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Annual Report 2017

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.

Due to this report obtaining information from a voluntary survey, **55%** of the youth initiatives in the Archdiocese are contained herein. This means this is not fully representative of the full breadth of youth ministry across the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

However, it is useful to gain a basic understanding of what is happening in youth ministry generally and includes data from a wide range of youth initiatives.

This report includes responses from:



Ministering in these youth initiatives there are:



In general terms, when asked to compare attendance in this year's ministry to 2016:



For more information regarding this report please contact the Youth Evangelisation Office.

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Parish and Deanery Groups

Aggies Youth, Clayfield

Primary contact person: Anne O'Connor

Position: Youth Ministry Chairperson

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To assist young people in the parish to stay engaged with their faith and the parish itself.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: St.Agatha's Parish Church, 52 Oriel Rd, Clayfield

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Mass	5.30pm Sunday	11 - 25	Weekly	Stayed the same
Shared meal after Mass	1st & 3rd Sundays	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
NET day	16 July	6 - 10	Annually	Decreased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

Our regular ministry is limited to the weekly youth-led Mass and shared supper on 1st and 3rd Sundays after this Mass. We try to hold a NET day each year. We also produce prayer cards for students during exam time and at Christmas. This year we ran a pilot ALPHA course which was not well attended but we will attempt it again next year using what we have learned. Unfortunately we do not possess a parish hall and the logistics of utilising the parish school are difficult. Also, we do not have anyone with the right skills to run regular youth group activities. We have organised 3 social events for 18+ young adults - barefoot bowls, tennis afternoon and mini-golf. No more than 10 people attended these events, so we have a long way to go.

All Saints Youth Ministry, Albany Creek

Primary contact person: Matthew Ross

Position: Youth Ministry Coordinator

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

All Saints Youth Ministry's goal is to lead young people to a closer relationship with Jesus through community oriented and outreach events.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: All Saints Parish, Albany Creek

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	1	20

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Altitude Youth Group	Friday nights during school term	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Increased
Youth Led Mass	Every 2nd & 4th Sunday 5:30pm	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Increased
St Vincent de Paul Buddies Program	On the weekend	6 - 10	Monthly	Increased
Trivia Fundraiser Night	April 29	50 +	Annually	Increased
Youth Leaders Retreat	Over the summer school holidays	6 - 10	Annually	Stayed the same
End of Year Altitude Youth Group Party	November 1	11 - 25	Annually	Increased
Vivo Young Adults	Weeknights	1 - 5	Fortnightly	Decreased
Holy Thursday Altar stripping and setting	Holy Thursday	11 - 25	Annually	Stayed the same
Xmas Eve Youth Led Carols & Mass	Xmas Eve	11 - 25	Annually	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 30%

Written report about the year:

This year we have gone through a major period of training, formation and 'seed-sowing' for the future. We have been training up 8 young people (currently in Year 9 in 2017) in ministry skills, leadership qualities and personal faith formation to be leaders for both the Altitude Youth Group & All Saints Youth Ministry as a whole. The culmination of this initial phase of their youth ministry leadership journey will be the Youth Leaders Retreat, being held in January of 2018 (a combined/joint initiative retreat with the up and coming leaders of Venire Youth). Next year they will take upon themselves greater responsibility within the All Saints Youth Ministry community and parish family. Bringing in young, excited new leaders and discipline and investing in

them early is important to ensure the progression and sustainability of our youth ministry for the long term – and we are very excited for what they will bring to All Saints now and in the future. We have also formed a partnership with the Passionist Youth Retreat Teams and have this year sought Archdiocesan Grant funding to run high school retreat days during the school holidays next year. This is in response to a need to provide more opportunities for high-school students, and their families, to be involved in ministry and parish life. We are also very proud of our older, longer-serving leaders for taking up roles of responsibility at parish Masses, such as reading, Eucharist Ministers, welcomers and choir members. This also has been an area of growth for us in 2017.

Blaze Booval, Booval

Primary contact person: Donna Conway

Position: Pastoral Ministry Coordinator

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To provide a safe, fun-filled way for secondary school students to share & build faith

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School

General meeting place: Sacred Heart Parish, Booval

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth group	Friday 7-9.30pm	26 - 50	Fortnightly	Decreased
Youth Mass	Sunday 5pm	26 - 50	Monthly	Event is new this year

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 50%

Written report about the year:

This year has shown a marked decrease in numbers at youth group, we think largely due to school leadership positions adding increased workload and work requirements on Friday nights. With the older kids gone the younger kids have lost interest in attending. With a regular faithful two attendees we decided to call it quits for the second half of the year and look to revitalise ourselves and then our ministry for next year. We will begin by introducing a youth Mass once a month followed by pizza, from November this year.

Bracken Ridge Youth, Bracken Ridge

Primary contact person: Emma Beach

Position: Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

Contact email address: emmabeach@aapt.net.au

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

We facilitate 3 youth groups for different ages that enable spiritual exploration and social connection through fun and supportive group activities.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Parish Hall, Bracken Ridge

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	1	10

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Rock	Sunday, 5-7pm	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Increased
Blitz	Sunday 4:30 -6pm	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
SALT	Sunday 7-9pm	6 - 10	Fortnightly	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 60%

Written report about the year:

I mainly focus on the youth group events. There has been some work trying to welcome new refugee community members by playing soccer and participating in social events that require minimal language.

Corinda Graceville Youth Group, Corinda

Primary contact person: Malia Mar

Position: Coordinator

Contact email address: pv.corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To know more about our loving God and have fun.

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School

General meeting place: St Joseph Hall, 18 Clewley St, Corinda

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Mass	25th November	26 - 50	Monthly	Increased
Retreat	End of Term 3	26 - 50	Annually	Event is new this year

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): ?%

Written report about the year:

We shared Gospel reflections weekly to help the kids with their everyday lives. We also have activities to help them create a happy environment and get to know others and to have fun. We all attend Mass once a month and help with welcoming the community at church doors and take parts during Mass. We also serve refreshments after Mass to help us know more about the parishioners. We did volunteer work at Vinnies shop to help the poor and their needs. We did outdoor sports for healthy environments. We also created environment shopping bags to encourage parishioners to save the environments and appreciate nature. We had one retreat to help them with their spiritual needs and we will be having an annual Mass before we finish for 2017.

Darra-Jindalee Life Teen, Jindalee

Primary contact person: Odyn McInnes

Position: Youth Coordinator

Contact email address: youthdarjin@gmail.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

High school aged youth group. Games, talk, prayer.

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School

General meeting place: Church hall, Jindalee

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	1	8

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Darra/Jindalee Lifeteen	Sunday Nights		Weekly	Decreased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

Lifeteen aims to help young people connect with Church and establish community. It also aims to help youth in their journey with Jesus.

FirePit Youth, Kingaroy

Primary contact person: Megan Schick

Position: Campus Minister

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

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To build a bridge between the youth/school and church, to strengthen the relationship of the school and parish, to give students a place of belonging where they can further realise their dignity. This is a school based ministry however we have a relationship with the parish.

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

General meeting place: St Mary's Parish, Kingaroy

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Firepit Youth Group	Tuesday after school	50 +	Fortnightly	Increased
Firepit Youth Mass	5.30pm Sunday	50 +	Monthly	Event is new this year

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 5%

Written report about the year:

This is a ministry through the school. As Campus Minister I provide these events for my kids at school to connect in with the parish. This ministry is growing through the Grace and calling of God and intercession of JP II. We have plans for more camps and retreats to run under the umbrella of FirePit. Campus Ministry involves a lot more than this initiative so the scope is huge. The kids need to be loved more than anything so there is never pressure for them to attend anything, I'm not worried about numbers but that they know they are loved and worthy. Please pray for me and that I can be humble and a vessel of Gods love for these kids.

Frassati Youth, Tarragindi

Primary contact person: Marilyn McIntyre

Position: Leader

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

The goal of Frassati Youth is to provide teenagers with a Christ centred environment that will assist to deepen their faith, make and maintain healthy friendships and support them through their teenage years.

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School

General meeting place: St Elizabeth's Primary School, Tarragindi

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth group	Friday night	26 - 50	Weekly	Increased
End of term/end of year break up	Depends on activity ie. ice skating, rock climbing, bounce	26 - 50	Twice a year	Stayed the same
Adoration/Confession (we don't run this, adoration is available at the parish weekly)		11 - 25	Twice a year	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

Over the last year we have worked closely with the priests of the parish to provide education on the Catholic Church and her teachings. We have had a priest provide Catechesis over a number of weeks as well as talks about the saints, Our Lady and the teachings of the Church. We have had a number of new families join the youth group and the youth actively take part in every aspect of the night.

Hervey Bay Parish Youth, Hervey Bay

Primary contact person: Carmel Donnelly

Position: Youth Ministry Team Coordinator

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

For our young people to develop a relationship with Jesus. We aim to assist our youth to develop an understanding of the Catholic faith and its relevance in their life. We encourage and support them in taking on a ministry within parish life and encourage our team to participate in the sacraments so as to deepen their faith.

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School

General meeting place: Catholic Parish, Hervey Bay

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Parish Youth Ministry Team Meetings	3rd Sunday except during school holidays		Monthly	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 20%

Written report about the year:

Our youth ministry team meets each month in our local parish hall for 2 hours finishing our evening with prayer inside the church. Our meeting consists of our young people bringing in a plate to share, our seniors running games and our adults running formation and then our seniors prepare and lead prayer to complete our meeting. Once a year we prepare food for the local care and concern freezer in the local p-12 College and parish. Every second year we participate in the Relay for life event. Many of our members are part of the music ministry, altar serving, reading ministry, hospitality ministry and Eucharistic Ministry within the parish. Every year we have approximately 20 young people attend Ignite Summer Camp and we try to make it to one Brisbane event a year (Ignite Live or if there is something else, eg Mary Mackillop canonisation and Deanery youth day). We have sent a group to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival each year that it has been held. Each month we focus on the aspects of the Catholic faith that is happening within the Church for example, Lent, Advent and for October, praying the rosary. We work with other groups in the parish (SVDP, Legion of Mary) so as to promote the work of our team and to work in partnership with other parish groups to further the work of Christ. We also support other Christian gatherings such as Pentecost services in the Baptist Church and an ecumenical Stations of the Cross and Ash Wednesday service. We have about 5 - 10 young people who are not Catholics each year but come and join us to learn more about Christ. The team has students/young people from many different schools in the area, not just Catholic schools. We have a presence in both Catholic schools and wish to ensure all who want to join feel welcomed and supported. The Parish Youth Ministry Team is well supported by the parish.

Impact Youth, Nambour

Primary contact person: Meg Thrussell-Cross

Position: Parish Youth Coordinator

Contact email address: youth@nambourcatholics.net

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Our weekly Hangouts, is just that. Games, shared meal, music and occasionally guest speakers.

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School

General meeting place: St Josephs Parish Community Centre, Nambour

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Hangouts		6 - 10	Weekly/Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Youth Mass	Various times in the year	6 - 10	Twice a year	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): ?%

Written report about the year:

Jubilee Parish Youth, Paddington

Primary contact person: Kate Gilday

Position: Parish Youth Minister

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

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

to create opportunities for young people in our parish schools and churches to forge authentic relationships with one another and leaders, to receive intentional formation, to encounter Christ, and to become missionary disciples.

Age range of Participants:

- Primary School

General meeting place: Jubilee Parish Office, Paddington

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Lighthouse Youth Group	Sunday nights		Weekly	Event is new this year

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

2017 was the first year of youth ministry at Jubilee Parish. Lighthouse Youth Group began in May, and saw a steady increase in numbers over the final six months of the year. This was partly due to the youth minister's presence on campus at parish primary schools, helping facilitate music, liturgy, additional prayer events, and playground mingling. A number of attempts were made to engage the young adult community in the parish, including a weekly Holy Hour during Lent, several Alpha meetings for the youth group leaders, and leaders' attendance at other retreats in the region. Part of the mission of Jubilee Youth is to link teenagers and young adults in the parish with other initiatives in the area (such as Ignite Youth, Freedom Catholics on Campus, UQ Chaplaincy, etc.) by advertising these in the parish newsletter and personally recommending them to individuals.

Kolbe Youth Marsden, Marsden

Primary contact person: Christine Lapalapa

Position: Youth Co-ordinator

Contact email address: christinelapalapa@hotmail.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

We as a youth group like to build bridges with one another, help the needy and work hard within our parish. We work with love, fellowship and faith. Spending time with them and building more relationships, as well as growing with them spiritually and in our faith as youth Catholics.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish, Marsden

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	3	6

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Kolbe Youth Mass	Sunday	11 - 25	Monthly	Stayed the same
Kolbe Youth	Friday	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
SVDP Sleepout	July	50 +	Annually	Increased
Christmas Carols	December	50 +	Annually	Increased
Food Can		1 - 5	Monthly	Event is new this year
Easter Play	Easter	50 +	Annually	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 40%

Written report about the year:

Kolbe Youth has once again had a very fulfilling year. Our big event this year was ACYF in which 40 members attended. Formation programmes like Alpha was once again very successful today. We have been trying to get more exposure in our local Catholic school and are very encouraged as both head prefects this year and both boy and girl prefect for 2018 are Kolbe Youth leaders. I continue to be blessed by the lives and passion of our young people. We have a big 2018 planned for the Year of Youth and regular meetings have already happened within our dean to reignite combined sessions and formation activities which was initiated by our parish.

OLSC Youth, Augustine Heights

Primary contact person: April Coogan

Position: Youth Minister

Contact email address: youtholsc@gmail.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

The goal for OLSC Youth in 2017 was to provide our youth the opportunity to go deeper in their faith using the Life Teen resource- giving it a red hot go. We wanted to engage our older youth/young adults in a consistent youth group for them fortnightly. One of our goals was to incorporate youth participation in the Mass e.g. welcoming, prayers of the faithful etc.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: St Augustine's College, Augustine Heights

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	3	5-10

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Group	1st and 3rd Friday's	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Youth Group	2nd and 4th Friday nights	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Increased
Youth Group Young Adults	2nd and 4th Friday nights	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Event is new this year
Youth lead Mass		50 +	Monthly	Stayed the same
Holiday Programs	Every Term	11 - 25	Quarterly	Increased
Trivia Night		50 +	Annually	Event is new this year
NET Retreat		26 - 50	Annually	Decreased
Real Talk		11 - 25	Annually	Decreased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 80%

Written report about the year:

Our Lady of the Rosary Youth Group, Kenmore

Primary contact person: Vince Connolly

Position: Co-Ordinator

Contact email address: connollyv1@bigpond.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To provide spiritual and social opportunities for Kenmore OLR Youth.

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School

General meeting place: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kenmore

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Faith and Futsal Friday	3rd Friday night each month in school term	6 - 10	Monthly	Stayed the same
Youth led Mass	3rd Sunday of each month	6 - 10	Monthly	Decreased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

This year was a consolidation year. The youth group struggled during the year due to clashes with other events, but ended the year strengthening.

Redland Area Youth Group, Thornlands

Primary contact person: Lee Brand

Position: Teacher

Contact email address: lee.brand@carmelcollege.qld.edu.au

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Provide a place for local youth to meet and participate in activities with other youth with similar values.

Age range of Participants:

- Primary School
- Secondary School

General meeting place: Carmel College, Thornlands

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Group activity meetings	Select Saturday evenings	6 - 10	Fortnightly	Decreased
Youth Mass	Saturday evening each school term	6 - 10	Quarterly	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 30%

Written report about the year:

There seemed to be a reduction in our youth numbers as the year progressed for all activities scheduled. We will look at the day and time chosen for our activities in 2018 and consider other ways to advertise our events in order to increase participation.

St Mark's Youth Group, Inala

Primary contact person: Peter Nguyen

Position: Co-ordinator

Contact email address: youthofstmarks@gmail.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To have a multicultural youth group and engage with the youths of the parish as well as giving back to the community.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: St Mark's, Inala

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Passion Play	Good Friday	6 - 10	Annually	Stayed the same
Youth Mass	During weekend Mass	6 - 10	Twice a year	Stayed the same
Activities	When time is available	11 - 25	Quarterly	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

Leaders of the youth group gather once a month to discuss what is happening within the parish as well as suggest ideas and opinions for the youths to gather and bond with each other from different backgrounds. We also find ways to give back to the community by hosting events or activities such as a bread run where we give bread to families that have indicated they need the assistance.

St Matthew's Loganholme Youth Group, Loganholme

Primary contact person: Mary Schinnick-Spoor

Position: Youth Leader

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

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Our main goal in the youth group was to reconnect the youth in the parish to the church.

Age range of Participants:

- Young Adults (15-24)

General meeting place: St Matthew's Parish hall, Loganholme

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Group Meeting	Friday 7pm	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Increased
Youth Mass	4th Sunday of the Month, 9:30am	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased
Year of Youth Mass	9th December 2017	11 - 25	Annually	Event is new this year

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

In 2017 St Matthews Youth Group welcomed a number of new youths to not only the Youth Group, but also their families to the parish, which increased our numbers significantly. We also ran a number of events for the parish, our main event being a youth run trivia night which helped raise funds to get our entire group to Ignite Conference which was both a rewarding experience but a fun one too. We have continued our monthly youth Masses, with our members participating in roles such as readings, collection, singing as the choir and offertory. We have also trained some members to serve as Eucharistic ministers with having the majority of the older members trained within the next 6 months. We are currently gearing up towards the end of year events which include Christmas youth Mass, singing at the multicultural carols as well as our celebration for the beginning of the Year of the Youth with a special Mass in early December. We've grown as a group this year especially and seen many of our members stepping up to fulfill leadership roles, and have also seen the bond strengthen between the youth and the rest of the parish. We have worked alongside our Pastoral Council who have supported the group in becoming an integral part of our parish community, and look forward to continuing our involvement in the parish.

St Patrick's Youth Group, Beenleigh

Primary contact person: Cathy Korzeniewski

Position: Youth Worker

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

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Greater love for God and each other.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: St Patrick's church grounds, Beenleigh

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Mass	Sunday 9am / 6pm	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
United Youth	Friday nights	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Discover -Young Adults	Wednesday nights	1 - 5	Weekly	Event is new this year
Children's Meditation	Monday afternoons	11 - 25	Weekly	Stayed the same
40hr Famine	August / September	6 - 10	Annually	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 95%

Written report about the year:

I'm not going to bother talking about events, but I would like to mention a bit about our young people and our ethos. Throughout my 13 years of youth ministry at St Patrick's, I have been privileged to work with many amazing young people. Compared to myself at their age, they are mostly more responsible, more courageous, and definitely more industrious concerning their school/uni work. I have been continually encouraged and inspired by their faith and commitment. During any event, whether social or 'religious', we are mindful of how we treat each other. This is one of the main pastoral areas that I have concentrated on - an acceptance and respect for every person we encounter, with the awareness that we are all unconditionally loved by God. The members of our United Youth group feel like family, and, more importantly, are very welcoming to new 'family members'.

St Stephen's Young Adult Ministry, Brisbane City

Primary contact person: Jessika Trieu

Position: Chairperson

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

YAM welcomes young adults of all cultural backgrounds and faith to join for fellowship, prayer, goodworks, formation to enrich an authentic relationship with Christ and between each other.

Age range of Participants:

- Young Adults (18-35)

General meeting place: St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	12

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Young Adults Lenten Program	6 weeks during Lent annually	11 - 25	Weekly	Stayed the same
The Vine Talk	Monthly	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased
Young Adults Mass	Every 1st Sunday of the Month	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased
Monthly Supper	Every 1st Sunday of the month	26 - 50	Monthly	Increased
Retreat	December	26 - 50	Annually	Stayed the same
Gala	November	50 +	Annually	Increased
BBQ Social	April	26 - 50	Annually	Increased
Youth Vocation EXPO	August	50 +	Annually	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 90%

Written report about the year:

The initiative of hosting the Youth and Vocation Expo has become YAM's annual signature event. When it first began, there were 6 ministries/religious orders that displayed their stalls. This year there were 25 stalls. To nurture prayer, formation, fellowship and good-works are the charisms of YAM. This is supported by a volunteer group of 12 core members, who invite young adults to encounter Jesus. The Gala 2017 was a successful sellout with a Masquerade theme of 'Unmasking in front of God' reflecting on mentors in our lives who have prepared us to encounter Jesus. Our new chaplain Fr Odinaka and the Canossian sisters led us on a very fruitful retreat, reflecting on our personal values living in accordance to the Gospel values. There were 18 different nationalities present. The highlight was praying the rosary in multiple languages, especially when we prayed the first 'Our Father' prayer in our mother's language. Sometimes we consider YAM as the 'Central Station Ministry' in which many young adults/ students/ visitors come to and when then share the Catholic Collective website to them to help connect them to a youth ministry that is closer to their home. Currently YAM has at least 50 active young adults who joined our events this year. We are thankful for God blessing YAM on all that we've achieved in His most gracious Holy name. Glory to God in the Highest!

The Hive Youth & Young Adults Ministry, Ipswich

Primary contact person: Felicity Jones

Position: Youth Coordinator

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

We aim to provide the young people of the Ipswich Catholic Community with opportunities that will allow them to embrace God and embrace the Church, growing as young people through and in faith.

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School
- Young Adults (18-35)

General meeting place: Mater Dei Church, Sadliers Crossing (Youth)
and St Mary's Parish Office (Young Adults)

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Events	Friday Nights	6 - 10	Fortnightly	Increased
Young Adult Series (Sacramental, Lenten)	Wednesday Nights	6 - 10	Fortnightly	Increased
Youth Mass	Second Sundays	11 - 25	Monthly	Stayed the same
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament		11 - 25	Monthly	Event is new this year

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 50%

Written report about the year:

It has been a busy year for the Hive. It was our first year of consistently holding youth events every fortnight, as well as getting our young adults programs up off the ground. For youth events we have had to source our own resources from online, using videos from Fr Rob Galea and anything else we can find that would be acceptable. We successfully took a group of over 20 people to Ignite Conference, and attended two Ignite Live's, one in conjunction with Hervey Bay and Nambour. We've held a trivia night, bake sales, breakfast BBQs and more. We presented the annual Stations of the Cross, participated in the Powered Festival, teamed up with Steph Unger for a concert, had young adult social nights and discussions, and will take 13 people down to Sydney for ACYF in December.

Unite Youth, Sunnybank

Primary contact person: Steven Bird

Position: Youth and Young Adults Cordinator

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

The purpose of our ministry is to bring young people closer to Christ through spiritual and social activities.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Paloma Center Sunnybank (Parish Hall)

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	2	12

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Edge	Friday Nights	6 - 10	Fortnightly	Increased
Life Night	Sunday Nights	6 - 10	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Unleashed	Sunday Night	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 45%

Written report about the year:

We continued in 2017 to use the Life Teen program. Numbers in our lower grades increased while our teenagers decreased. We relaunched our over 18s program with huge success with over 15 young adults attended monthly. We have been lucky enough to notice and witness this group of young people interacting socially outside of the church walls. We continue to have weekly youth-ministered Mass. With the church expansion allowing us to seat 600 people it was a great feeling.

Venire Youth, Gold Coast Deanery

Primary contact person: Stephanie Santos

Position: Deanery Youth Coordinator

Contact email address: hello@venireyouth.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Venire aims to create communities of missionary disciples in local parishes across the Gold Coast. Providing a space for young people to foster their faith and be empowered to know, love and serve the Lord.

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School
- Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: Surfers Paradise, Coomera, and Southport Parishes

Ministry Category: Parish-based/Deanery-based

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
1	1	15

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Venire at Surfers	Thursday Night	26 - 50	Weekly	Stayed the same
Venire at Coomera	Fourth Fridays	26 - 50	Monthly	Increased
Venire at Southport	Sunday Afternoon	6 - 10	Monthly	Decreased
Fuse	Every Two Months	26 - 50	Quarterly	Event is new this year
Bible Study	Monday Nights	6 - 10	Fortnightly	Event is new this year
Venire Retreat	June/July School Holidays	50 +	Annually	Increased
Leaders Retreat	January	11 - 25	Annually	Increased
Youth Mass + YA Dinner	Sunday Night	11 - 25	Monthly	Decreased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 30%

Written report about the year:

We've lost a lot of young adults this year, due to them moving on to other stages in their lives; which has impacted our ministry a lot! Coomera has really flourished this year, where Surfers and Southport we are working on strengthening. Our annual retreat is definitely our highlight.

Ethnic Communities

CFCA Youth For Christ Australia - Central

Primary contact person: Ray Tignero
Position: Couple Coordinator
Contact email address: rayt32@bigpond.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:
 Families in the Holy Spirit renewing the face of the earth.

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School
- Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: St Marks, Inala & St Bernardines, Regents Park

Ministry Category: Ethnic Community

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Entry Program		50+	Twice a year	Increased
End of the Year Camp		50+	Annually	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): ?%

Written report about the year:

We invite high schoolers and young adult to the youth entry program to invite them to become a member of YFC-Australia. After that they can join in our monthly gathering and serving the parish in various activities like choir singing and multicultural gatherings. The end of year camp is somewhat like a retreat for the members.

CFCA Youth For Christ Australia - North

Primary contact person: John Jay Uy

Position: Couple coordinator

Contact email address: uy_johnjay@yahoo.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To gather youth ages 12-20 to further their faith through talks, gatherings and activities.

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School and Young Adults (12-20)

General meeting place: Parish hall, Zillmere

Ministry Category: Ethnic Community

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Household Mass singing		11 - 25	Monthly	Increased
Youth entry program		11 - 25	Annually	Increased
Covenant orientation		26 - 50	Annually	Increased
Discover camp		50 +	Annually	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 70%

Written report about the year:

Our youth group have been more actively involved with the activities of the Archdiocese of Brisbane because of information being passed onto us by the Youth Office. Also, we had been fortunate enough to be granted the Alan Forbes award in 2016. There is an increase in our number by almost 50% because of the continuity of activities provided.

Community of the Risen Lord Brisbane Youth

Primary contact person: Ashan de Zoysa

Position: Youth Coordinator

Contact email address: youth.crlbrisbane@gmail.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Bringing youth and young adults into an experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and providing them with an inclusive environment to journey in their faith

Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

General meeting place: St James Church, Coorparoo

Ministry Category: Ethnic Community

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Meeting	1 st and 3 rd Sundays	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Annual Youth Trip	December	11 - 25	Annually	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): ?%

Written report about the year:

The CRL Brisbane youth and young adults changed venue early this year, (previously we were based in a home). The number of youth coming reduced with the change of venue, but in the past few months we have started to see many of the youth who previously came start coming the meeting again. The youth and young adults meet twice monthly at St James's church hall, the meeting starts with praise and worship followed by message or youth related activity, and then fellowship. The CRL Brisbane youth are also involved in the main prayer group's weekly Friday prayer meeting and we try to encourage the youth to work separately in the youth meetings as well as join together with the other adults at our main Friday prayer meeting. We had a retreat called the 4 Steps Retreat and many of the youth /young adults were involved in the organising of the retreat and many participated in the retreat as well. The young adults decided and organised Christmas presents to send to an orphanage in Sri Lanka. They organised presents in 40 shoe boxes and wrapped and shipped in December. As a final event of the year the young adults organised a day trip to Coolangatta. This trip was organised as a way of inviting young adults not currently involved in the CRL Brisbane youth and an opportunity to gather together with those who currently attend the meetings to celebrate all that has happened through out this year.

Indonesian Catholic Family Brisbane - Youth Ministry

Primary contact person: Sentosa Liputra

Position: Youth Leader

Contact email address: icfybrisbane@gmail.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

The goal of our youth initiative is to unite all of our Indonesian youth and to accomodate their needs to feel and find Jesus' love.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: St Ita's Church, Dutton Park

Ministry Category: Ethnic Community

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	3	6

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Mass	Every first week of the month on Sunday	6 - 10	Monthly	Stayed the same
Titik Temu	On any Saturday	6 - 10	Quarterly	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 50%

Written report about the year:

Our youth ministry has been slightly growing in unity and faith since we had some new events. Unfortunately, there are some young people who were not interested to come and know more about Jesus. Our goal in the coming year is to tackle this problem and always come up with new events that are more interesting for our youth.

Polish Community Young Adults

Primary contact person: Fr Andrzej Kolaczowski

Position: Parish Priest

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To encourage and help young adults in their faith journey, especially as they transition into adulthood.

Age range of Participants:

- Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: Bowen Hills Parish

Ministry Category: Ethnic Community

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Meeting			Bi-monthly	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 20%

Written report about the year:

This year has been a struggle, timewise. We try to meet bimonthly and organise other random social events or encourage young people to attend Ignite Live. We are at the stage where we have to start looking in a new recruitment/encouragement among younger youth.

St Bakhita's-Sudanese & South Sudanese Youth

Primary contact person: Helda Mathew

Position: acting youth leader

Contact email address: heldat@hotmail.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative: -

Age range of Participants:

- Primary School
- Secondary School

General meeting place: -

Ministry Category: Ethnic Community

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	5

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Music Class	Saturday 12-2 pm	6 - 10	Weekly	Increased
Dance	Saturday	6 - 10	Weekly	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 15%

Written report about the year:

This year we got a good number of kids coming to attend music class from July. At the beginning the numbers were more than 20 kids but it's declined a bit due to their parents' commitments but still good compared to last year's program. We got about four more volunteers from different parishes, as we don't have good knowledge in music and they are helping our youth. We are looking forward to finding assistance with them if the Youth Evangelisation Office will help.

St Clements - Melkite Rite Parish Youth

Primary contact person: Philip Eid

Position: Sub-deacon

Contact email address: phileid@hotmail.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Our aim is to bring our youth together in an exciting and enjoyable environment. We are also using this opportunity to welcome the new arrival families to Australia, and help them improve their English and get to know Australian families within the community.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: St Clement Church hall, South Brisbane

Ministry Category: Ethnic Community

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Friday Night Youth	Every Friday		Weekly	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 15%

Written report about the year:

Unfortunately due to work commitments, we did not begin any youth activities until later in the year. My role is to provide some some sort of activity on Friday evening. We mix it up every week between a Bible passage study, a spiritual talk, social gatherings, pizza and (religious) movie nights etc.

Timor Leste Youth

Primary contact person: Crisantto Soares

Position: Student Coordinator

Contact email address: -

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To help young Eastimorese people to live a responsible life and witness to their Catholic faith; To create a sense of belonging to the community; To offer an opportunity for young people to experience their own culture and tradition.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: St. Joseph's College at Gregory Terrace Spring Hill and Benarrawa Community Hall at Graceville

Ministry Category: Ethnic Community

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Retreat	Marian Valley		Twice a year	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 20%

Written report about the year:

Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement Brisbane

Primary contact person: Martin Huynh-To

Position: President

Contact email address: martin.huynh-to@griffithuni.edu.au

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To educate youths in both their social and spiritual life and help them become better people and responsible Christians; To organise and guide all youths and help them become more aware of the Church's mission to the world by engaging in the spreading of Good News, and be involved in working for the good of society through apostolate services, in serving others.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Vietnamese Catholic Community Centre, Inala

Ministry Category: Ethnic Community

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	50+

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Group and Mass	Sunday 9-12pm	50 +	Weekly	Increased
Youth Camp	School Holiday	50 +	Twice a year	Stayed the same
Sacramental Program	In October	50 +	Annually	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

Our youth ministry is alive and well and will continue well into 2018. There are too many events to list, but 2018 will include our sacramental program involving 70+ kids, weekly meetings and catechism lessons for the other 200+ kids, barbecues, concerts, celebration of Holy Feasts in large outdoor Masses with the Vietnamese Community. We will be involved with and hold training sessions for our leaders, multicultural Mass, preparing for the Australia-wide VEYM Leader Conference (Nang Hong) occurring in Jan 2019 (500+ delegates from around Australia will be converging in Brisbane, which hasn't hosted it for over 15 years). This year will be incredibly busy and packed whilst fundraising and preparing for that. We'd like to thank the Archdiocese and his Grace Mark Coleridge for the continued support.

Tertiary

Duchesne College

Primary contact person: Lidia Pezo Castanon

Position: Faith and Spirituality Facilitator

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To provide the residents at Duchesne College within UQ a space to explore their faith, talk about their faith, and know where to seek more information and meet the Catholic youth community in Brisbane.

Age range of Participants:

- Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: Duchesne College UQ, St Lucia

Ministry Category: Tertiary

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Blind Eye visit	4 th Thursdays	1 - 5	Monthly	Increased
Mass at Duchesne	4 th Sundays	1 - 5	Monthly	Increased
Nature Walk	3 rd Sundays	1 - 5	Quarterly	Increased
Liturgy in the Chapel	1 st Thursdays	1 - 5	Quarterly	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 2%

Written report about the year:

2017 has been about getting to know the culture of Duchesne College and in general the culture of colleges. It is a slow process to form bonds with the residents to be able to talk freely about any topic, especially giving way to the topic of our Catholic faith. 2018 promises to be a fuller year, with the girls more aware of what faith is in general and keen to know more.

Freedom - Catholic Mission on Campus

Primary contact person: Vivien Dolar

Position: Freedom Coordinator & Campus Missionary

Contact email address: info@freedomcmc.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Freedom is a relational Catholic university movement, dedicated to the Church's call of Evangelisation. We are committed to challenging university students to live in the fullness of the Catholic faith, and encouraging and empowering them to live a Christ-centred life and share the Gospel message to all. Freedom does this by being an authentic witness on campus with a strong emphasis on equipping students to be disciples within the Church and building them as leaders in the renewal of the world.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: QUT, GP and KG

Ministry Category: Tertiary

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Faith Studies		26 - 50	Weekly	Stayed the same
Semester Launch Party	At the start of each semester	26 - 50	Twice a year	Increased
End of Semester Party	June & November	26 - 50	Twice a year	Stayed the same
End of Year Beach Trip	December	11 - 25	Annually	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

As in 2016, with only a couple of part-time volunteer missionaries, it has been another difficult year in terms of the breadth of ministry we have been able to do in 2017. We have still been able to successfully achieve all of our core events and faith studies throughout the year, in addition to hosting & participating in events around the Archdiocese such as Leaven Hour, and running BBQs at the March for Life and Cherish Life Conferences. We have also been heavily involved in our collaboration with fellow tertiary ministries at ACU and UQ in setting up 'Reclaim' - a space for young adults to get back to the heart of worship and invest in authentic fellowship and prayer. In addition to receiving some grant money from the Archdiocese to support next year's missionaries, we have just installed our new executive team for our QUT Freedom Student Club and are excited to see what fruit will come out of the Holy Spirit's work in and through our core team next year!

Griffith Chaplaincy - Logan Campus

Primary contact person: Deacon Russ Nelson

Position: Assisatnt Chaplain

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Provide chaplaincy support to students and staff of the university at Logan under the auspices of a Multi Faith Chaplaincy (via Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplaincy Committee).

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Meadowbrook

Ministry Category: Tertiary

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Clean Up Australia Day	February		Annually	Event is new this year
O Week and Market Days	February; July		Twice a year	
Vinnies Sleep Out			Annually	

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 50%

Written report about the year:

The Sleep Out is run with the assistance of Vinnies Youth for one night. It is an excellent "action learning event" for the participates plus it creates a lot of interest around the campus. Other elements is the weekly presence on campus providing spiritual assistance to student and staff, especially those form non-anglo-saxon backgrounds.

Griffith Chaplaincy - Southport Campus

Primary contact person: Fr Warren Kinne

Position: Chaplain

Contact email address: w.kinne@griffith.edu.au

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

The goal is to be able to bring the Gospel of Christ in the university environment and having discussions about faith in a safe environment.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Griffith University, Gold Coast campus

Ministry Category: Tertiary

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Alpha Program	During university semester for 14 weeks		Twice a year	Event is new this year

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 50%

Written report about the year:

Our Alpha program at the Griffith University just started and while it is relatively new to the university environment, in our first attempt, we were able to attract Christians, non Christians, a Buddhist and other religions, creating the safe and non-judgemental environment to discuss about Jesus Christ and faith. The Alpha program also included a day with the Holy Spirit at Marian Valley. The Alpha program was divided into 13 weeks and we, as a group, met on a weekly basis. Each gathering starts with a meal, an activity game, the video clip for the day, discussions, and conclusion/prayer. There is also opportunity where we provide one on one support to participants in the faith journey. We also use the platform to subtly promote the Gold Coast Young Adults Group.

QUT Catholics

Primary contact person: Diana Sony
Position: President
Contact email address: qutcatholics@gmail.com

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

The goal of this youth initiative is to provide a platform for Catholic students to connect with other Catholics on campus and to live and deepen their faith.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: QUT, GP and KG

Ministry Category: Tertiary

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	5

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Mass on Campus	Varies each semester	6 - 10	Weekly	Increased
School of the Word	Varies each semester	6 - 10	Weekly	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

We had Mass on campus weekly. Fr. Thomas, a student at QUT celebrated Mass for us. This was followed by School of Word event where Sr Frances would help us pray with the Bible. She would pick a chapter from the Bible and help us reflect on every aspect of the passage. We would then spend the last 10 minutes reflecting and listening to God's voice speaking to us. We would often join Jesus Youth in their weekly prayer meetings, where they would spend time in praise and worship, music, Word of God sharing and fellowship.

UQ FX Mission Team and UQ Catholic Chaplaincy

Primary contact person: UQ FX Mission Team

Position: Catholic Chaplaincy

Contact email address: uq@fxmission.com.au

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

This year the team's main vision for the year has been to grow and support the diverse Catholic community of students on campus through opportunities for connection, pastoral care, evangelisation, formation, discipleship, service and sacraments.

Age range of Participants:

- Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: UQ Catholic Chaplaincy, St Lucia

Ministry Category: Tertiary

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	26

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Chill n' Chat	Tuesday 6pm	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Student Connect	Thursday 12-1pm	11 - 25	Fortnightly	Increased
Faith Studies	Various	31	Weekly	Stayed the same
Courtalk	24 October	11 - 25	Quarterly	Stayed the same
Sunday Mass at St Leo's College	Sunday 4:15pm	26 - 50	Weekly	Increased
Market Day	All day	125	Twice yearly	
Daily Mass	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	11 - 25	Weekly	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 90%

Written report about the year:

This is the third UQ Catholic Chaplaincy team, and the second FX Mission team as branded by NET Ministries Australia.

The team has operated, administered and run the events of the UQ Catholic Chaplaincy office, being the main source of support for Fr Terry Nueva in the first semester and Fr Phillip Alesin in the second semester, and being assisted by the Core Leadership team. To save confusion, on campus the team is simply known as the Catholic Chaplaincy team, with a few students knowing the team as the FX Mission team or the NET team. The current model is based on the long standing Catholic Chaplaincy, enhanced by the evangelisation and discipleship strategies devised by FX Mission.

Religious Orders (Youth Ministry)

Canossian Sisters Young Adult Ministry

Primary contact person: Sr Melissa Dwyer
Position: Vocations Co-ordinator
Contact email address: info@canossiansisters.org.au

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To provide opportunities for young adults to draw closer to God and explore their vocation in life.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Canossian Spirituality Centre, Oxley

Ministry Category: Religious Order (Youth Ministry)

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	7 - All Canossian Sisters

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Shared Prayer	Third Saturday afternoon	11 - 25	Monthly	Stayed the same
Young Adults Retreat	Saturday	11 - 25	Twice a year	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

During monthly opportunities for Shared Prayer, young adults gathered for adoration and reflection on the Word of God. Young Adult Retreat Days during the year provide a longer more focused opportunity to spend a day in prayer, guided by different speakers as well as opportunities for adoration, silent prayer and guided meditation. The Canossian Sisters also provide mentoring and spiritual direction to different young people to help them discern the call of God for their lives.

Marist Youth Ministry

Primary contact person: Caitlin Humphrys

Position: Regional Coordinator

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To make Jesus known and loved. This plays out particularly in our Marist schools and with post-school young adults who identify as 'Marist'. Our aim is to build a safe community in which young people can explore their personal faith freely.

Age range of Participants:

- Young Adults (15-25)

General meeting place: Schools and at our centre in Ashgrove, Brisbane.

Ministry Category: Religious Order (Youth Ministry)

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Connect Nights	One Friday night each term	6 - 10	Quarterly	Increased
Exchange Nights	Varied but on a weeknight	6 - 10	Quarterly	Event is new this year

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 10%

Written report about the year:

This year has been a new beginning for Marist Youth Ministry in that the office was empty for nearly 6 months last year. It has been a time of rebuilding. Next year we have plans for a monthly 'family mass' and dinner at our centre. We will also run 4 camps (3 for schools and 1 for volunteers), 4 Connect Nights, 3 Exchange Nights, support the National Remar program on various camps and retreats and make a total of 47 school visits, some of which will be supporting on camps.

Sisters of St Paul de Chartres Youth Ministry

Primary contact person: Sr. Inede Pham

Position: Co-ordinator

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Strengthen their faith and improving their relationship with God and others

Age range of Participants:

- Young Adults (17-25)

General meeting place: Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres' convent, Boronia Heights

Ministry Category: Religious Order (Youth Ministry)

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	All the sisters

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Camp	June or December	1 - 5	Annually	Decreased
Vocation Discernment	Last Sundays	1 - 5	Monthly	Event is new this year

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): ?%

Written report about the year:

Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity

Primary contact person: Sr Frances Drum

Position: Responsible of Verbum Dei Community, Brisbane

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To teach the dynamism of the Word of God (to listen, assimilate, live and share the Word of God).

Age range of Participants:

- Young Adults (18+)

General meeting place: St Stephen's Chapel, Elizabeth St, Brisbane

Ministry Category: Religious Order (Youth Ministry)

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
School of the Word	Friday evening at 5.40pm	11 - 25	Weekly	Increased
School of the Word	Monday night	11 - 25	Weekly	Increased
School of the Apostles	First Saturdays	11 - 25	Monthly	Stayed the same
School of the Word	Last Saturdays	11 - 25	Monthly	Increased
Lenten Retreat	During Lent	50 +	Annually	Increased
Advent Retreat	During Advent	26 - 50	Annually	Increased
Pentecost Retreat	The day before Pentecost	50 +	Annually	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 95%

Written report about the year:

A lot of our ministry also has involved working on QUT campuses and personally accompanying students in their spiritual journey. We also spiritually accompany many other people on a personal one-to-one basis or as a couple in their process of marriage preparation. Furthermore, we accompany both men and women in vocational discernment.

Youth Carmelite Group

Primary contact person: Sr Moira Kelly

Position: Prioress

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Sharing prayer and Carmelite Spirituality.

Age range of Participants:

- Young Adults (18-35)

General meeting place: Carmelite Monastery, Ormiston

Ministry Category: Religious Order (Youth Ministry)

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	All the sisters

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Meeting	Saturday 2:30pm	11 - 25	Sporadically	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

Every few months we prepare a text on some aspect of Carmelite Spirituality, e.g. we have been doing various themes from 'The Spiritual Canticle' of St John of the Cross over the last months. The date is chosen according to what suits the majority. The text is emailed some days before the meeting, which takes place on a Saturday afternoon at 2:30pm. At the meeting we read the text slowly with pauses for further comments, questions or discussion. There is a break half way for refreshments. At the end all join the Sisters for Evening Prayer at 4:45pm.

Movements

Brisbane Young Christian Meditation Group

Primary contact person: Andrea Randall

Position: QLD Coordinator for Younger Christian Meditators

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To provide a sacred space for people to learn the gift of Christian Meditation.

Age range of Participants:

- Young Adults (25-50)

General meeting place: St Paul's Anglican Church, East Brisbane and QUT Gardens Point chaplaincy, Brisbane

Ministry Category: Movement

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Weekly meditation group	Tuesday 12midday		Weekly	Stayed the same
Weekly meditation group	Wednesday 6:30pm		Weekly	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 50%

Written report about the year:

We had a more quiet year. Focus was on the weekly commitment of the meditation group, rather than holding any younger meditator's retreats. A national retreat was held by the community in Sydney this year and a QLD community retreat in November if any younger meditators wanted to deepen their practice with a retreat.

The Dating War

Primary contact person: Kristen Roe

Position:

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

The Dating War (TDW) aims to provide practical, "real life" input, for 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 society's recreational attitude towards love and sex. TDW seeks to dispel mistruths surrounding relationships and to support young singles and dating couples. TDW provides live events and online support and encouragement. Evening events are running bi-monthly in Brisbane with special events also being run elsewhere around the country. A variety of content and formats are covered. TDW is an initiative of Real Talk Australia.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Lavalla Centre, Paddington

Ministry Category: Movement

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
The Dating War	Tuesday or Thursday nights		Monthly	Stayed the same

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 95%

Written report about the year:

Frassati Australia

Primary contact person: Dylan Shogren

Position: President

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To catechise young adults on the faith, following the example of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Annerley

Ministry Category: Movement

Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Frassati Monday Nights	Mondays 7pm	26 - 50	Weekly	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 100%

Written report about the year:

Frassati Australia has been running since 2011, it aims to support young men and woman in their faith. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati is used as a model. As a young person in the modern era, he shows how a deep commitment and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady can lead young people to Holiness. Frassati Australia is an organisation that looks to foster in young people these two 'pillars of faith' through weekly Mass, talks & catechesis and events throughout the year. Frassati Australia is run by the Men of the Frassati Fraternity who live together in a community and undertake commitments such as daily Rosary and weekly all-night adoration, under the guidance of Chaplin Fr Andrew Wise and the Brisbane Oratory. Frassati Monday nights begin with Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 7pm, Confessions are available before and during Mass followed my tea & coffee and a catechesis talk until 9pm.

Ignite Youth

Primary contact person: Pat Keady

Position: Director

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To connect young people with Jesus through dynamic events and caring relationships.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Paddington and South Brisbane

Ministry Category: Movement

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	5	50+

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Ignite Live	Sundays 5-9pm	26 - 50	Monthly	Stayed the same
Ignite High	Fridays nights	26 - 50	Weekly	Increased
Ignite Conference	September holidays	50 +	Annually	Stayed the same
Ignite Launch	May	50 +	Annually	Increased
Ignite Summer Camp	January holidays	50 +	Annually	Increased
YA Weekend	June	50 +	Annually	Decreased
Team Night	Last Mondays	26 - 50	Monthly	Increased
YA Open House	No fixed dates	11 - 25	Quarterly	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 95%

Written report about the year:

Young Catholics have been invited to engage with the Church through our major events (camps, conference etc), the monthly Ignite Live Mass and worship nights, social media and invitations to serve in ministry. For some, it has been a welcoming and engaging first connection with the Church while for others it has provided a place for them to continue to live out and grow in their faith. We continue to see parish and school groups utilise events such as Ignite Conference and Ignite Live by organising groups to attend and then building on their experiences.

Approximately 500-700 different young people have benefitted through attendance at our key youth ministry events (Summer Camp, Launch, Live, Beach House, YA Weekend, High). We estimate that 100+ young people have been engaged with the Ignite Grow programs through their parish or school. At least another 800 people from the Archdiocese of Brisbane were impacted through the Ignite Conference, with total attendance over 1500.

Social Justice Organisations

Edmund Rice Camps Brisbane

Primary contact person: Jeremy Seng

Position: Programs Officer

Contact email address: jdseng@edmundrice.org

Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

We aim to empower youth to seek and to serve the marginalised in our society.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: 2461 Sandgate Road, Boondall

Ministry Category: Social Justice

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
2	0	200+

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Edmund Rice Camps	School holidays	26 - 50	Quarterly	Increased
Head 2 Heart Programs	Subject to partner schools	26 - 50	Monthly	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 60%

Written report about the year:

Rosies Youth Mission

Primary contact person: Cathy Lindsay

Position: State Coordinator

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Provide outreach opportunities to Year 12 students

Age range of Participants:

- Secondary School

General meeting place: Woolloongabba, Woodridge, Beenleigh, Manly, Ipswich, Caboolture, Caloundra, Southport

Ministry Category: Social Justice

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
3	1	100

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Street Outreach	Various nights each week	6 - 10	Weekly	Event is new this year
Visitaiton to Youth Detention Centre	Saturday afternoons	6 - 10	Monthly	Decreased
Schoolies Week Safety Hub	Schoolies Week	50 +	Annually	Decreased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 5%

Written report about the year:

High schools who choose to partner with Rosies are able to provide their students with the Rosies experience, that being a Friend on the Street. Many students with their teachers join our Rosies volunteers on outreach and share the message with their peers back at school. From this experience schools often then choose to conduct fundraising activities to further support Rosies. Our program is very popular and places are very limited. Rosies is also the longest serving community organisation at the Gold Coast Schoolies Week. We collaborate with the State Government, and Gold Coast City Council's, comprehensive safety and support services program to make the week as safe as possible for participants and the local community.

Qld Community Alliance

Primary contact person: Devett Kennedy

Position: Community Organiser

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Forming and organising people to take action with other civil society partners to bring our shared values to life in the public sphere. Partners include churches, mosques, unions, community organisations, and ethnic associations.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: 9 parishes across Brisbane, Logan, Ipswich

Ministry Category: Other

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	6000

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 90%

Written report about the year:

Qld Community Alliance brings together churches, mosques, unions, community organisations and ethnic associations to work for the common good. Young people are a key group of leaders and participants in the process of listening to pressures, discerning common causes, identifying solutions that accord with the message of the Gospel, and taking action to bring those solutions to fruition. Things we have achieved together: Australia's first Demand Responsive Transport trial (residents in Logan can order a taxi to a transport hub for the cost of a bus fare); Community Maternity Hubs for healthy mothers and babies in Logan; \$4m from Logan City Council for better buses; Hospital Parking Concessions program at Prince Charles Hospital; Parking concessions now extended to all Qld public hospitals (worth \$7.5m); A collective impact process in Ipswich around mental health care; Ipswich City Council approval of Oki Doki Farm; Concession public transport fares across Qld for people seeking asylum who live in our community.

Vinnies Youth QLD

Primary contact person: Stephanie Reed

Position: State Youth Manager

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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Vinnies Youth QLD is a platform for young people to put their faith into action by seeing Christ in the poor and serving those in need in their local communities.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Numerous locations

Ministry Category: Social Justice

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
2	14	Numerous

Event	Time/date	Average # participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2017
Youth Programs	Every month	50 +	Monthly	Increased
School programs	All throughout school Terms	50 +	Annually	Increased

Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 10%

Written report about the year:

Vinnies Youth QLD provides young people aged 16 - 35 an opportunity to put their faith into action by improving the lives of those in need in the community. Vinnies Youth offers a range of school projects and community programs for young people to offer their time and skills to.

Retreat Ministries

NET Ministries Australia

Primary contact person: Mark Doyle
Position: Executive Director
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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To encourage the young people of Australia to be open to an encounter with Jesus and to embrace the Church.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Schools, houses, parishes nationally

Ministry Category: Retreat Ministry

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
10	7	40+

Type of Retreats:

- 9am-3pm Retreats
- Overnight Retreats
- RE Classes
- Youth Groups

Topics Covered:

- Encountering Jesus
- Social justice
- Sexuality
- Leadership
- God's love

How many retreats: 200-250

How many people attended: 30 000

Written report about the year:

In 2017, NET Australia was comprised of seven teams of young people working in a peer to peer youth ministry capacity throughout Australia. This included Encounter Mission (the National Team, Sydney Archdiocese, and Melbourne Archdiocese Team which travelled throughout the country and the Sydney and Melbourne Archdioceses conducting retreat-style ministry in schools and youth groups); Local Ministry Teams (located in Holy Rosary Parish Bundaberg and Iona Catholic School Brisbane, working consistently in the same community throughout the year in classrooms, schools and parishes. The main focus of their work was building and maintaining relationships with the young people of their community and facilitating opportunities to grow in a relationship with Jesus); and FX Mission Teams (University of Queensland and Australian Catholic University in Melbourne).

Project Hatch

Primary contact person: Dave Jorna
Position: Director
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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To enable and empower young people to do life even better by understanding themselves, others and their faith even more. We do this by enhancing their emotional intelligence, mindset, leadership and spirituality through the work we do in school retreats, leadership training programs, and our podcast (Do Life Better).

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: School/organisation hosting retreat

Ministry Category: Retreat Ministry

Leaders

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

Type of Retreats:

- 9am-3pm Retreats
- Overnight Retreats
- Conferences
- Seminars

Topics Covered:

- Leadership
- Relationships
- Spirituality
- Mindset
- Wellbeing
- Self discovery
- Mental health

How many retreats: 130

How many people attended: 15 000

Written report about the year:

As well as retreats and leadership training we are also running teacher training for retreats, presenting workshops, creating resources for schools and producing a podcast for young people, schools and the general public.

Real Talk Australia

Primary contact person: Paul Ninnes
Position: Managing Director
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Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Real Talk is all about getting real on the topics of sex, relationships and personal identity. Based on Christian values and using personal sharing from a team of dynamic presenters, Real Talk provides presentations, programs and up-to-date resources. We want all young people to know their true value, worth and dignity and to experience love for all it was created to be.

Age range of Participants:

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

General meeting place: Various schools over Australia

Ministry Category: Retreat Ministry

Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
1	15	1+

Type of Retreats:

- 9am-3pm Retreats
- Seminars

Topics Covered:

- Sexuality
- Chastity
- Effects of pornography
- Risks of being a digital citizen

How many retreats: 300

How many people attended: 27 000

Written report about the year:

2017 has been big for Real Talk - a rough total of about 27,000 people estimated were spoken to by the end of this year (numbers include about 500 staff and parents). This is up from about 24,000 people ministered to in 2016. We've also visited 32 new schools for the first time this year, with our primary school program being developed further.