



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Youth Evangelisation Office

Youth Evangelisation Annual Report

2015

Executive Summary

This document aims to provide feedback about the various youth initiatives that operate in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

The information contained in this report comes directly from the leaders of each youth initiative. The Youth Evangelisation Office requested that each initiative fill out a survey giving the general scope of their ministry and information pertinent to their initiative. This was a voluntary survey and the response rate from youth initiatives was approximately 50%. This is an increase from the 35% response rate in 2014.

This year's report covers 42 active youth ministry groups throughout the Archdiocese, including groups based around parishes, ethnic communities, university ministries, ecclesial movements and other groups.

Key statistics from report:

- 42 youth ministry groups
- Over 80 full and part time employees
- Over 1300 volunteers
- Over 65 regular events
- 91% of all events indicated that their attendance either increased or stayed the same

NB. Attendance is not the sole gauge of the success of an initiative but it can be a good indicator to look at when discussing the initiative as a whole.

For more information regarding this report please contact the youth evangelisation office at youthproject@bne.catholic.net.au.

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Parish and Deanery Groups

Aggies Youth

St Agatha's Parish Clayfield

Primary contact person: Anne O'Connor

Position: organiser

Contact email address: noconnor@worldoptions.com.au

About our ministry:

To try to engage young people to feel part of the Parish and to develop a spiritual life.

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: St Agatha's Parish Office

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
		6

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Lifeteen Mass	5.30pm every Sunday	50 +	Weekly	Decreased
NET day	once a year	6 - 10	Annually	Decreased

Written report about the year:

In 2015 we continued to have the 5.30 Sunday Mass as a Lifeteen Mass. We held one NET day for children in grades 6,7,8,and 9. We also produce postcard-size picture prayer cards to give out at times that are important to young people e.g. QCS exam time and year 6 school leaving. We also maintain a facebook page. A group of musicians organised by Daniel Allen use Lifeteen resources to provide contemporary music and screen images for the 5.30 Sunday Mass. We find it difficult to do more as we do not have anyone, paid or unpaid,who has the requisite abilities and time to implement an on-going program of events. We also do not have a Parish hall so space for events has to be negotiated with the next door primary school.

All Saints Youth Ministry

All Saints Parish Albany Creek

Primary contact person: Matthew Ross

Position: Youth Ministry Coordinator

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About our ministry:

All Saints Youth Ministry provides the opportunity for young people to experience faith within 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, helping out at Buddies, or having a coffee together and talking about life.

Age range of Participants:

Primary School
Secondary School
Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: At our Parish Centre at the Church

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	1	20+ (varies)

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Altitude Youth Group		11 - 25	Fortnightly	Decreased
Vivo Young Adults		6 - 10	Fortnightly	Decreased
Buddies Day Program		6 - 10	Monthly	Stayed the same
Youth Mass	2nd and 4th Sundays 5:30pm Mass	26 - 50	Fortnightly	Decreased

Written report about the year:

Darra-Jindalee Life Teen

Darra Jindalee Catholic Parish

Primary contact person: Stephanie Unger
Position: Youth Co-ordinator
Contact email address: youthdarjin@gmail.com

About our ministry:

Darra-Jindalee Life Teen is a youth group for High School aged students led by a a dedicated team of young adults. We meet every Sunday evening (Term time) focusing on Catechesis nights (Life Nights), Issue nights and socials.

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

General meeting place: Twelve Apostles Church Hall Jindalee

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
1		12

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Light It Up Community Sleep Out	First weekend of the June/July School Holidays	50 +	Annually	Increased
Life Teen Camp	First weekend of the September school holidays	50 +	Annually	Increased
Inter-Parish Touch Football Tournament	August	50 +	Annually	Stayed the same
Life Teen Night	Sunday evening (Term Time) from 6:30pm-8:30pm	11 - 25	Weekly	Increased
Darra Youth Mass	Second Sunday of every month at 9am	11 - 25	Monthly	Stayed the same
Jindalee Youth Mass	Fourth Sunday of every month at 5:30pm	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased

Written report about the year:

Throughout 2015 Darra-Jindalee Life Teen provided a place for the young people in the parish to learn about what we as Catholics believe. It created the perfect environment for like minded youth to share their faith, to develop strong friendships and to really embrace the person they were created to be. Life Teen starts by sharing a meal together, includes prayer, activities, teaching and discussion. Over the course of the month we focus on two Catechesis nights, one Issues night and one social. This ensures that each night remains engaging and caters to all the youth who attend. Life Teen also provided an opportunity to develop Christian leadership skills and to deepen the faith of the 12 young adult Core Crew members. Faith formation played such an important role in the lives of the young adults that McBible Study was born. McBible Study is a young adult group that meets at the Richland's Maccas once a week to read through, deconstruct and discuss various chapters of the Bible, giving the young adults a spiritual anchor for their youth ministry.

Faith Fun Futsal Friday's

Our lady of the Rosary Kenmore

Primary contact person: Alicia Lowry

Position: Youth Group Leader

Contact email address: alowry@bne.catholic.edu.au

About our ministry:

Our goal is to accommodate the growing needs of the youth in our parish in order to best support them in their faith journey. From a parish perspective we anticipate an increase in regular attendance. Based on discussions with the youth and written feedback we have changed the day we meet as a group and incorporated additional physical activity structured around the week's scripture focus.

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

General meeting place: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	2

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Mt. Cootha bushwalk	March	6 - 10	Annually	Stayed the same
Sports Day	September	6 - 10	Annually	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

With a decline in youth leader volunteers (around half) and youth attendees, 2015 proved to be a year to consider much change to secure the future of our youth. With little improvement by June 2015, the two volunteers (myself included) began reaching out to other youth events in order to find inspiration and mentoring possibilities to support our parish. Feedback from our participation in the annual Inter-parish Touch Tournament was overwhelmingly positive. It became apparent that the set day may be hindering our youth's ability to attend youth evenings and so a new day/angle was set to commence in 2016.

Kingaroy St Mary's Parish: Youth Band

St Mary's Parish Kingaroy

Primary contact person: Suzanne Mungall

Position: Parishioner

Contact email address: Kingaroy : St Mary's Church Parish

About our ministry:

Hosted a 'youth' mass with more modern music and young readers (only done once in 2015)

Age range of Participants:

15 -35 is the target group

General meeting place: there is no general meeting

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	10

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014

Written report about the year:

Initiating a Youth Mass with Youth Band.

Kolbe Youth - Marsden

St Maximillian Kolbe Parish Marsden

Primary contact person: Christine Lapalapa

Position: Youth Coordinator

Contact email address: christinelapalapa@hotmail.com

About our ministry:

To bring the realisation of Gods love to our young people and then Go Forth and share that love with our families, parishioners, work colleagues and strangers.

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School
Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: On church grounds

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	1	2

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Sleep Out for the needy	July	26 - 50	Annually	
Carols Under the stars	December	50 +	Annually	
Stations of the cross	Easter	50 +	Annually	

Written report about the year:

2015 was a very successful year for our youth ministry having held our first ever sleep out and raising much more than expected for a excellent cause (vinnies winter appeal). Our numbers were great for our big events but just saw a decrease in our weekly sessions in 2015 in which we have changed a few things this year to tackle this issue. Overall i am still extremely grateful to Our Faithful God for blessing me with peace in this very difficult role sometimes. Although i feel completely supported by the archdiocese office trying to drum up more support within my our parish is a little bit more challenging. I am blessed though to have an excellent Parish Priest and a small support crew who always assist.

Our Lady of Graces Catholic Church

Our Lady of Graces Catholic

Primary contact person: Michelle Jory
Position: Youth Ministry Coordinator
Contact email address: mjory_1997@outlook.com

About our ministry:

After Glow is a group of youth which meet once a month after 5:30pm youth mass at Our Lady of Graces to catch up and hang out in a relaxed environment before another busy month! After Glow is a new group which aims to bring young people closer with God and one another. We are all about having a good time and making new friends! Our events for the year may include places like Max Brenner, Church Movie Night, Glow Party, Bowling, Bounce, Coffee, Pizza, Hungry Jacks, McDonald's and more!

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School
 Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: At Carindale

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	2	Varies

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
After Glow	Every 4th Sunday of Calendar Month	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased

Written report about the year:

Whilst our numbers have increased at our monthly event After Glow, we have noticed there is a call for another youth group closer to church and low to no cost. Due to this call put forward by many students and parents, we are in the midst of considering beginning another youth group linked to the church. In 2015 we held many Youth Council meetings where we planned events such as After Glow and prepared for how we will develop and grow in 2016. As Carina Catholic Youth, the name we give our Youth Ministry at Our Lady of Graces Parish, is still fairly new, we have been working hard on the faith formation of our youth, making masses more engaging for youth, and providing a platform for youth to connect with God and one another. We hope to expand our ministries in 2016 with local School Pancakes, a second youth group and community service/volunteer opportunities.

Rock and SALT

St Joseph and St Anthony Parish Bracken Ridge

Primary contact person: Emma Beach
Position: Youth Ministry Co-ordinator
Contact email address: emmabeach@aapt.net.au

About our ministry:

They are two youth groups. One is for high school students and the other is for 18 to 30 year olds.

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School
 Young Adults (17-25)
 Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: Church hall

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	1	4

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Rock gatherings	Every two weeks on Sunday afternoons from 5 to 7pm	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
SALT gatherings	Every fortnight on Sunday nights from 7pm	6 - 10	Fortnightly	Decreased

Written report about the year:

I have the pleasure of running two youth groups. One for teenagers and one for young adults. The groups aim for young people to explore spiritual topics, while enjoying fun with like minded people.

Sandgate/Brighton Youth Group

Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish

Primary contact person: Travis Rosevear

Position: Youth Group Coordinator

Contact email address: travis@rosevear.info

About our ministry:

To provide youth of our parish an environment whereby they can befriend and learn from like-minded individuals. Create a fun and entertaining environment for our parish youth to feel they have some involvement and ownership in their journey with Christ.

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

General meeting place: Sacred Heart School

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	4

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Youth Group Meetings	Fortnightly	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Increased

Written report about the year:

During 2015, we have seen our youth bond more with each other, this has been especially pleasing as one of our goals has been to bring like minded youth together so they can share their experiences with each other as messages from other youth is often stronger than those from priests and adults. We engaged the NET team, whom also attended our Youth Group Camp "Walking on water like Jesus". This was awesomely successful, and to see our youth bond with the NET team and the stories that were shared was really positive. One of our coordinators has had to move on at the end of last year, but we are blessed to have one of the older Youth whom has turned 18 decide to come and assist as a coordinator, this is an excellent outcome as I believe this will help the Youth Group grow stronger over the coming years. I pray 2016 will be just as fruitful as 2015.

St Francis Xavier Youth Ministry

St Francis Xavier Parish Goodna

Primary contact person: Terri O'Callaghan

Position: Leader

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About our ministry:

Providing an opportunity for young people to gather regularly and discuss and grow in their faith outside of normal church gatherings. We also provide a social aspect that makes church fun and more engaging.

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

General meeting place: At a leader's home

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
		2

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Meetings		6 - 10	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Activity day	1st weekend	6 - 10	Monthly	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

Our activities are a combination of service and social. On top of our regular meetings and activity days we also put on a camp for our young people. We send them to the ignite conference in brisbane and try and get them involved in other groups in our area such as St Vincent de Paul.

St Patrick's Youth

St Patricks Parish Beenleigh

Primary contact person: Cathy Korzeniewski

Position: Youth Worker

Contact email address: youth.beenleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

About our ministry:

To help young people in the parish to get to know each other better, and to get to know God and his love better.

Age range of Participants:

Primary School
Secondary School
Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: St Joseph's School Hall

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
	1	

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
United Youth	every 2nd Friday night	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Parish Youth Mass	Sunday 9am, 6pm		Fortnightly	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

During 2015, our regular events - Parish Youth Masses and youth meetings - continued with around the same participation. However, the involvement of some of the young people behind the scenes increased. This was due partly to the inability to find people in the wider parish community to come on board to create a youth ministry team, although we do have a number of supportive parents who are willing to help out when needed. So there was a positive outcome from what seemed like a negative situation! St Patrick's Youth also participated in a number of projects that particularly lean towards charity, including Child Sponsorship, the 40hr Famine, Operation ChristmasChild, and making up packs for the

homeless in our local area. Some of our members also enjoyed events such as Ignite Live, Summer Camp and the Ignite Conference. We were very pleased to have the Freedom NET team and Real Talk come to minister to us during some of our regular youth meetings. They provided great input and the young people enjoyed the interaction - and probably the fact that it provided a change from the norm :) Music continued to play a large part in the lives of our members with our youth band and choir growing in numbers. One thing that stands out to me as the parish youth worker, is the way our young people interact with each other. We have quite a range of age groups involved, and they all get on so well. They are happy to share their time, talents, faith and fun with each other. St Patrick's Youth is looking forward to a great 2016, thanks to our wonderful young people!

The Hive

Ipswich Catholic Parish

Primary contact person: April Coogan

Position: The Hive Coordinator

Contact email address: april_coogan5@hotmail.com

About our ministry:

Helping young people to embrace the person and vision of Jesus To build communion with God and one another Engage in Jesus' mission in the world.

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School
 Young Adults (17-25)
 Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: Mater Dei Church for Youth & various locations for Young Adults

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
		42652

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Youth BBQ	2nd Friday of each month	11 - 25	Monthly	
The Hive Mass	2nd Sunday of each Month	6 - 10	Monthly	

Written report about the year:

The Hive came to life in 2015 with the formation of our youth and young adults and their needs/wants. We began with month youth events ranging from fun Mexican themed nights to delving into what actually happens in the Mass with Father Chukwudi answering our questions and celebrating Mass afterwards. We had many nights where we would gather, eat, play games, reflect and have small group and prayer. This year we really had a lot of trial and error and thanks be to God, we were always sharing food and Jesus with wonderful young people who kept coming back. Our Young adults were a little neglected this year but we were able to make various events like Ignite live, Archbishop Mark's living biblically in a secular world, and spirituality talks at restaurants sharing a meal and a drink.

The Voice

Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish

Primary contact person: Joans Thetadig

Position: Youth Leader

Contact email address: veritatem2013@gmail.com

About our ministry:

To nurture young people in the parish so that they may deepen their relationship with Christ through various outreach opportunities (local and overseas mission work), enhancing greater participation of young people in the Mass and supporting families and parents in daily bringing their children closer to Christ.

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

We encourage parents to attend youth events where appropriate

General meeting place: Parish halls

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	10

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Lenten reflection retreat	27-28 February, 2016	6 - 10	Annually	Stayed the same
Christmas Dinner Dance	December	50 +	Annually	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

Retreats in collaboration with other youth groups as well as social events, fundraising events for Samoa Mission trip in 2017, formative young adults programs run by young people.

Unite Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Sunnybank

Primary contact person: Eloise & Steven Bird

Position: Youth and Young Adult Ministers

Contact email address: youth.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

About our ministry:

The purpose of our ministry is to bring young people closer to Christ. We run 2 youth groups, EDGE held fortnightly on a Friday for those in grade 6-8 and Life Nites held every 2nd and 4th Sunday for those in grade 9-12, these groups are based off the Life Teen Program. We also have a weekly youth ministered Mass on a Sunday evening.

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: At the church or in the Paloma Reception Centre, next to the church.

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
	2	16

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
EDGE	Friday	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Increased
Life Nite	Sunday	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Increased
Summit	Tuesday	1 - 5	Weekly	Increased

Written report about the year:

In 2015 we started using the Life Teen Program at our parish. We have a youth ministered Mass each Sunday evening which is usually followed by a BBQ. We run two youth groups, one fortnight on a Friday evening for those in grade 6-8 and the other on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month for those in grade 9-12, for both youth groups we also run a retreat and have some holiday activities. For Advent last year we run a program called the Summit which is a small group reflection on the readings for the following Sunday. Each year on Good Friday the youth perform a drama for the Gospel which is always a truly moving experience. We have a great group of leaders and held a leader retreat at the beginning of 2015 which was a huge success and very enriching for all the leaders.

Venire Youth

South Coast Deanery

Primary contact person: Stephanie Santos

Position: Deanery Youth Coordinator

Contact email address: vy.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

About our ministry:

Venire is open to all high schoolers and young adults across the Gold Coast. It's a community, where young people can come to a weekly/fortnightly youth group that provides an opportunity for young people to meet other likeminded people; and find their identity in Christ; empowering them to know, to love, and to serve the Lord. Venire started off at Surfers Paradise Parish but is expanding to all other Parishes across the South Coast Deanery. So far we are establishing Venire in Burleigh Heads, Coomera and Coolangatta-Tugun Parish.

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School
Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: In the hospitality centre of the Parishes.

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
1		22

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Venire Youth Group	Thursdays and Friday nights (depending on the Parish)	26 - 50	Weekly	Increased
Beats By The Beach	Sunday in February	50 +	Annually	Increased
Focus	Monday evenings	11 - 25	Monthly	Stayed the same
Venire Retreat	June/July school holidays	26 - 50	Annually	
Vibe	After school	6 - 10	Fortnightly	
Youth Mass	Sundays	50 +	Fortnightly	Increased

Written report about the year:

In 2015, Venire has definitely grown. Beginning in Surfers Parish, we have seen our numbers increase from an average of 20, to now a weekly average of 35 (once we had 47). We had our very first retreat in 2015, which was very successful, and will be an annual event. The young people who come range from all different backgrounds, and it's been incredible to see that 2 young girls from non Christians families have decided that they want to become Catholic. They will be Baptised and Confirmed at Easter this year. In 2016 Venire will now expand to 3 other Parishes. There is a new leadership program called 'Focus', that provides leadership training to leaders across the Deanery, which has also been really successful.

Young Adult Ministry -YAM

St Stephen's Cathedral Parish Brisbane

Primary contact person: Sr. Thao Nguyen

Position: Spiritual companion

Contact email address: thaofdcc9@hotmail.com.au

About our ministry:

YAM aims to reach out, help and enrich young adults with faith formation, prayer life, connecting with other young adults and do charitable works

Age range of Participants:

18-35

General meeting place: St. Stephen of the Cathedral - Brisbane

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0		

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
YAM Mass	The Cathedral of St. Stephen	50 +	Monthly	Increased
Adoration	The Cathedral of St. Stephen	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased
Faith formation	The Cathedral of St. Stephen	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased
Retreat	Marian Valley	11 - 25	Twice a year	Increased
Social event	Parks around Brisbane	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased
Youth Expo	The Cathedral of St. Stephen	50 +	Annually	Increased

Written report about the year:

YAM was established in 2009 after World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney. Although, YAM was struggling with numbers of team members leaving the team a few years after it was established; YAM's consistent activities had drawn numbers of young people joining YAM, especially from 2014 to the present time. The values that YAM focuses on are Faith Formation, prayer, friendship and charity works. In 2015, beside having monthly YAM Mass,

formation, Adoration and social events; YAM organised 2 weekend retreat at Marian Valley, increased BBQ and Gala dinner to fund raise for WYD. Our annual Youth and Vocation Expo drawn more people than previous years. The numbers of young adults joining YAM's activities has been increased and all the activities that YAM carried out in 2015 were successfully. YAM acknowledged that YAM's achievements in 2015 was due to the great supports from the priests of the parish and the parishioners.

Youth And Young Adults (YAYA)

Upper Mount Gravatt Wishart Catholic Parish

Primary contact person: Edwin Pereira

Position: Youth Co-ordinator

Contact email address: edwingoa777@gmail.com; yaya.umg@bne.catholic.net.au

About our ministry:

Youth Mass - Attract youth to church thru' the Eucharist accompanied by lively music

Youth Meetings - Faith formation and fellowship

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: St. Bernard's Church

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	8

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Youth Meeting	7 - 9 pm Friday leading up to the 2nd Sunday	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased
Youth Mass	2nd sunday of the month	26 - 50	Monthly	Increased

Written report about the year:

We have 6 youth and 3 mentors on the core team. We meet each month to plan the activities and responsibilities distributed. The youth leaders have increasingly taking over responsibilities and that is encouraging. 2015 was a year we focussed on attracting the youth from our parish by having meetings mainly social based with sprinkling of faith formation. We found some success in that, the numbers were pretty steady averaging around 25 with youth coming and inviting their friends. This was encouraging and so this year the plan is to introduce some faith and life based topics. Pray that it will be blessed and fruitful.

Youth Ecumenical Gathering

St Paul's Parish Woodridge

Primary contact person: Marina Ene
Position: Youth Coordinator
Contact email address: marina.ene@bne.centacare.net.au

About our ministry:

Hoping to sustain youth meetings, outings and gatherings providing support for young people to keep the faith and come to know GOD especially when he is calling .

Age range of Participants:

Primary School
 Secondary School
 Young Adults (17-25)
 Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: St Pauls Meeting room

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	6

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
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Written report about the year:

Ethnic Communities

Chinese Catholic Community Brisbane Youth Group

Primary contact person: Joanne Fung
Position: Youth Leader
Contact email address: cccb youth@gmail.com

About our ministry:

This group aims to connect Chinese Catholic youths in 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 on us.

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School
 Young Adults (17-25)
 Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: At Church

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	Varies, anyone is welcome

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Bible Sharing	Each Sunday after Mass	6 - 10	Weekly	Stayed the same
Youth Mass for the whole Community	Depends	50 +	Once off	Stayed the same
Youth Gatherings	Depends	11 - 25		Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

In 2015 we have not seen much of a change in terms of youth attendance at our weekly Sunday Masses and other events. Regular youth and young adult attendance are normally around 15 people. We decided not to run a Youth Camp in 2015 due to the limited

organizing team and possible attendance. However there are plans for a mini Youth Camp to be organised by our younger youth leaders in 2016. We continue to run our weekly Bible Sharing sessions after Sunday Masses, mainly focusing on the day's scripture readings, sharing God's words and what messages God brings to each of our youth and young adult. Our sessions are normally followed by everyone going out for lunch together to enjoy the rest of our Sunday afternoons. Youth Masses were held three times this year, encouraging more youths to participate in liturgy and other responsibilities for the Community. At times we gather for some social activities, try to keep the bonding – as much is needed for younger generations these days.

Encounter Youth

Primary contact person: Ingrid and Miguel Fuentes

Position: Youth Co-Ordinators

Contact email address: fuentesie@hotmail.com

About our ministry:

Encounter Youth's purpose is to guide young people aged between 12-17 years towards Christ. This is done through fortnightly get togethers where a topic relevant to their lives a Catholic teens is discussed and activities are organised for all to participate in. There is also a social justice and awareness aspect of the group with an activity organised once a month that allows the youth to step outside themselves and give to others (eg clean up australia day, visiting elderly etc).

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

General meeting place: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Hall at Acacia Ridge

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
		8

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Yearly Youth Retreat	June/July	11 - 25	Annually	Increased
Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross Dramatic Play)	Easter Good Friday	11 - 25	Annually	Stayed the same
Encounter Youth gatherings	Fortnightly	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Increased
Encounter Youth Leadership Planning Weekend	January	6 - 10	Annually	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

In 2016, Encounter Youth will be focusing on the Year of Mercy and what it means to those aged between 12-17 years. We have completed our leadership weekend retreat, and have a calendar of events organised for the year ahead. The following will focus on the major events planned, however there will be other smaller activities that we will also be involved

in to offer support to the wider Latin American community in Brisbane. The year commenced with a BBQ to welcome current members of Encounter Youth and welcome new ones. Our first topic of the year focused on a 'Call to Sainthood' and looked at the various ways in which God calls each of us all personally to live a holy life to allow us to one day be saints in his glory. Throughout the year, guided by Fr Ignacio, we will be continue to undertake formation as a leadership team to ensure that all the teachings that we provide to Encounter Youth participants are theologically accurate. All topics discussed throughout the year will have an underlying theme of 'mercy'. In July 2016, Encounter Youth members will be attending a full day retreat at Oxley which will be facilitated by Fr Ray and we are in the midst of finalising the topics and discussions planned for the day, which as a leadership team we are very excited about! Another retreat will then be held over the course of a weekend during the Dec/Jan 2016 break - topics and talks are yet to be finalised. This year as a youth group initiative we are also undertaking a number of social justice projects which again will tie into the theme of 'mercy'. This will include visits to the elderly at nursing homes, participating in Clean Up Australia Day (ie care for nature), and hopefully delivering gifts to children during Christmas through a nominated charity. All in all, 2016 will no doubt be a busy but wonderful year for the youth in our community. Please pray for us!

Polish Youth Group

Primary contact person: Fr Andrzej Kolaczowski

Position: Parish Priest

Contact email address: bowenhills@bne.catholic.net.au

About our ministry:

To bring together the young people. Give them opportunity to learn and discuss their faith and any issues they struggle with. To provide support and also experience the Church outside of Mass.

Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: Either at church grounds or outdoors

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	None

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Monthly gatherings	Sunday afternoon	6 - 10	Monthly	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

This year as well as embracing new members we are focusing on the formation for the leadership roles. One of the planned initiatives will be the Alpha Course run for the potential leaders and then with their help for everyone else in the community.

SPC Youth Camp

Primary contact person: Sr. Inede PHAM
Position: Vocation Coordinator
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About our ministry:

Develop friendship among youth and deeper and more intimate relationship with God according to the themes set by the Holy Father each year.

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School
 Young Adults (17-25)
 Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: Saint Paul convent at Boronia Heights

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres and Youth from parishes

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
SPC Youth Camp 2015	19-20 Dec 2015	26 - 50	Twice a year	

Written report about the year:

Youth ministry can be seen as an important mission of the Church. As a member of the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres in Brisbane Diocese I appreciate the good opportunities which allow me to participate in the variety of youth activities in the different levels of parish, diocese, and nation such as: - Vocation Exposition at St. Stephen Cathedral (2nd August 2015) - Ignite Conference 2015 (24-27 September 2015) - Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide 2015 (1-5 December 2015) - SPC Youth Camp at St. Paul Convent Boronia Heights (19-20 December 2015) We participated by setting up the stall, attending the Rally, Workshops, Group Sharings, Games, Live Music, and Spiritual Activities such as Holy Mass, Adoration, Walking the Rosary. Moreover, we organized the SPC Youth Camp for the youth in different parishes with activities, games, and spiritual inputs. They were enjoying the activities and have built friendship with one another. They appreciated the sharing of life experience and relationship with God in prayer. Hopefully with the grace of God we can help the youth to grow stronger in personality as well as spirituality.

ST Bakhita

Primary contact person: Nelson Bakhit

Position: acting chair person

Contact email address:

About our ministry:

we are trying our best to build the faith of our youth Biblically by teaching

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: Annerley Ikibin Parish

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
10	6	16

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Retreat and workshop	on a defference location	11 - 25	Twice a year	Increased
workshops, Retreat and dance group	through out the year	11 - 25	Quarterly	Increased
St Bakhita worshop		11 - 25	Twice a year	Decreased

Written report about the year:

The Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement

Primary contact person: Joseph Nguyễn Duy Hải

Position: Youth Leader

Contact email address: hai_azn@hotmail.com

About our ministry:

My Initiative and its purpose is to foster in children of the Vietnamese Community, a greater reverence for the Eucharist and the other Sacraments through catechesis and Sacramental Programs.

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: At Vietnamese Centre in Inala

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
		About 50 Adults and Young Adults

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Catechesis Program	Sunday	50 +	Weekly	Increased
Youth Camp	School Holiday	50 +	Twice a year	Increased

Written report about the year:

University Ministry

Australian Catholic University Campus Ministry

Primary contact person: Gabrielle Fernandes

Position: Campus Pastoral Associate (Students)

Contact email address: Gabrielle.Fernandes@acu.edu.au

About our ministry:

The aim of Campus Ministry at ACU is to provide pastoral support to students & staff by being available to journey with them, bring meaning to life on campus through joining together for daily Mass and other liturgical celebrations throughout the year, provide opportunities for building community through weekly connect groups and other less frequent events and to encourage outreach through supporting external ministries such as Salvos, St Vincent de Paul, Caritas Australia, etc. Within these four sections - support, meaning, community & outreach - our purpose is to bring about an awareness of the spiritual aspect to all human beings; providing opportunities for growth and development other than that of the intellect, whilst at university.

Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (17-25)
Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: Always meet on Campus @ ACU Banyo

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
2	3	0

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Café YouCat	Thursday 10-11	6-10	Weekly	Increased
Sunset Session	Tuesday	6-10	Twice a year	Increased
Random Act of Kindness Day	Tuesday	50+	Annually	Stayed the same
National Student Retreat	September	26-50	Annually	Increased
Human Virtues Series	Tuesday	26-50	Quarterly	Increased

Written report about the year:

Half way through 2015, ACU Campus Ministry went through a restructure and was then able to start developing new programs and events for Semester Two. During this second half of 2015, there was much more awareness of Campus Ministry among students and staff on campus. We also saw a significant increase in daily Mass attendance and a slow increase in other events. Our National Student Retreat was a great success and following this, we took over 25 students to the Ignite Conference in September.

Freedom - Catholic Mission on Campus

Primary contact person: Robert Schroeders

Position: Founder/Director

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About our ministry:

Freedom is a university movement that is dedicated to evangelisation. We mingle with students wherever they dwell. We proclaim the Gospel clearly and simply then equip, empower and entrust our students with the task of spreading the Gospel to their peers and in the community in which they find themselves. They do this whilst deepening their faith and developing in leadership.

Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (25-30)

University students

General meeting place: QUT

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	3	9

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Freedom Launch Party	Beginning of each semester	50 +	Twice a year	Stayed the same
Orientation Week (Mission week)	O Week of each semester	6 - 10	Twice a year	Stayed the same
Social Night / Adoration	Multiple times throughout semester	11 - 25	Monthly	Stayed the same
Nightfever	Friday nights	50 +	Twice a year	Increased
End of year Student leadership retreat	November	11 - 25	Annually	Stayed the same
Faith Studies	Throughout the	26 - 50	Weekly	Decreased

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Written report about the year:

We work extremely hard to develop the next generation and current leaders within the Church. We do this through Small groups, events but one of our greatest successes is the discipleship we do with our up and coming leaders. We have seen a new generation of leader emerge 95% of our leaders would have an active presence in their local Parish or youth initiative. This is the area we will continue to grow off of the success of 2015.

Newman Catholic Society

Primary contact person: Dominic Swan

Position: President

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About our ministry:

We are a University Society named after Blessed Cardinal Newman run by students at the University of Queensland. We have weekly meetings where one of the students leads a talk and discussion. The topics covered throughout the semester cover a broad range and the aim is to encourage students to learn about their faith on a similar level to the studies they are undertaking at university. As a society we also offer many social events so that Catholics on campus have a community of like minded people to engage with.

Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: At the Chaplaincy centre at UQ

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	4

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Newman Society weekly meeting	Wednesdays 1pm weekly	11 - 25	Weekly	Stayed the same
Newman Society Annual Ball	Near the end of Semester two	50 +	Annually	Decreased
Newman Society Socials	Throughout the University year	11 - 25	Monthly	Stayed the same
Newman Society Retreat	Towards the end of the year	11 - 25	Annually	Increased

Written report about the year:

The Newman society aims to provide a group where students can come to enrich and learn about their faith as well as engage with other's in social events. Although the main aim is to

provide Catholic students with a better understanding of their faith it also provides an opportunity for non-Catholics to come and learn about the fullness of truth and engage with Catholic students so that they may come to be part of the church as well. While students come to meetings to learn they are also provided with opportunities to form strong friendships with others and encouraged to attend and support other Catholic events across the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

QUT Chaplaincy

Primary contact person: Fr B J Clarke

Position: Principal Chaplain

Contact email address: fatherbj.clarke@qut.edu.au

About our ministry:

(1) Running an annual day conference for primarily for university students. Intelligent Catholicism.
 (2) Providing a retreat for university students (3) Full-time university chaplaincy

Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (17-25)
 University students range above age 30

General meeting place: QUT Campuses, Selected venues for retreats

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
1	1	twelve

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Spirit in the City	October 2016 (previously July 2015)	50 +	Annually	
University student retreat	Semester I and II	26 - 50	Twice a year	
Regular University chaplaincy activities	Academic year	11 - 25	Weekly	
Sacramental programme	Academic year	50 +	Weekly	

Written report about the year:

QUT Chaplaincy operates two campus facilities that are available to students and staff 7 am to 9 pm five days per week in teaching time. The activities covered by two employed chaplains range from counseling, faith studies, Scripture studies, Evangelisation, academic matters, the provision of Reconciliation and the Mass. Evangelisation includes use of video formats, hospitality, topical presentations on the Catholic faith and formation for reception and confirmation. Developing opportunities for faith development and expression within a tertiary setting and sustaining the activities of peer ministry having inaugurated this mode of outreach in 2010.

University Chaplaincy - Griffith Uni - Logan

Primary contact person: Russ Nelson

Position: Assistant Chaplain

Contact email address: russ.nelson@griffith.edu.au

About our ministry:

Provide Chaplaincy Support to 2,400 students plus staff at a multicultural campus.

Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (17-25)
Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: Student Services< Griffith University, Logan Campus

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0.2	0

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Spirit in the City		50 +	Annually	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

University Chaplaincy - I am paid for 5 hours per week at Griffith University and I am the only Catholic presence there for over 40,000 students. At QUT there 1,2 paid Catholic people there plus some volunteers like myself. Than at Uni of Qld there is a full time Chaplain. It seems to me that the distribution of resources reflects history rather than the needs of young adults. Also I have not included USQ or SUNshine Coast Uni. Of course ACU is a special case.

UQ Catholic Chaplaincy

Primary contact person: Fr Domenico Muscari

Position: Chaplain

Contact email address: dobubu@libero.it

About our ministry:

Tertiary ministry, provide Catholic community for students at UQ. We provide sacraments (daily mass and reconciliation), faith studies (weekly small groups), social events, talks, prayer, outreach, retreats and evangelisation.

Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: UQ, St Lucia campus

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Mass	Weekdays and Sundays	11 - 25	Weekly	Increased
Faith studies	small groups meet once per week all semester	26 - 50	Weekly	Increased
Student Connect	Tuesday lunches	6 - 10	Weekly	Increased
Chill n Chat	Tuesday nights	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Increased
Faith and Life series	Faith and Life series Evenings, 3 times per year	26 - 50	Quarterly	Increased
Recharge Retreat	October	11 - 25	Annually	Increased

Written report about the year:

In 2015 the UQ Catholic Chaplaincy welcomed the UQ Freedom Launch team (team of 5 young missionaries) to work at the university. A new chaplain - Fr Dom started at the chaplaincy in mid April. The team focused on creating a sense of community and started many new ministry events, the majority of which were based off the model pioneered by Freedom at QUT. One of our most successful events was the two Market days at the

beginning of each semester, just over 300 students were surveyed on these days and we raised a lot of awareness of the chaplaincy and Catholics at UQ. One of our most fruitful events was faith studies where students met weekly in small groups of 3-6 and journeyed together in their faith using a series of books created by a Canadian university ministry. In the second semester, 43 students took part in faith studies. Another focus was connecting students with Catholic communities external to UQ, which involved taking students to events by Ignite Youth, Vocations Brisbane and the Verbum Dei community. An additional achievement was establishing a team of Student Leaders who assisted the Chaplaincy staff and volunteers in planning and running events.

Movements and Other Groups

Edmund Rice Camps

Primary contact person: Rebecca Cannell
Position: Program Coordinator
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About our ministry:

Recreational holiday programs for children, young people and families who would not otherwise have the opportunity. Programs aim to boost confidence and self-esteem and encourage positive mentoring.

Age range of Participants:

Participants 6-16 years (as well as families) and Volunteers 14 and over.

General meeting place: Office is in Nudgee but use campsites and other areas around Brisbane.

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
1	1	100+

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Edmund Rice Camp Program	School Holidays	50 +		Stayed the same
Edmund Rice Activity Day	School Holidays	50 +		Stayed the same
Edmund Rice H2H	throughout the year	50 +	Quarterly	Increased

Written report about the year:

Edmund Rice Camps is able to provide a range of programs for both volunteers and participants to get involved in. ERC will endeavour to be flexible to the needs of the community and create programs to fit those needs. We have a very valuable volunteer group that make ERC so unique.

Jesus Youth

Primary contact person: Dijo Joy

Position: Asst. Coordinator / JY Brisbane Region

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About our ministry:

Jesus Youth is an international Catholic youth movement and is now active in more than 30 different countries. Jesus Youth is an initiative of young people themselves, who, filled with the Holy Spirit try to reach out to other young people. Jesus Youth is a network of small but vibrant groups of young people. In their own life situations, they strive to give time to the Lord, responding to the challenges.

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School
 Young Adults (17-25)
 Young Adults (25-30)
 Families

General meeting place: St. Patrick's Church, 58 Morgan St. Fortitude Valley.

Ministry listed on Directory: No

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
		60

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Hours of Grace (100 days of Perpetual adoration)	10th Feb 2016 (Ash Wednesday) to 15th May 2016 (Pentecost Day).	50 +	Annually	Increased
Youth Growth Retreat	March 31, April 1 & April 2	50 +	Twice a year	Increased
JY Day-out		26 - 50	Twice a year	Increased
JY Formation Study Groups		11 - 25	Monthly	Stayed the same
JY Family Prayer Meeting		26 - 50	Weekly	Increased
JY Daily Chain Fasting in the Year of Mercy	(Dec 8, 2015 – Nov 20, 2016)	1 - 5		Increased

Written report about the year:

1. Jesus Youth Brisbane was invited to host the final Living Biblically seminar for 2015 on Wednesday 16 September in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane from 7.15pm-9pm.
2. Youth Outreach programme to Toowoomba Parish
3. Formation Programs
4. Monthly Intercession Prayer Charts
5. Jericho prayer
6. Special Prayer meeting on Mission Week
7. Year of Mercy Calendar for JY Kids & Pre-Teens Data
8. Meeting with VG and youth leaders
9. Weekly Family prayer meetings / intercession team and prayer meetings
10. End of Year Youth Leaders' Celebration Dinner With Bishop & VG – 10 JYs
11. Participation in ACYF – 10 JYs from BNE
12. JY Christmas and New Year Celebration
13. Mission trip to Papua New Guinea (PNG) -(Jan 1st -17th ,2016)
14. HOURS OF GRACE 2016 - QUEENSLAND DAYS - 7 LOCATIONS – 25 DAYS (Jesus Youth is organizing Hours of Grace 2016 (24 Hours Adoration) all around Australia in different states. A season of 100 days Eucharistic Adoration will begin from the 10th Feb 2016 (Ash Wednesday) to 15th May 2016 (Pentecost Day). We cordially invite you to be a part of the Hours of Grace in Queensland (7 different Locations & 25 days)
 - 1) St. Joachim's Catholic Church/ 41 Yuletide St, Holland Park West (15th Feb- 21st Feb. 2016)
 - 2) St. John's Church / 688 Nudgee Road, Northgate (22nd Feb.- 27th Feb. 2016)
 - 3) St. Joseph's Church /44 Imperial Parade, Labrador (19th March 2016)
 - 4) Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 61 Edmund Street, Shelly Beach QLD 4551 (10th April to 16th April 2016)
 - 5) St Joseph's Church / 42A Pine Mountain Rd, North Ipswich (19th April to 20th April 2016)
 - 6) ST Patrick's Catholic Church/ 24 Tobruk Street, Beenleigh (6th May 2016)
 - 7) St. Monica's Church/ 73 Lorrimer Street, Oakey, Toowoomba (12th May, 2016)
15. Chain Fasting in the Year of Mercy (Dec 8, 2015 – Nov 20, 2016)
16. Trendsetters 2016 (-Feb 7th 2016 to Feb 14th) at Adelaide – 5 participants from BNE
17. Intercession for various intentions through What's Up
18. Year of Mercy and Jesus Youth plans
19. Upcoming JY initiatives:
 - a) JY Elders and Parents meeting – April 9, 2016
 - b) Trendsetters 2016 (Feb 7th 2016 - Feb 14th) at Adelaide
 - c) Forthcoming JY Youth prayer Meetings
 - d) JY Youth Monthly General Meeting
 - e) JY Household and JY Kids club
 - f) Initiation of JY Women Leaders Gathering (JY Mothers Fellowship)

Marist Youth Ministry

Primary contact person: Sally McEniry

Position: Regional Coordinator for QLD & Northern NSW

Contact email address: sally.mceniry@marists.org.au

About our ministry:

Marist Youth Ministry is a ministry arm of the Marist Brothers Province of Australia. Our aim is to "make Jesus Christ known and loved" in the way of Mary, as our founder St. Marcellin Chamagnat has inspired us to.

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School
Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: Various: mainly Marist Centre Brisbane (Ashgrove)

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
1	3	5

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Young Adult Lenten Series	Every Sunday throughout Lent	11 - 25	Weekly	Stayed the same
Marist Connect Nights	One Friday night per School Term	26 - 50	Quarterly	Increased
Exchange Nights	Week night evening	26 - 50	Quarterly	Stayed the same
Marist Youth Festival		50 +	Annually	Increased

Written report about the year:

Marist Youth Ministry caters to both school-based youth, as well as post-school Young Adults. MYM young adult events are open and welcome to all. We aim to facilitate events that help young adults foster their faith and understand their vital role in the Catholic Church. Our way of being Catholic is influenced by our Marist charism, which means that we aim to do all things in Mary's way, with contemplation and action, justice and tenderness.

NET Ministries

Primary contact person: Mark Doyle

Position: Executive Director

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About our ministry:

NET Ministries external mission is to encourage young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church. Our internal mission is to form new apostles. The power of NET is really in it's peer to peer witness with young people transforming young people.

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: Our offices in Paddington. Our teams generally minister within schools across Australia.

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
10	5	43

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Commissioning Mass		50 +	Annually	Stayed the same
Archbishops Fundraising Dinner	Different every year, typically May or August	50 +	Annually	Increased
Thanksgiving Mass		50 +	Annually	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

In 2015 NET placed 7 teams across Australia: the Archdioceses of Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra, Mazonod College (Melbourne), Mannix College (Monash Uni, Melbourne), UQ, and our National team. They reached out to 30 000 young people across Australia.

Ignite Youth

Primary contact person: Pat Keady
Position: Director, Ignite Youth
Contact email address: pat@igniteyouth.com

About our ministry:

To create vibrant engaging events and authentic relationships that lead young people to a thriving relationship with Jesus and find their place in the church. And to do this in such a way that it paves a way & inspires others in the Church around Australia

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School
 Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: Emmaus Centre, Paddington

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	6	30-40

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Ignite Conference	Every September holidays	50 +	Annually	Increased
Ignite Summer Camp	every January holidays	50 +	Annually	Increased
Ignite Beach House	February	11 - 25	Annually	Stayed the same
Ignite Launch	April 30th	50 +	Annually	Increased
Ignite Live	5-9pm, 3rd Sundays	50 +	Monthly	Increased
Ignite High	Friday nights, 7:30-9:30	26 - 50	Weekly	Increased

Written report about the year:

2015 was a big year for Ignite Youth. We moved locations for one of our key events (Ignite Live), lost some key personnel along the way, and pulled together to keep running events like Ignite Launch at Movie World (approx #300 attendees) and Ignite Conference (#1300), with increased growth and attendance. Two Ignite 'Connect' groups continued throughout the year for high schoolers in Indooroopilly and East Brisbane, with a 3rd commencing in

2016 on the north side. One of our initiatives Ignite High LEAD - a ministry formation program for senior high schoolers - completed its second year and is our real 'sowing into the field' of more young leaders prepared for the future. Our Young Adult weekend in July remains an crucial mountain-top experience, particularly for those who serve in our ministry, which we refocused towards those in the younger 18-23 age range. Our branch in Perth successfully completed its first year and looks set to continue well. As a ministry we are continually growing, continually stretched, but also continually responding, and God provides the grace to keep doing so. Come Holy Spirit!

Real Talk Australia

Primary contact person: Paul Nannes
Position: MD
Contact email address: paul@realtalkaustralia.com

About our ministry:

Real Talk exists to evangelise people (specifically the young) through topics involving sex and relationships. It seeks to speak truth whilst affecting change to peoples' self worth, beliefs and behaviors

Age range of Participants:

Primary School
 Secondary School
 Young Adults (17-25)
 Young Adults (25-30)
 Primarily Secondary School but all categories

General meeting place: We travel and have an office in Darra

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
1	4 Part time 14 Casual	1 regular 5 occasional

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Love and Life Seminars	Youth Groups / conferences /events / varies	11 - 25	Monthly	Stayed the same
Other seminars (Stronger, True Beauty, Girl Talk, Parents nights, Men's sexual Integrity)	Irregular	26 - 50	Quarterly	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

During 2015 Real Talk expanded significantly its staffing base. This allowed for greater ability to minister nationally and internationally in Catholic high schools with 2 major areas of expansion being New Zealand and Non-Catholic Christian high schools. Locally, Real Talk with the help of a grant received from the Catholic Foundation embarked on reaching more local parishes and youth. In total 12 events were run for youth in Brisbane archdiocesan parishes/groups in 2015 with another 16 planned for 2016. Additional to this Real Talk worked in 14 Brisbane Catholic Schools providing over 30 separate events/days.

The Dating Wars

Primary contact person: KRISTEN ROE

Position: MANAGER

Contact email address: admin@realtalkaustralia.com

About our ministry:

“People often treat romantic relationships & sex like they are casual but the reality is that many people (and their faith) become casualties of the dating game” 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. Many young adults treat dating like it is casual but the reality is that many people are casualties of societies recreational attitude towards love and sex. The Dating War (TDW) seeks to dispel mistruths surrounding relationships and to support young Catholic singles and dating couples. The Dating War is run by REAL TALK AUSTRALIA but has a variety of guest presenters and styles of events. The Dating War evenings are run bi-monthly in Brisbane, Australia.

Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: EMMAUS CENTER

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
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Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
THE DATING WAR	TUESDAY EVENINGS	26 - 50	Monthly	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

The Frassati Fraternity

Primary contact person: Fr Paul Chandler

Position: Spiritual Director

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About our ministry:

The Frassati Fraternity helps young Catholic men to live their faith authentically and sacramentally. As well as Mass, Confession and prayer, the young men host a weekly catechesis session for young adults and lead a youth group for high-school aged children. They have an annual retreat, engage in altar serving at Mass and provide a Choir which sings traditional music, chant and polyphony.

Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: Mary Immaculate Church, Annerley

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
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Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Verso L'Alto	Monday evenings	26 - 50	Weekly	Increased
Frassati Youth	Friday evenings	11 - 25	Weekly	Stayed the same
Milites Mariae	Thursday evening	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased
Juventus Weekend	Winter and late Spring	11 - 25	Twice a year	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

The only aspect to be added is the regular informal social gatherings that are generated from genuine friendships that spring up between the young men of Frassati. It provides an important part of support for the young men as living the Catholic faith in today's world is very much countercultural. It also provides an environment where a young man can pursue discernment of a vocation, whether to the priesthood or consecrated life or marriage.

Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity

Primary contact person: Frances Drum

Position: Local Responsible of Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity

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About our ministry:

We evangelize youth by introducing them to prayer with the Word of God so that they may experience an intimate and loving relationship with God and be moved to live for his Kingdom and help evangelise others in the same way that they have been evangelised.

Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

Older adults

General meeting place: Bardon House and the choir room of the Cathedral

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
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Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
School of the Word	Monday 6.30pm and Friday 5.40pm	11 - 25	Weekly	Stayed the same
School of the Apostles	Saturday 1.30pm	6 - 10	Monthly	Stayed the same
Easter Spiritual Exercises	Before or after Easter	11 - 25	Annually	Stayed the same
Advent Retreat	December	11 - 25	Annually	Stayed the same
Pentecost night of prayer	The eve of Pentecost	11 - 25	Annually	Stayed the same
New Year's Eve night of prayer	New Year's Eve	11 - 25	Annually	Increased

Written report about the year:

A lot of our work involves in one-on-one spiritual accompaniment of people (including spiritual leaders in other Catholic communities/organisations and those people discerning their vocation). We also hold a weekly Skype School of the Word for interstate members of

our community where some, in turn, share this input in their own School of the Word. We also hold a monthly School of the Word at St Brigid's Catholic Parish, Nerang (this is mainly run by disciples of our Brisbane community). We also run retreats for parishes (including outside the Archdiocese of Brisbane) on request and hold workshops on relevant faith/ethics topics at parishes or at our spirituality centre (i.e. at Bardon House). One member of our community is involved in Chaplaincy work at Queensland University of Technology where a School of the Word also takes place weekly during the class semesters.

Vinnies Youth QLD - St. Vincent de Paul Society QLD

Primary contact person: Ryan Andrews

Position: State Youth Engagement and Development Coordinator

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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.

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: All over Queensland

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
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Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Buddies Days	Across Queensland	6 - 10	Monthly	Stayed the same
SENSE Youth Mentoring	Across Queensland	6 - 10	Monthly	Stayed the same
Kids Camp	Gold Coast/Brisbane/Sunshine Coast	26 - 50	Twice a year	Stayed the same
VORTICS (Volunteer Refugee Tutoring)	Brisbane	1 - 5	Weekly	Stayed the same
VOICE (Volunteer Outreach Initiative & Community Engagement)	Brisbane	1 - 5	Weekly	Stayed the same
Volunteer Formation Weekend	Brisbane	26 - 50	Annually	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

Our youth programs have been continuing to gain momentum over the last year. We are at the stage of having up to a full time worker in every diocese in Queensland. In total we have 38 youth programs in Queensland and we are currently looking at potentially more youth programs and initiatives throughout this year.

Young Carmelite Group

Primary contact person: Sister Moira

Position: Prioress

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About our ministry:

To share Scripture and Carmelite Spirituality with committed young adults

Age range of Participants:

Young Adults 18-35

General meeting place: Carmelite Monastery Ormiston

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
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Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
YCG meeting	Saturday afternoon	6 - 10	Monthly	Stayed the same

Written report about the year:

The Young Carmelite Group meets with a small group of Carmelite Sisters every couple of months to share on a topic which has been prepared beforehand and the text is forwarded to the group in the days leading up to the meeting. During 2015 we systematically worked through the first 5 Dwelling Places of St. Teresa's 'Interior Castle' as it was the 5th centenary of her birth. During this session we also include a relevant Scripture passage and spend some time praying together with this text, using the ancient method of 'Lectio Divina' - reading, meditation, prayer, contemplation. There is a break during the afternoon for a coffee break and informal sharing. At the end of the afternoon the group join in praying Evening Prayer with the Carmelite community.

Younger Christian Meditators

Primary contact person: Andrea Randall

Position: QLD Coordinator for the Younger Christian Meditators

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About our ministry:

To share the gift of Christian Meditation with the younger generation of QLD. There is a group at QUT Gardens Point and St Paul's Anglican Church, East Brisbane.

Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

Under 50 years old.

General meeting place: Chaplaincy at QUT Gardens Point. St Paul's Anglican Church East Brisbane. Retreat Days at Santa Teresa.

Ministry listed on Directory: Yes

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
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Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance compared to 2014
Christian Meditation Weekly Group	Wednesday 12noon at QUT Gardens Point Chaplaincy.	1 - 5	Weekly	Stayed the same
Weekly Christsian Meditation Group	Wednesday 6:30pm at St Paul's Anglican Church, East Brisbane.	1 - 5	Weekly	Increased
Quiet Day	Saturday	6 - 10	Twice a year	Increased
Weekend Retreat	Weekend	1 - 5	Annually	

Written report about the year:

The depth of community relationships growing through the weekly Christian Meditation groups reflects the fullness of the work of The Younger Christian Meditators. Sharing prayerful silence connects and brings people together. The faithfulness to the weekly group allows this growth - in the case of one group has resulted in two marriages. A lot of joy and personal growth has been born from the initiative of the Younger Christian Meditators.