 12 Disciples who demonstrate a particular dedication to nurturing the team spiritual pillars of Prayer, Formation, Community and Charity. This Core group of 12 mainly comprises university students (undergrad and postgrad, local and international) and young professionals.

### Average age range of participants:

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Cathedral of St. Stephen

**Contact email address:** ststephencathedralyam@gmail.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	12

### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
The Vine (Guest Speaker)	7:30pm 1st Sunday of month	50+ participants	Monthly	increased
Religious DVD night	5:30pm 2nd Sunday of month	11-20 participants	Monthly	increased
Adoration & Fellowship	5:30pm 3rd Sunday of month	6-10 participants	Monthly	increased
YAM Social event	4th Sunday of month	11-20 participants	Monthly	increased

### Written report about our year:

Our signature annual event is the St Stephen's Cathedral Youth Expo, which we co-ordinate in partnership with Vocation Brisbane. This Sunday-based Expo centres upon a midday Young Adult Mass, followed by live music, food, drinks and an open showcase of religious stalls. The Youth Expo invites youth/young adults to explore and engage over 20 Youth/Young Adult Ministries from-out the Brisbane Archdiocese, including Ignite Youth, NET Ministries, Newman Society, Blind Eye Ministries and Frassati Australia.

2014 is also distinguished in seeing key St. Stephen's YAM Core Team members participate in a Christian Solidarity Immersion trip to East Timor from late November to early December.

## Youth And Young Adults (YAYA)

### Upper Mount Gravatt Wishart Parish

#### About our ministry:

As a parish community we work within the pastoral directions of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane and its vision of: embracing the person and vision of Jesus, building Communion with God and others and engaging in Christ's mission in our world.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, our Mission is to be an evangelising, faith-filled parish whose members care for one another and are welcoming and inclusive. One of our priorities is to focus upon youth and young adults and explore with them ways in which they can participate actively and be formed through the liturgical, pastoral and outreach activities of our community.

With this in mind, the purpose of our youth group (YAYA) is to provide an avenue for young people of all ages to meet, share ideas and talents and enjoy fellowship in a safe environment. Our young people play, pray, sing and attend mass together once a month. This is offered to all youth and young adults in our parish.

#### Average age range of participants:

Primary Students  
Secondary Students  
Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** St, Bernard's Church, Upper Mt. Gravatt

**Contact email address:** edwingoa777@gmail.com; mob-0478624753

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

#### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	Between 10 - 15

#### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Youth Meeting	9/11/2014	21-30 participants	Monthly	increased

#### Written report about our year:

Built on the foundation of our parish's previous youth group, YAYA, 4 months ago a new team took over. During this time we have met four times on the second Friday of the month where the group practices the songs and music for the following Sunday evening's youth mass.

The monthly meeting usually takes the form of a 30 to 60 minute music practice followed by games and refreshments. We have had a solid membership and attendance and continue to build on our foundation. After each month's mass we spend time with other parishioners over a cup of tea / coffee or soft drink and get to know the people who make up our parish. We also use this occasion to practice our evangelization skills and invite youth to join YAYA.

The youth mass showcases the talents of our youth in various ministries: singing, instrumentalists, Ministers of the Word and Communion, taking up the collections, welcoming parishioners to mass, mass co-ordination and altar serving to name a few.

We have many plans for YAYA, such as regular youth events, meetings and other gatherings as suggested by our members and look forward to guiding and developing our youth to be leaders and disciples. To be evangelisers, to keep the spirit of God alive in our young people, who truly are our current and future leaders of the church and the world.

## Ethnic Communities

### Brisbane Samoan Catholic Youth Incorporated

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Acacia Ridge

**About our ministry:**

The purpose of our ministry is to bring the Samoan youth closer to God and understand our faith more aswell. We sing twice a month for our parish. We hold youth nights once every two months where we base the night on a theme. We read a story from the bible and discuss how the theme and story relate to our daily lives.

**Average age range of participants:**

Secondary Students  
 Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Our Lady of Fatima Catholic church

**Contact email address:** marcella\_tauvalai@live.com.au or 0410214691

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** No

**About our leaders:**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	20

**Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Choir sing for parish	Nov-28	11-20 participants	Monthly	increased

## Chinese Catholic Community Brisbane Youth Group

### Chinese Catholic Community of Brisbane

#### About our ministry:

The group aims to connect youths of Chinese Catholic Community of Brisbane such that we can keep in touch and continue to grow in the Love of Jesus.

We are a bunch of ordinary people whom share a common vision that we receive power when the Holy Spirit falls upon us.

#### Average age range of participants:

Secondary Students  
 Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** At Church - Sacred Heart Centre

**Contact email address:** cccbbyouth@gmail.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

#### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	Depends on different needs

#### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Catechuman Group	10:30am	50+ participants	Once Off	no difference
Youth Gatherings	N/A	11-20 participants	Once Off	decreased
Taize Prayer Night	N/A	11-20 participants	Annually	no difference

#### Written report about our year:

In July 2014, we organised a 3-day Youth Camp at Mt Tamborine for young people between the ages of 13 to 35. The theme 'Channels of God's Grace' explored more deeply into four of the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church - Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation.

With the guidance of three spiritual leaders and a mixture of sharing and activities, the youths were able to learn about specific symbols and meanings behind the various Sacraments, thereby gaining a deeper understanding of the Holy Mass and appreciate the gifts that God has given us.

In addition to strengthening our faith spiritually, the camp also provided an opportunity for team bonding and companionship an important aspect in Youth Ministry to keep the fire burning!

## FCI Friends in Faith

Holy Cross, Woolloowin

### About our ministry:

FCI Friends in Faith is a proud member branch of the Italian Catholic Federation network in Australia. Possessing a membership base of fifteen, we as a group, comprise of singles, couples and young families. Our shared vision is to be a Catholic community united in friendship and in faith, enriched by our Italo-Australian heritage, bearing witness to Christ through the promotion and organisation of various spiritual, social and charitable activities. These include community picnics and BBQs, spiritual retreats, charity dinner dances and group led masses.

### Average age range of participants:

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** President's House

**Contact email address:** friendsinfaith@live.com.au

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	We all volunteer our time to be part of the group

### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Easter BBQ and Picnic	Once a month	11-20 participants	Monthly	no difference
Ben-Detto	First friday of every month	50+ participants	Monthly	increased
Trivia Night	Twice a Year	50+ participants	Annually	increased
Mass	Once every two months	50+ participants	Monthly	no difference

### Written report about our year:

Founded in 2004, the branch was originally known as *Giovani Insieme*. Now known as Friends in Faith, it continues to serve the Italo-Australian Community on Brisbane Northside, more specifically, in the areas of Everton Park, Stafford Heights, Aspley, Chermside and Lutwyche.

Despite only having a membership base of 15 members including our Chaplain, a Scalabrinian Missionary, the branch is active in both the Lutwyche Parish and the Italian Community (Northside) with a wide support base.

FCI Friends in Faith is proud to organise a number of religious, social and charitable activities throughout the year, including:

- Easter Monday Pasquetta Picnic
- Charity Trivia Night
- Annual Spiritual retreat
- Mini-Retreats (held every quarter)
- Monthly Formation Nights
- Friends in Faith led mass, every 6 weeks in the Lutwyche Parish
- Membership ceremony "Tesserament"
- Annual Charity Dinner Dance, held in September / October, organised in conjunction with its fellow FCI branches of North Brisbane and Aspley-Geebung to support the Scalabrinian Seminarians
- Participation in multicultural festivals and special feast days
- Publication of monthly e-newsletter "Ben-Detto!"

With particular reference to our Trivia Night hosted on 20th September at Holy Cross Parish, Woolloowin, we received exceptional community support with over 100 participants. We are always looking for relevant and meaningful avenues open to donations and this year, wished to focus our funds raised to a project facilitating overseas aid. As such, we donated a portion of the funds to the Catholic Mission African Ebola Appeal. Moreover, resulting from the overwhelming response from the event, we were also able to make a contribution to a project within the Parish itself involving the construction of new signs, thereby serving both local and wider Church needs in the same event.

We have also began to participate in events which administer to Brisbane's homeless community including involvement in a drive by the Micah association to collect toiletries for the homeless and create small health hampers. Additionally we are facilitating our very own Charity Food Drive for the Brisbane Youth Service.

We are relatively small member base, but we are strong in spirit and find it extremely humbling to be able to support other organisations and associations, which emulate our desire to reach out and help others in making a difference.

## Movements and Other Groups

### Campus Ministry, Australian Catholic University

Australian Catholic University Brisbane

#### About our ministry:

At the direction of Fr Anthony Casamento; Director of Identity and Mission a working group was established in 2013 to enhance the presence of Campus Ministry on our campuses. Looking at the strategic plan of the University, five areas were outlined and form individual KPIs and key result areas for Campus Ministry.

- Introducing and Orientating a Catholic University
- Building community with staff and students
- Educate and enrich staff and students in life skills and life application of Catholic faith
- Develop leadership capacity forming Catholic leaders for the future
- Outreach Social Justice and marketing ACU as Catholic

#### Average age range of participants:

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** On campus at ACU Banyo

**Contact email address:** mark.lysaght@acu.edu.au

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

#### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
2	1	n/a

#### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Daily Mass, Mon-Fri	Tuesday 4:30pm	11-20 participants	Quarterly	increased
Human Virtues Series x2	Wednesdays 1:00pm	50+ participants	Annually	increased
Random Acts of Kindness Day	Mar-03	21-30 participants	Annually	increased
Fr Greg Boyle National Speaking Tour	Aug-11	50+ participants	Once Off	no difference

#### Written report about our year:

We want ACU to be a place where Random Acts of Kindness are happening every day.

On April 9, Brisbane ACU campus was a kinder place. 400 fortune cookies were handed out to staff and students with a kindness challenge inside, including 'Smile and say hello to 5 strangers to the more challenging email a lecturer to tell them how much you appreciate them and why. These reached far beyond the University, as one of the challenges was to compliment three friends. One staff member received an email in response saying 'what a fantastic environment you work in to promote such thoughtfulness!

A group of students spent the morning writing inspirational and kindness quotes onto sticky notes and plastering them around the University; with encouraging notes on computers throughout the library, cafeteria and across all the noticeboards and notes on bathroom mirrors gave out compliments. Early in the morning, a group of students were at the top of the hundred-stair climb from the new car park to cheer people on as they reached the top, blaring out 'Eye of the Tiger'. Alongside a free BBQ offered by the student association were massages from some generous students from Health Sciences, for the price of a donation to Caritas Project Compassion.

**Edmund Rice Camps Brisbane**

Christian Brothers

**About our ministry:**

ERC provides recreational holiday camps for children who would not otherwise have the opportunity.

**Average age range of participants:**

Primary Students

Secondary Students

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Office is in Nudgee**Contact email address:** [campsbrisbane@edmundrice.org](mailto:campsbrisbane@edmundrice.org)**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes**About our leaders:**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
1	1	35 volunteers per program at least

**Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Traditional Camp	School Holidays	11-20 participants	Quarterly	no difference
Family Camp	School Holidays	21-30 participants	Annually	increased

## Frassati Australia

### Brisbane Oratory in Formation & Annerley-Ekibin Parish

**About our ministry:**

Frassati Australia's core mission to assist young men to live the Catholic faith in an authentic and sacramental way while, at the same time, coming to know their faith more deeply. This is done through the young adults' nights, Verso L'Alto, each Monday at Mary Immaculate Church, Annerley. The evening begins with Mass and is followed by social and formative activities. This evening caters for both young men and women. A core group of young men live in the Frassati Houses, Catholic houses of brotherhood and accountability that assist the young man to grow in virtue and manliness as well as assisting in vocational discernment. Monthly, the young men come together for the Milites Mariae Dinner and prayer. Each year there is also a retreat weekend, the Juventus weekend.

**Average age range of participants:**

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Mary Immaculate Church, Annerley

**Contact email address:** pwchandler@icloud.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

**About our leaders:**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	approximately 20

**Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Verso L'Alto	First Thursday of the month	21-30 participants	Monthly	increased
Juventus Weekend	December	21-30 participants	Annually	increased

**Written report about our year:**

A new initiative for Term 4 of 2014 was Frassati Youth, for high school aged young people. It is happening this year on a Friday evening, 6:30pm to 9pm, on a trial basis to test the viability and popularity of such a program. So, far it has been enthusiastically received with about 30 teenagers coming along. The Frassati young adult group is preparing and running the nights which consist of food, games, catechesis and praying the Rosary in the Church. Confession is available as well as monthly Benediction.

## Imagine

### Brisbane Archdiocese

**About our ministry:**

We are passionate about providing opportunities for women to gather, ENCOUNTER Jesus through the Word of God, ARISE in their giftedness and to experience transformation in their lives that they might go out and TRANSFORM the world around them. We believe we are called to live our ordinary lives in such a way that extraordinary things can happen to bless others and our world. Imagine is about equipping women to transform their world!

**Average age range of participants:**

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Francis Rush Centre

**Contact email address:** imagine.aus@gmail.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** No

**About our leaders:**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	11

**Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Imagine Service Night	1st Thursday 7-9pm	21-30 participants	Monthly	increased

**Written report about our year:**

As part of Imagine quarterly Service nights we have launched the BE THE LIGHT CAMPAIGN in 2014 that hopes to provide a bank of gifts packs that can be distributed when needs arise in our community. It may be a single mum who needs some practical support, someone undergoing medical treatment, a new mum or a family who has suffered a loss. This campaign has provided avenues for women to arise in their gifts and the season they are in - whether it is rallying their local communities to donate items for the packs, creating the gift packages, identifying the needs of those around them or delivering the packs and spending time with the recipients. We continue to have many requests for packs that might bring the love and practical support people need when they are struggling through life. The campaign has challenged each of us to look outwardly each day to see those in need and be able to respond in a practical way so that we can bring some hope to the lives of others and shine the light of Christ. This campaign continues to support the work of the Blind Eye Ministries team in particular with our final Imagine Service night for 2014 centred on providing Christmas gift packs to be given out through the Blind Eye Christmas appeal.

Imagine has also provided ongoing Encounter nights that exist to create opportunities for women to ENCOUNTER Jesus and be challenged to journey deeper into their faith. During 2015 we have focused on getting about who we are as women in Christ and empowering the attendees to embrace this each month through practical challenges. This commitment to provide teaching that allows vulnerable sharing and real life testimony has elicited a response in the women attending that has allowed us as a team to become aware of the brokenness in so many women. This has stretched us to consider how we are able to support and empower these women in their requests for prayer, counselling and support in between our Imagine events.

As we journey towards 2015, our team is so aware of the need in our community to provide a space for Catholic women to connect, be challenged to consider who they are in Christ and continue to have opportunities to live outwardly. We are constantly being stretched to meet this need in the women around us that are desperate for authentic leadership, vulnerable relationships and prayer that allow them to step into who they were created to be in the season of life they currently exist within. We are aware of the limitations that exist in many women's lives to attend evening events and continue to consider how we can build our online community that includes empowerment, resources and support wherever the women live around the world.

## Jesus Youth Queensland

Jesus Youth / Catholic Church

### About our ministry:

The movement has its special focus on a life centered on the Lord Jesus Christ: beginning with an experience of God nourished by prayer, the Word of God, the sacraments and fellowship, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with others. In Queensland we focus on providing spiritual nourishment for teens, youth and established families. We focus on catholic values and social morals through Jesus Youth lifestyle and its six founding pillars namely Daily Prayer, word of God, sacraments, Fellowship, Service and Evangelisation.

### Average age range of participants:

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** St Patricks church hall, Fortitude Valley and at individual residences

**Contact email address:** 0468376734. jesusyouth.qld@gmail.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	Oct-20

### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Jesus Youth Prayer Meeting	Sat 4.30pm	11-20 participants	Fortnightly	increased

### Written report about our year:

One of the biggest highlights for 2014 in Jesus Youth Queensland's calendar was the successful completion of a 4 day conference at QCCC Mt Tambourine. We were blessed with the presence of His Grace Archbishop Mark Coleridge on the 3rd day and he was kind enough to lead us in Holy Mass. About 200+ participants attended the conference conducted in four streams: Kids, Teens, Youth and Married couples. The conference aptly named 'Revive' was in line with Jesus Youth Australia's 10 year anniversary celebration's slogan - Rejoice, Renew, Reachout

Every year since 2011 Jesus Youth Australia organizes 'Hours of Grace'. This is a 100 day 24 hour Eucharistic adoration happening in different parishes across Australia. An allocation of days is given to each region (including JY Qld) and these regions will work closely with parishes willing to host this adoration at their church. In our region, for 2014, we had adorations happening at Northgate, Holland Park, Beenleigh and Ipswich parishes. Hours of Grace event runs for 100 days from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Day.

Jesus Youth across the world celebrate 'Recommitment day' on Pentecost Sunday. On this day all Jesus Youth families, Youth and anyone associated in one way or the other with Jesus Youth come together for a time of Holy Mass and recommitment prayers. All families are encouraged to do the Holy Spirit Novena 9 days prior to recommitment day. In 2014, the Recommitment day happened on the 7th of July at St. Patricks church hall, Fortitude Valley.

Jesus Youth Queensland had formed a new Youth Leadership group in 2013. One of the goals set for 2014 was to encourage house visits to nurture a fruitful bond between the families of these young leaders. Jesus Youth elders and animators have taken this up as an important task and have been tirelessly visiting different families. We have since seen a dramatic increase in enthusiasm and participation rate in many small one day programs that were organized in 2014. Social gatherings for festival events attracted these families and they brought with them their friends. This initiative is expected to continue through to 2015.

In late September, Jesus Youth organized a 5 day formation program at Marian Valley, Canugra. The aim was to give selective formation for 10-15 youth identified as potential future leaders for the movement. This was a silent program with no phones, one day fasting, evangelization house visits and lots of reflection times.

In conjunction with Syro Malabar church, Jesus Youth Queensland helped organize and conduct various spiritual nourishment events for Teens and Youth. Notable one was the one day event at Northgate church organized in Oct 2014 which attracted more than 70 youth.

Since 2010 Jesus Youth Australia have been trying to reach out to Papua New Guinea and Nauru. And every year since a group of zealous missionaries are sent out to partnering parishes in PNG and Nauru. In 2013 and 2014 it is notable that Jesus Youth Queensland provided the most number of missionaries to this initiative, some now making their second and third trip. This year in October, Jesus Youth mission team had organized a retreat at Springbrook National Park, Gold Coast for 20 youth from PNG and 4 youth from Nauru. Unfortunately with delays in visa, this event had to be pushed to early 2015.

## Ignite Youth

### Emmanuel Community

**About our ministry:**

Ignite Youth exists to connect a generation with Jesus through dynamic events and authentic relationships. It is our goal to create an environment of real world evangelisation - meeting young people where they're at, and taking their passions, gifts and talents and showing them how they can be used to impact their world for God.

**Average age range of participants:**

Secondary Students  
Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Various locations throughout Brisbane (Primarily Emmaus Centre, Paddington and Australian Catholic University, Banyo)

**Contact email address:** hello@igniteyouth.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

**About our leaders:**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
1	5	50

**Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Ignite High	Tuesdays, 4pm	21-30 participants	Fortnightly	increased
Ignite Live	Sunday, 5pm	50+ participants	Monthly	increased
Ignite Heart Night	Monday, 7pm	31-49 participants	Monthly	increased
Ignite High LEAD	Weekends	11-20 participants	Quarterly	increased

**Written report about our year:**

This year Ignite Youth has been blessed in growth across our existing ministries, and wanted to place particular focus on reaching those young people who have no interest in being part of Church, and raising up our next generation of leaders.

The two new initiatives that have covered these areas this year have been Ignite High Lead and Ignite Launch.

The first new initiative that we have had exciting success with is Ignite High Lead. With a large core group of Year 11s and 12s in our high school youth group we wanted to find opportunities to train them as youth leaders and continue their engagement with our ministry, using their gifts and talents after school has finished.

Ignite High Lead is a two year youth leader training program for Year 11s and 12s. The first year, designed for year 11s, is focused on discipleship - understanding both Christian living practices as well as the teaching of the Catholic Church, including virtues, morality, sacraments, the history of the church and saints. The second year, designed for Year 12s, is focused on youth leadership including the fundamentals of planning and leading a ministry, running a small group, writing a talk, leading prayer and dealing with various situations. We have partnered with NET Ministries to access their decades of teaching, experience and content. The discipleship year is a pre-requisite for the leadership year.

This year we have begun by only running the discipleship program, and have been blown away by the engagement of the 12 students involved.

Our second initiative deals with connecting with high schoolers who are searching, but have concluded that the Catholic Church has nothing to offer them. To answer this we realised that we needed to run an event in a location that young people would choose to be, a place they'd be comfortable and a place they wouldn't expect the Church (and Jesus) to be found. This resulted in creating the first Ignite Launch, run at Gold Coast theme park, Movie World, and attracted 300 young people from across the dioceses and beyond! After spending a full day riding the roller coasters, seeing the shows and hanging out with friends at the theme park we then held a concert style rally in one of the Movie World show stages. This rally was designed to connect with those uninterested or unsure about their faith and featured a DJ, Emmanuelworship, and a short introduction to the Gospel message.

50% of those attending reported that they had not engaged with the Catholic Church more than four times in the last twelve months, and all those surveyed shared that they now saw faith, God and the Church in a new way that they were keen to engage with. Not only did this result in many of those attending following up by coming to Ignite Conference, where they were exposed to teaching, sacraments and community, but it also led to the growth and development of a number of youth groups, most notably the 40 plus Redcliffe Parish group.

A team of 30 volunteers were on hand throughout the day to create community and look after those their on their own.

## Passionist Youth Retreat Team

### The Passionist Congregation

**About our ministry:**

The team provides faith formation, personal development and retreat training for the young adults on the team. It also then gives them the opportunity to engage in youth to youth ministry by conducting retreats for schools throughout Queensland and Northern NSW.

**Average age range of participants:**

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** The Passionist Community, 219 Fort Rd., Oxley.

**Contact email address:** sanchez346@ozemail.com.au

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

**About our leaders:**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	1	14

**Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
September Camp				

**Written report about our year:**

Events don't cover what we do. We run retreats for High Schools, most of which are Catholic, throughout Queensland and Northern NSW. The retreats can range from one day to 4 days. Apart from these, and the annual September camp which we run for youth connected with the Passionist Family Group Movement, all our activities have to do with the on-going formation of the team in terms of faith formation, personal development and development of skills and organisation for conducting high-school retreats.

## Real Talk

### Independent

#### About our ministry:

Real Talk is a Catholic organisation that exists to evangelise people (specifically the young) through topics surrounding sex, relationships and identity. Real Talk seeks to speak truth whilst bringing about positive change to peoples' self worth, beliefs and behaviors.

#### Average age range of participants:

Secondary Students

**We generally meet at:** We visit Schools and parishes

**Contact email address:** admin@realtalkaustralia.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

#### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
1	6+	4

#### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Real Talk: Love and Life Seminars and Reflections Days	Bi Monthly	31-49 participants	Quarterly	increased

#### Written report about our year:

Real Talk has a team of 10 presenters who this year presented in over 15 diocese to over 15,000 people in live seminars and Reflection days. The bulk was Catholic High Schools but we also worked in parishes and primary schools. This forms the bulk of Real Talk ministry.

Resources: Real Talk also produces resources such as the Girl Talk Resource and the Real Talk Student Mini-mags.

A Love That Satisfies: An Immersion into Pope John Paul II Theology of the Body - \*New Event in 2014: This event was well attended with 100 attending the open lecture and 50+ attending for the weekend of lectures and workshops. It drew an attendance from a variety of Archdiocesan groups and ages with a large number of young adults.

The Dating War: This is an event held every 2 months (5 in 2014). The Dating War aims to provide practical, "real life" input, for Catholic young adults, on the challenges of single life and dating - to encourage the virtue of Chastity and a focus on the call to holiness. Attendances in 2014 were between 30-65. Considering the limited demographic we were very happy with the attendance and the result of these events.

\*New in 2014 - We also launched the online resource and portal for Catholic young adults on topics to do with relationships and Christian living [www.thedatingwar.com](http://www.thedatingwar.com)

One off Events: The Real Talk team, especially the directors Paul Ninnes and Kym Keady, also partook in a number of invitations to speak at different local and interstate events. For example, Vocation Directors conference (Brisbane), Ignite Conference (Brisbane), Faith on Tap (Brisbane), Quo Vadis Weekend (Brisbane), Guinness and God, Pub Theology, Stronger Retreat, ACU National retreat, Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention.

Parents Nights: Real Talk presented parents nights on the topics of Love, Sex, Relationships, Parenting and Raising Teenagers. (Brisbane and Interstate)

## Verbum Dei Missionaries

Archdiocese of Brisbane

### About our ministry:

To form apostles of Christ from all people through the ministry of Prayer and Preaching the Word of God.

We help people to have a personal relationship with God and to learn the full dynamism of the Word of God. It is from a relationship with God that the apostle is able to be actively transformed to live out the Word of God and to learn to share the Word of God (i.e. be missionary). In this way, each apostle learns their true dignity and identity of being a child of God, and thus, is able to continue building the Kingdom of God and transforming society from within.

### Average age range of participants:

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Bardon House and St Stephen's Cathedral

**Contact email address:** (hm) (07)3495-7105 (mob) 0424-777-232 (mob) 0478-839-990

vdmfbris@gmail.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** No

### About our leaders:

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	None	n/a

### Our events this year:

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
School of the Word	December	21-30 participants	Annually	increased
Pentecost Vigil	Pentecost	31-49 participants	Annually	increased
Day Retreats	Throughout the year	21-30 participants	Quarterly	increased
School of Apostles	Saturdays 1:30pm - 5:00pm	6-10 participants	Monthly	no difference

### Written report about our year:

We ran a one week guided Silent Easter Retreat from April 21st to 27th. The theme of the retreat was "The Joy of the Resurrection" and we based the retreat on the Apostolic Exhortation: "The Joy of the Gospel" (Evangelii Gaudium). The retreat was a great opportunity for people to exercise their capacity of contemplation in silence and the spiritual exercise of living in God's presence. The time of silent prayer was an opportunity to deepen on specific scriptural readings. Consequently participation in the retreat was conducive to empowering people to encounter God and allow God to unfold the joy of the resurrection within them so that they would be able to be an authentic testimony of Christ's resurrection to all people they would encounter in society.

## Vinnies Youth

### St Vincent de Paul Society Qld

**About our ministry:**

Vinnies Youth is the name given to the inspiring young people aged 16 – 35 who volunteer for the St Vincent de Paul Society Qld. Every month there are hundreds of young people who share their time, love, and talents to make a difference to those in need. Together they run a variety of programs that target the needs of disadvantaged young people aged 8 to 17 years. The program provides young people with the opportunity to experience education and recreational activities in a safe environment, a chance to learn basic life skills like teamwork, and the opportunity to feel proud of themselves, all while having fun.

**Average age range of participants:**

Young Adults (16 -35)

**We generally meet at:** Locations all over the Brisbane Archdiocese, but our State Office is South Brisbane.

**Contact email address:** youth@svdpqld.org.au

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

**About our leaders: (Within the Brisbane Archdiocese)**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
7	4	700 (Brisbane Archdiocese)

**Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Buddies Days ( 9programs)	Saturdays	11-20 participants per program, per month	Monthly	increased
SENSE Mentoring (2 Programs)	Saturdays	15 – 20 participants, per program	Monthly	increased
Volunteer Training	Weekend - July	40	Annually	Stayed the same
Kids Camp	School Holidays	80	2 Times a year	Increased
Sense Camp	September Holidays	40	Annually	First time
NightRiders Social Inclusion Program	Monthly (Wed, Sat)	15	3 Times per month	Increased
State Youth Team Leadership Meeting	Weekend	16	Quarterly	Increased
Volunteer Refugee Tutoring (VoRTCS) * Own committee	One night a week/fortnight	300	Ongoing, weekly	Increased

**Written report about our year:**

Vinnies Youth are excited to be continuing to grow and strengthen. We are inspired by our Founder Frederic Ozanam, and we continue to seek new ways to serve the poor and marginalised in our community. With our growing membership we are able to continually strive to “Hunt down poverty in order to give humanity its dignity.” – Blessed Rosalie Rendu.

## Vocations Brisbane

### Curia

**About our ministry:**

To promote vocation especially to priestly ministry and to gather with young people

**Average age range of participants:**

Primary Students

Secondary Students

Young Adults (17-30)

**We generally meet at:** Everywhere

**Contact email address:** Catholicpriesthood.com

**Is the ministry listed in the CYM Brisbane Directory?** Yes

**About our leaders:**

Full-time paid staff members	Part-time paid staff members	Volunteers
None	5	10

**Our events this year:**

Event	Time/Date	Avg participants	Frequency	2014 attendance
Consilium	Fourth Thursday of month	31-49 participants	Monthly	increased
Quo Vadis weekend	May and August	6-10 participants	Annually	increased
Leaven hour	4th Friday month	50+ participants	Monthly	increased