



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

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Youth Evangelisation Office

Archdiocesan Youth Ministry

Annual Report 2016

# 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, only around half of the youth initiatives in the Archdiocese are contained herein. This means that it is not a comprehensive or entirely accurate report on youth ministry within the Archdiocese.

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. It is also important to note that the response rate to the survey increased by **7** more responses than last year (and 6 of these were from a parish or deanery youth initiative).

This year's report covers **48** active youth ministry groups throughout the Archdiocese, including groups based around parishes, ethnic communities, university ministries, ecclesial movements and other groups - **32** of these groups had also responded to last year's survey.

This report includes responses from:

- **23** Parish and deanery youth initiatives
- **6** Ethnic community initiatives
- **5** University Ministries
- **13** Movements or other groups
- **1** Partnering Agency

Ministering in these youth initiatives there are:

- **17** Full-Time Employees (with 9 x Vinnies Youth)
- **59** Part-Time Employees (with 17 x Real Talk Australia; 15 x NET)
- **1,098** Volunteers (with 380 x Vinnies Youth; 300 x Edmund Rice Camps)

There were **11** New Events hosted in 2016.

In general terms, when asked to compare attendance in this year's ministry to 2015:

- 54 % youth initiatives experienced an increased attendance in 2016
- 12.5 % youth initiatives experienced a decreased attendance in 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  
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**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

To encourage young people to stay connected to the Church. To run a weekly youth Mass. To encourage social interaction in the Parish.

**Age range of Participants:**

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

**General meeting place:** Outdoors, after youth Mass or occasionally such as NET day.

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

**Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Youth Mass	weekly	26 - 50	Weekly	Decreased
NET day	once a year	6-10	Annually	Stayed the same

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

**Written report about the year:**

There is a youth Mass every Sunday followed by supper on the first Sunday of the month and drinks/nibbles on the third Sunday. Socialising occurs in the Churchyard. Much work falls on our musician/singer to organise the music and projection sheets using Lifeteen material. Two or three others produce the food for suppers etc. We held a NET day for children in grades 6 to 9. This age group was targeted as some are transitioning to secondary school and older ones can share their experiences in discussions. We held a Caritas Kitchen during Lent to focus on giving. We produce prayer cards a couple of times a year to give to students at exam time and graduation to encourage them to keep in contact. We have difficulty holding any other structured events as we do not have a suitable volunteer or paid youth coordinator to run them. We do not have a Parish Hall so a venue is not readily available.

## All Saints Youth Ministry, Albany Creek

**Primary contact person:** Matthew Ross

**Position:** Youth Ministry Coordinator

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

### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

All Saints Youth Ministry is committed to transforming the hearts and lives of young people, and finding purpose and meaning in an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ

### Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

Mostly primary school and early high school with the Youth Group. Young adults group varies in age!

**General meeting place:** All Saints Parish Centre, 4 Faheys Rd East, Albany Creek

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**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 2016
Altitude Youth Group	5x per school term, fortnightly on a Friday	11-25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Vivo Young Adults	Fortnightly throughout year, Wednesday nights	6-10	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Trivia Fundraising Night	February	50 +	Annually	Stayed the same
Youth Led Mass	2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 5:30pm Mass throughout the year	50 +	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
St Vinnies Buddies Day	One Saturday a month throughout the year	6-10	Monthly	Stayed the same

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

**Written report about the year**

## Carina Catholic Youth, Carina

**Primary contact person:** Michelle Jory

**Position:** Youth Ministry Coordinator

**Contact email address:** michellejory\_1997@outlook.com

### **Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

To connect others with God, the community and to one another through faith and friendship.

### **Age range of Participants:**

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Church Library

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

### **Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
The Wildside	1st and 3rd Fridays of the Calendar Month	6-10	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Wildfire Nights	Every 2nd Sunday Evening 6:30-Late	6-10	Monthly	Stayed the same

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

### **Written report about the year:**

Currently our events have been the primary beginning for our Youth Ministry at Our Lady of Graces, Catholic Parish, Carina. This year we aim to expand and beginning a group for primary schoolers "Kindle", and introduce adoration, "Heart Nights". We have also run the Alpha program at the parish and there is hope to run the Alpha Youth series.

## Corinda Graceville Parish Youth Group, Corinda Graceville

**Primary contact person:** Lorna Mar

**Position:** Youth Leader

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

### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Our youth is from grade 7 to grade 12 and the goals of our youth is to build their understanding of their faith and practise in our Parish. They need to know that there is a Loving God that they can lean on when life & school is getting tough. Their understanding will welcome them to mass instead of away from church. They also need to enjoy & have fun when they come to the Youth Group.

### Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

### General meeting place:

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

### Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Youth Group	Every Friday night except school holidays.	11-25	Weekly	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**



# Hervey Bay City Catholic Parish Youth Ministry Team, Hervey Bay

**Primary contact person:** Carmel Donnelly

**Position:** Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator

**Contact email address:** cjdonnelly@bne.catholic.edu.au

**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

For our members to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and to be involved in parish life and community life.

**Age range of Participants:**

Secondary School

**General meeting place:** Parish Hall

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

**Leaders**

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	40

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Parish Youth Ministry Team Monthly Meetings	3rd Sunday of the Month	11-25	Monthly	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**

Our ministry gathers once a month to offer young people an opportunity to explore where they are in life and the place faith has in their life. We offer different experiences such as praying the rosary, relay for life, cooking for Christ, invited groups (eg SVDP) to help break open the various aspects of our faith and to Christ in action. Our older members of the team are nurtured to run games and to plan and lead prayer for the group. This gives them ownership and an opportunity to explore liturgy and other aspects of our prayer life. Many begin to be altar servers and then move into this gathering which we invite family to be a part of so that it is seen as evangelising all. We encourage our members to become involved in our parish ministries and support them to do so

## IMPACT Youth St Josephs Parish, Nambour

**Primary contact person:** Meg Thrussell/Cross

**Position:** Parish Youth Coordinator

**Contact email address:** meg15@live.com.au

### **Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

At the moment I cannot be very specific because we are in the process of establishing our youth team for this year.

### **Age range of Participants:**

Secondary School

**General meeting place:** St Josephs Community Centre and Church

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

### **Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Has not been finalised yet as we are forming new leaders	as above	11-25		

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

### **Written report about the year:**

We held weekly Hangouts on Friday evenings for high school aged youth. Once a month on a Saturday evening after Mass, we invited youth between 15-18, to attend our GROW evenings. At our GROW evenings I invited various speakers to speak to the youth on various topics that concern and that are relevant, to youth.

## Kolbe Youth, Marsden

**Primary contact person:** Christine Lapalapa

**Position:** Youth Coordinator

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

### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To provide an avenue for young people to fellowship in fun and interactive ways to build on their personal relationships with Christ and Our Catholic Faith. Not restricted to only baptised Catholics but all young people that come. We do this in a way that interests young people every fortnight with formation programmes, music, fellowship, fun games and activities and a big part is outreach and service in the community.

### Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** St Maximilian Kolbe Church / Hall

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

### Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	2	10

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Alpha	Friday Evenings	26 - 50	Fortnightly	Increased
SvdP Winter Appeal Sleep Out	July	50 +	Annually	Increased
Youth Group Meeting	3rd Fridays of month	26 - 50	Fortnightly	Increased
End of year youth rally	November	50 +	Annually	Event is new this year

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

### Written report about the year:

2016 was another very rewarding and fulfilled year for Kolbe Youth. With the launch of the alpha programme this year and a high number of new parishioners join our parish we have had an increase in numbers and also a more stable group (by way of numbers) this year. We had more interest and participation in our sleepout which doubled in numbers from the previous year and also had more parishioners join in. With the year of mercy we also organised and were heavily involved in 12 hours of prayer and adoration in our church. In service to our community we organised and served at our annual community dinner dance which saw almost 500 people attend from different faiths and also from our neighbouring parishes of Inala and also the Vietnamese and Filipino communities from other parishes and faiths. Overall our year was awesome and saw growth spiritually within our members and have had a more people out their hands up for leadership training etc and other members wanting more by way of bible studies etc in which we have incorporated in to our programme for 2017 but yet to confirm dates.

## OLR Youth Group, Kenmore

**Primary contact person:** Alicia Lowry & Vince Connolly

**Position:** Volunteer Youth Coordinators

**Contact email address:** allowry@bne.catholic.edu.au & connollyv1@bigpond.com

### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To continue to support our youth in their middle years of high school in a caring environment with a focus on exploring their faith. Activities range from interactive Q&A sessions, scripture-focussed expositions, excursions, sports days and end of term celebrations.

### Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

**General meeting place:** OLR School

**Ministry listed on Directory:** No

**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 2016
Annual Sports Day	Usually September	11-25	Annually	Stayed the same
Faith and Futsal Fridays	Last Friday of the month	11-25	Monthly	Increased

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

### Written report about the year:

From Alicia: 2016 was an interesting transformation of our parish youth. My fellow volunteer and friend Vince Connolly and I decided to use the feedback from the youth at the end of 2015 to cater more toward their needs. In a parish of many "older" parishioners and many alternative "modern day" youth groups (Baptist, Fuel, United Church etc) close by, we have worked hard to sustain and even increase our numbers attending youth nights. We provide a more youthful approach incorporating games that build social and faith-filled capacity to be more in-touch with the youth of today. I hope to connect with them through the use of social media in the future (this will help increase numbers at youth events beyond the paper newsletter and word of mouth alone). This may cause some legal implications as both Vince and I are school teachers. If possible I seek the guidance of the new youth officers on this in the new year.

From Vince: At the end of 2015, we changed from monthly Sunday evening meetings to Friday night monthly meetings due to dropping numbers on Sundays because of school pressures. We established faith and Futsal Fridays as our monthly event utilising the OLR Kenmore school's futile court to cater for the sport-loving youth who were regularly attend meetings. We also review the gospel for the Sunday following the meetings. We currently have a core group of 6-8 regular attendees. We will continue our two main events into 2017 and look to establish more one-off events.

## Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Springfield

**Primary contact person:** Nick McDermott

**Position:** Youth Ministry Coordinator

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

### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

1. To build a community among young people and also help them be engaged to the wider parish community
2. To lead them into a relationship with Jesus

### Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Grades 3 to 8

**General meeting place:** Youth Groups and Mass

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

### Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	1	6

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Youth Group	Every Friday at 6:00pm	26 - 50	Weekly	Stayed the same
Retreat		26 - 50	3 Times a year	Stayed the same

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

**Written report about the year:**

## Our Lady of the Valley Youth Ministries, Gatton Laidley

**Primary contact person:** Clare Webster

**Position:** Co - ordinator

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

**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

To provide a platform for youth of the parish to come to together to socialise and participate more in the parish

**Age range of Participants:**

Secondary School

**General meeting place:** Church Hall

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

**Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Youth Group	4th Friday of the month	6-10	Monthly	Decreased

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

**Written report about the year:**

The youth ministry is under review for next year, as numbers have dropping of both participants and leaders we need to evaluate what we can do and what the parish needs.

## Rock, 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:**

To provide a regular gathering for teenagers in our community for spiritual development and fun.

**Age range of Participants:**

Secondary School

**General meeting place:** Bracken Ridge Paish Hall

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

**Leaders**

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	1	6

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Rock	Every fortnight	11-25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
SALT	Every fortnight	6-10	Fortnightly	Decreased

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

**Written report about the year:**

In the ministry I spend most of my time preparing for meetings, by researching topics and organising resources. I also collaborate with volunteers to make sure we provide the most relevant and engaging activities. Other jobs I spend my time doing are writing reports, filling out paper work, completing professional development, attending parish and Archdiocese meetings and most importantly supporting the specific needs of our participants (ie if someone is experiencing grief or especially this year it has been supporting new community members from Iraq and Syria).

## Sacred Heart Youth, Booval

**Primary contact person:** Donna Conway

**Position:** Pastoral Ministry Coordinator

**Contact email address:** pmc.booval@bne.catholic.net.au

### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To provide a safe and fun place for secondary school children to deepen their faith.

### Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

**General meeting place:** In Church and Parish Centre

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

### Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	1	3

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
FORTNIGHTLY YOUTH GROUP	FRIDAY NIGHT	6-10	Fortnightly	Decreased
PILGRIMAGE TO ST STEPHENS CATHEDRAL	DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	6-10	Annually	Event is new this year

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

### Written report about the year:

2016 has been a quiet year for Booval with small numbers of very dedicated children attending. They participate beautifully in prayer and sharing and it has been great to see the development in particular of some of our young men in feeling confident to share their experiences. Our Mercy Pilgrimage in 2016 was very well received by the children who participated and worth continuing with something similar in 2017. While small our group still feels like a valuable part of our parish life. Our youth leaders this year were quite young but eager to lead and learn and attended many training events with me. Youth ministry remains but a part of my portfolio and I never seem to have enough hours to devote to planning.



## Sandgate/Brighton Youth Group, Sandgate Brighton

**Primary contact person:** Travis Rosevear

**Position:** Youth Group Coordinator

**Contact email address:** travis@rosevear.info

### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Provide a fun environment for like minded youth, allowing the opportunity to bring youth on the fringe into the parish, and provide an avenue to engage the youth in faith.

### Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

**General meeting place:** Sacred Heart School

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

### Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Youth Group	On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of a Month during school term	11-25	Fortnightly	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**

## Southport Parish Young Adult Group, Southport

**Primary contact person:** Chris Yates

**Position:** Parish sacristan and youth coordinator (volunteer)

**Contact email address:**

**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

To enable persons between the age of 18-35 the opportunity to participate in parish, life and to grow in faith.

**Age range of Participants:**

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Southport Parish

**Ministry listed on Directory:** No

**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 2016

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

**Written report about the year:**

## St Ita's Youth, Dutton Park

**Primary contact person:** Fr Lam Vu

**Position:** Parish priest

**Contact email address:** lam.vu@bne.catholic.net.au

**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

To allow young people to connect with God and the Church

**Age range of Participants:**

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

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

**Ministry listed on Directory:** No

**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 2016
St Ita's Youth	1st Saturday of the month, 7pm.	11-25	Monthly	Event is new this year

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

**Written report about the year:**

We meet on the 1st Saturday of every month at St Ita's. We begin with Mass at 6pm, where the young people lead us in singing, and read at Mass. After Mass we gather in the hall for our activities. Our group is made up of mainly high school children.

## St James YAG, Coorparoo

**Primary contact person:** Oliver White

**Position:** Coordinator

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

**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

To gather the youth and young adults of the parish and to unite them in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Age range of Participants:**

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** St James parish church and house

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

**Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
YAG mass	Monthly on the 2nd Sunday	6-10	Monthly	Event is new this year

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

**Written report about the year:**

We have established ourselves as part of the parish and got to know one another. In 2017 we plan to meet twice a month across two masses am and pm and we plan to run an alpha course after easter. We are also sponsoring one of our members through the RCIA program.

# St Mary's Kingaroy - Youth Band, Kingaroy

**Primary contact person:** Suzanne Mungall

**Position:** volunteer

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

**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

Create a more youth appropriate mass with modern music- played by younger members of the congregation.

**Age range of Participants:**

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Mass

**Ministry listed on Directory:** No

**Ministry Category:** Music ministry

**Leaders**

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Youth Music Band	Sunday Mass		3 times during 2016	

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

**Written report about the year:**

In 2016 my main Youth focus has been music in the mass: this will continue with planning in 2017 to have one mass per month be more contemporary music: and therefore younger/contemporary issues and a continuation of our children's mass (which was started in 2016) also once a month. In 2017 we will be creating greater links between the St Mary's school (which is p - 12) for both youth music and children's band In 2016 July a new woman was employed by the St Mary's School as chaplain. She has been a God send and has done amazing work. Her name is Meghan Schick. She has done a range of other youth initiatives : however I am not aware exactly what she did, because she is school employed and I focused on music. I believe she ran some youth prayer groups during the year. In 2017 I think Meghan may take a more active role in Youth and I will concentrate on Children/families: but together our parish has had a large change in 2016. We will miss Father Nigel as he moves to Mitchelton. The greatest gift he brought us was encouragement to try new ideas to stimulate the children and youth in our parish.

## St Patrick's Youth Ministry, 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:**

To help our young people develop a close relationship with God and with each other.

### **Age range of Participants:**

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

**General meeting place:** School Hall

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**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 2016
United Youth	Every 2nd Friday - this may change in 2017	11-25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same

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

### **Written report about the year:**

Apart from our fortnightly youth meetings, we have held fortnightly Youth Masses, where our young people minister through music and reading. Our youth band practices weekly, and has played at other parish events during the year. We attended the Ignite Conference as a group, and one of our members attended Ignite Summer Camp. Our young people also benefited from visits from Real Talk and NET ministries. We had a couple of social day trips - the dates are never pre-planned. Instead of the traditional Stations of the Cross this year, the youth group presented the Scriptural Way of the Cross for our parish on Good Friday. Some of our other activities include packing Christmas Child shoeboxes, taking part in the 40hr famine, and putting together packs for local people living on the streets.

# The Hive Youth and Young Adults Ministry, Ipswich

**Primary contact person:** April Coogan

**Position:** The Hive Coordinator

**Contact email address:** april\_coogan5@hotmail.com

**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

The goal of The Hive is to gather young people to walk together on our individual journeys to grow closer to God, ask the important questions and discover the answers together.

**Age range of Participants:**

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Mater Dei Church for youth. Various for Young adult

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

**Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Youth Group (Name varies weekly depending on theme)	Mater Dei Church, Corner of Rowland Terrace & Ferrett St, Saddliers Crossing	11-25	Fortnightly	Increased
Young Adult Hang outs	Sporadically	6-10	Quarterly	Stayed the same
The Hive Mass	Second Sunday of each month	11-25	Monthly	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**

2016 was a massive year for the Hive. We began with the opening of the Holy Door of Mercy with the Hive leading it in Music and coordination. We established a Youth Coordinator and Young adults coordinator who work in conjunction with The Hive overall Coordinator who communicated with the Priest Liaison. Our young adults were still somewhat neglected but 2017 is our year to improve and work on them. 2016 for our youth was massive with youth events increasing from the 4th Friday of the month to both the 2nd Friday of the Month and the 4th Friday. We continued our Youth Mass on the second Sunday of Each month, with a leaders meeting prior to that. 5 of us were able to travel to Poland for WYD with Fr Chukwudi after hosting trivia nights and collections to help fundraise us to get there. We were able to take close to 30 youth and young adults to Ignite Conference. That was a game changer in terms of helping our kids understand the Sacraments and the youthfulness of the Church. We then took on a huge event -24 hours with Jesus which was a massive success. The church was open for 24 hours, with Jesus on the Altar in the Blessed Sacrament. All of our Parish schools were involved and the 24 hours were full organised and coordinated by the Hive.

## The Voice Youth Ministry, Banyo Nundah

**Primary contact person:** Joans Thetadig

**Position:** Youth Coordinator

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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To provide opportunities for young people to be nurtured in their Catholic faith by providing formation opportunities, promoting young people's participation in the Holy Mass, providing community for young people and fruitful spiritual growth.

### Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Parish house adjacent to church

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

### Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	Between 10-15

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Youth led Mass	Every 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month	11-25	Monthly	Increased
Thursday night formation nights	Every thursday	6-10	Weekly	Increased

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

### Written report about the year:

We have initiated an outreach/missionary project that we endeavour to continue yearly (to Samoa) during our holidays since 2013. In 2016 we took a group of 17 youth and families to Samoa for 3 weeks on mission of which the spiritual fruits were abundant. Also promote weekly Eucharistic Adoration



## Unite Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Sunnybank

**Primary contact person:** Eloise Bird

**Position:** Youth Ministry Coordinator

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

**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

To help young people understand their relationship with Jesus, others and to feel welcome and accepted in doing so.

**Age range of Participants:**

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Parish Hall

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

**Leaders**

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	2	16

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Edge	Friday night fortnightly Term time	26 - 50	Fortnightly	Increased
Life Night	Sunday Nights	11-25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
Summit	During Lent	6-10	Twice a year	Decreased
Unleashed	Sunday Nights	6-10	Monthly	Event is new this year

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

**Written report about the year:**

## Venire Youth, South Coast Deanery

**Primary contact person:** Stephanie Santos  
**Position:** Deanery Youth Coordinator  
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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Venire aims to create a safe and welcoming space where young people can grow deeper in their faith, and meet other young people who are on the same journey. We hope all the young people who come to Venire may find their identify in Christ, and be empowered to know, to love and to serve the Lord.

### Age range of Participants:

Secondary School  
 Young Adults (17-25)

**General meeting place:** Surfers Paradise, Coomera, Southport, Burliegh and Tugun Parishes

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

### Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
1	0	25

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Venire at Surfers	Every Thursday Night	26 - 50	Weekly	Increased
Venire at Burleigh	Friday Night	1-5	Monthly	Event is new this year
Venire at Southport	Friday night	26 - 50	Monthly	Event is new this year
Venire at Coomera	Friday night	26-50	Monthly	Increased
Venire at Tugun	Saturday Night	6-10	Monthly	Stayed the same
Summit for Young Adults	Friday	26 - 50	Monthly	Event is new this year
Annual Retreat	June-July School Holidays	26 - 50	Annually	Increased
Connect	Tuesday after school	1-5	Fortnightly	Event is new this year

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

### Written report about the year:

Venire has been able to grow this year, especially now being at 5 locations across the Gold Coast. With the success of the youth groups, we will be starting quarterly Deanery events in the new year, where all the youth can come together. We had our first Deanery event 'Under The Stars' that brought the Parishes together and it was a really successful night. The most successful event was our retreat, where we had new youth attend a church event for the first time and were able to encounter Jesus. Since then, some want to become full Catholics and have brought others to Venire with them.

## Young Adult Ministry, Cathedral of St Stephen

**Primary contact person:** Fr. Leonard Uzuegbu and Sr. Thao Nguyen

**Position:** Chaplain and Spiritual Companion

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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To allow the young adults to have a chance to deepen their relationship with God, themselves and others. To allow young adults to deepen their faith and get connected with the Church, people in the community and others who are in need of help.

### Age range of Participants:

18-35

**General meeting place:** The Cathedral of St. Stephen

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**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 2016
Young Adult Mass	Mostly in the Cathedral of St. Stephen, retreat is at Marian Valley	26 - 50	Monthly	Increased
The VINE talk		26 - 50	Monthly	Increased
Adoration		26 - 50	Monthly	Increased
Social event		26 - 50	Monthly/every 2 <sup>nd</sup> month	Increased
Retreat		26 - 50	Twice a year	Increased
BBQ fund-raising		26 - 50	3 times a year	Increased
Welcome lunch		26 - 50	Annually	Increased
Expo		26 - 50	Annually	Increased
Funda-raising Gala		26 - 50	Annually	Increased

**Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 99%**

### Written report about the year:

Young Adult Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Stephen has been increased in number in the last 3 years. Each year the core team of the ministry established new event/s that are based on the need of the Church, suggestions from the young people and people in the parish. This seems to bring the young people together. The common feedbacks from young people who came to attend YAM in 2016 were they felt welcome and have a chance to connect to the Church, people and deepen their faith. YAM provides variety of activities to ensure the young people in any stage of their life are welcomed. YAM will continue to carry on our activities (as listed above) and will try to be open to identify the need of the local Church and young people and establish activities that support young adults to deepen their relationship with God, with the Church, others and themselves.

# Ethnic Communities

## Indonesian Catholic Family

**Primary contact person:** Anetta Amin

**Position:** Youth Leader

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**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

One big family of Indonesian Catholics in Queensland unified in Christ and service

**Age range of Participants:**

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:**

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Ethnic Community

**Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Youth Evangelisation		11-25	Monthly	Stayed the same
Welcoming BBQ		11-25	Twice a year	Increased
Youth Mass		11-25	Monthly	Stayed the same
Icf sports day		6-10	Twice a year	Stayed the same
Indonesian Youth Conference		50 +	Annually	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**

An overall improvement in attendance of youth events. Increased engagement with other parishes in the Archdiocese. Stronger bonds within youth community leads to more creative initiatives.

## Polish Youth Group

**Primary contact person:** Fr Andrzej Kolaczowski

**Position:** Parish Priest

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

### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To encourage youth to start and grow a personal relationship with Jesus and to encourage them to be more active members of the community.

### Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Bowen Hills

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Ethnic Community

### Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Youth meeting	Sunday arvo	6-10	Quarterly	Decreased

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

### Written report about the year:

The initiative works on different levels. Monthly or quarterly meetings are part of it and they focus more on the discussion topics, prayer and social get-together. A lot of these young people are also involved in other initiatives such as scouts. By being involved in these initiatives and being a chaplain to them...the ministry overlaps with the youth group ministry. So it is sometimes difficult to differentiate between youth group ministry and youth ministry as part of scouts or other activities.

## SPC (St. Paul de Chartres) Youth Camp

**Primary contact person:** Sr. Inede Pham

**Position:** Religious Formator

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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

to bring youth together to experience the love of God and to establish friendship with one another through a 1-day camp involving fun games, Bible sharing, spiritual inputs from Priests and Sisters, Confession, praise and worship and Eucharistic Adoration. These youth ranges from age 13 to 35 and they are invited from the parishes where the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres are giving their services to. The parishes include : the Vietnamese Catholic Community at Inala, the Chinese Catholic Community, Brisbane, Our Lady of the Southern Cross at Springfield Lakes, and St. Bernadine from Boronia Heights.

### Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

young adults up to 35 years old.

**General meeting place:** St. Paul's Convent, or St. Paul's Aged Care at Boronia Heights, Brisbane

**Ministry listed on Directory:** No

**Ministry Category:** Ethnic Community

### Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
SPC (St. Paul de Chartres) Youth Camp	annually	11-25	Annually	Increased

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

### Written report about the year:

We had intended to hold the SPC Youth Camp twice a year. This is our 2nd year. Unfortunately, most of our Sisters and the youth leaders in the parishes we serve were very busy this year, so we could only hold this event once only, and this will occur on 18th December, 2016.

## St. Bakhita Sudanese community youth

**Primary contact person:** Pamela Suma

**Position:** Youth Leader

**Contact email address:**

**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

The goal of our youth is to learn how to create awareness in our youth toward Deeper Evangelisation through various youth activities.

**Age range of Participants:**

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** We usually meet at Mary Mac and St Paul in Woodridge

**Ministry listed on Directory:** No

**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 2016
Choirs Group	Every Sunday and Friday	11-25	Weekly	Increased
Retreat	June	11-25	Twice a year	Increased
Dancing Group	Every Sunday and Friday	11-25	Weekly	Increased
Recollection	Beginning and End of the year	11-25	Four times a year	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**

This year our youth attended workshop at the end of January (about 20 in number) at St. John Fisher Hall, topic about confession. The second workshop was then done at Mary Mac. Church about the vocation of the youth. The third recollection was done in Mountain Tambourine about the role of the Youth in the church and commitment. The final recollection was for the very Younger age of 10 to 15 years old about Who God is, at Mary Mac. and all the three workshops were done by Rev. Fr. Stephen. I do believe that our youth gain a lot of information these year than ever.

## St Marouns Brisbane Youth

**Primary contact person:** Fr Fadi Salameh

**Position:** Parish Priest

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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

We are looking to help people connect our with their Maronite heritage. We were basing our work through Spiritual, Social and Charitable works to maintain and grow the faith of our youth.

### Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (17-25)

**General meeting place:** Hall below the church

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Ethnic Community

### Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Brisbane Maronite Youth	Youth Mass	26 - 50	Monthly	Increased
Maronite Youth Convention	July	50	Annually	Event is new this year

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

### Written report about the year:

In 2016 we contributed in many ways to our community. Once a month we hold a youth mass which we organise and hold a BBQ or other social event after. We also contribute by a few us helping with a kids day which happens once a month every Saturday, activities include a Sunday school type learning for the younger kids, followed by sports activities on the church grounds. We also hosted group of riders for who riding from Melbourne to Cairns. A group of 40 stayed 2 nights in the church hall and we made them a BBQ dinner and donated to their cancer research fund. The riders were of many faiths, but one of the main riders was a Lebanese Muslim who had recently lost his brother to cancer. Our church also holds a community Christmas festival, the youth group contributes by organizing kids activities for the afternoon.



# The Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement

**Primary contact person:** Martin Huynh-Tô

**Position:** Youth Leader

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**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

I am affiliated with The Vietnamese Community based in St. Mark's Parish Inala. The purpose of my ministry is to assist the Chaplain of the Vietnamese Community with Sacramental Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. As well as working to restore harmony and reconciliation within the Vietnamese Community.

**Age range of Participants:**

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

**General meeting place:** At the ground of the Vietnamese Community Centre on Sunday morning from 9.30am-12.00pm following Mass at the St. Mark's parish church or The Vietnamese Chapel alternatively

**Ministry listed on Directory:** No

**Ministry Category:** Ethnic Community

**Leaders**

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	30

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Religious education and Sacramental Program	Sunday, School holiday, once year	50 +	Weekly	Increased
Camping	School Holiday	50 +	Twice a year	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**

# University Ministry

## ACU Campus Ministry

**Primary contact person:** Mark Lysaght

**Position:** Associate Director - Campus Ministry

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**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

Campus Ministry is part of the Directorate for Identity and Mission. We are about animating the faith life on the ACU Campuses and our mission is to bring the distinctive Catholic identity and mission of ACU to life.

**Age range of Participants:**

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** ACU Banyo Campus

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Tertiary Ministry

**Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Connect Group	During Semester	6-10	Weekly	
Sunset Sessions	Twice during Semester time	11-25	Quarterly	Stayed the same
Study Oasis	Study Week & Exam Block in each Semester	50 +	Twice a year	Increased
World Youth Day Pilgrimage	World Youth Day timing	26-50		Increased
Random Acts of Kindness Days	Twice a Year, during Semester time	50 +	Twice a year	Increased
Animal Blessing Day	Once a year, during Semester time	50 +	Annually	Increased
Attended Ignite Conference	September school holidays	11-25	Annually	Stayed the same
Weekday Mass, Rosary & Adoration	Monday-Thursday	50 +	Weekly	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**

The question about percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass is very hard for us to measure: For those that engage regularly with CM we would be looking at 90-95% Mass attendance per month. However, if we are looking at students that engage with other CM events in the wider University setting this percentage would be much lower, and unable to be verified and substantiated.

# Freedom CMC

## Queensland University of Technology

**Primary contact person:** Robert Schroeders  
**Position:** Movement Director  
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**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

Freedom is the Catholic Club on Campus at the Queensland University of Technology - but we go beyond campus life! We are a movement committed to challenging university students to live in the fullness of the Catholic faith by placing a strong emphasis on building them up to be leaders in the renewal of the world.

**Age range of Participants:**

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** On campus at QUT

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Tertiary Ministry

**Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Faith Studies	On campus	11-25	Weekly	Decreased
Semester Launch Party	At the beginning of each semester	50 +	Twice a year	Increased
Men and women's events	At least one mens' and one womens' event each semester.	11-25	Quarterly	Increased
Freedom Social Event	At least one big event open to all students per semester	11-25	Quarterly	Stayed the same
End of Year Beach Trip	After exam period (Nov-Dec)	11-25	Annually	Stayed the same

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

**Written report about the year:**

With only two part-time campus missionaries, 2016 was more quiet in comparison to previous years. However, having a dedicated student core team has helped all of our key events to happen and succeed. This year was a year focused on maintaining relationships with students through mentoring and discipleship with the end goal always being spiritual multiplication. It was such an exciting end to the year with having two key Freedom students accepted to serve with NET Ministries this year. We look forward to an exciting year ahead bringing in new students!

## Newman Catholic Society UQ

**Primary contact person:** Dominic Swan

**Position:** President

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**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

To provide a meeting ground for Catholic students while enabling them to grow in their faith while at university.

**Age range of Participants:**

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Chaplaincy centre, UQ

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Tertiary Ministry

**Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Weekly meeting	Every week	6-10	Weekly	Stayed the same

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

**Written report about the year:**

## UQ Catholic Chaplaincy

**Primary contact person:**

**Position:** UQ Catholic Chaplaincy Team

**Contact email address:** catholic.chaplaincy@uq.edu.au

**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

To share the gospel with students and staff of the university. To establish a Catholic community where students feel welcome to gather, discover their faith, participate in sacraments and prayer, and meet a like-minded individuals.

**Age range of Participants:**

Young Adults (17-25)

**General meeting place:** UQ Multi-faith Chaplaincy centre

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Tertiary Ministry

**Leaders**

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	5 x NET Team, 1 x Chaplain

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Chill n' Chat	Tuesday nights	11-25	Fortnightly	Increased
Faith Studies	Varying times according to students schedules	26 - 50	Weekly	Increased
CourTalk	Evening	11-25	Quarterly	Stayed the same
Student Connect	Thursday Lunch	6-10	Weekly	Increased
Lectio Divina	Wednesdays	6-10	Weekly	Event is new this year
Mass	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday	11-25	Weekly	Increased
Adoration	Fridays	1-5	Weekly	Increased
Kick-Off Party	evening	26 - 50	Twice a year	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**

In 2016 UQ Catholic Chaplaincy thrived, with an increase in students attending events, sacraments and the general chaplaincy community. In semester two we introduced outreach opportunities, as well as daily opportunities to experience different forms of prayer on campus.

## QUT Catholics

**Primary contact person:** Deacon Russ Nelson

**Position:** Volunteer Chaplain

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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Provide a Catholic presence on QUT campuses and work in conjunction with the Multi faith chaplaincy

### Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Level 2, S Block, Gardens Point, QUT Brisbane

**Ministry listed on Directory:** No

**Ministry Category:** Tertiary Ministry

### Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Spirit in the City Conference	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	50 +	Annually	Increased

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

### Written report about the year:

This conference concerns the challenges of understanding and applying the Catholic and Christian faith in the highly secularized cultural, political and other influential settings of contemporary Australian society. It engages on key areas of faith, and explores how faith and action play out through media, politics, culture and art, science and technology, and everyday life. These bring competing perspectives, and, increasingly, a "dictatorship of relativism" as coined by Pope Benedict XVI. They confound the right ways for Christians to make sense of the world, and to get active and take on important roles in reshaping society for the greater good. This one-day conference brings together leading thinkers and speakers to analyse the contentions borne out by these areas. It provides provide important insights, guided by orthodox thinking, and explores what it means for Catholics and Christians to think and act, under the call for pro-active evangelisation of faith and the New Evangelisation imperative.

# Movements and Other Groups

## Community of the Risen Lord, Brisbane - Youth & Young adults

**Primary contact person:** Ashan De Zoysa

**Position:** Youth and Young adults coordinator

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**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

Where young people gather together to experience the living presence of Jesus Christ through Praise and Worship, and learn to grow and mature in the journey with God in an inclusive and supportive Community

**Age range of Participants:**

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Carindale; from this year (2017)we hope to move to a church, we are currently looking into options for this

**Ministry listed on Directory:** No

**Ministry Category:** Movement

**Leaders**

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	15

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
CRL, Brisbane - Youth and Young adults meeting	Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11.00am	11-25	Fortnightly	Stayed the same

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

**Written report about the year:**

In 2016 the Youth and Young adults ministry of CRL Brisbane continued to consolidate its ministry. CRL Brisbane Y & YA meetings The bi-monthly meetings have taken place almost every month without fail thorough out 2016 and the ministry continue to try to bring a God experience to those who have never tasted God in their home lives. Many of the Youth who come for the meetings come from nominally catholic homes some are into drugs, others have broken relationships with family members etc., but as they come into the CRL Brisbane Y & YA they find acceptance and a higher purpose for their lives, and we have seen many lives change for the better. The Y &YA leaders along with the leaders of CRL Brisbane felt the need to start a youth intercessory group within the ministry to pray especially for the youth meetings and the needs of the youth in the ministry, since starting this intercessory group the ministry has seen a new vitality in the ministry. Y & YA Event in 2016 In Easter 2016 Melbourne CRL did a programme called Be Lifted High, and 5 of our Youth were blessed to be able to attend this and participate in the programme The Y&YA visited a nursing home for the elders in November 2016 where they volunteered to do the decorations for the home. They also sang carols and spent some time just interacting with the residents of the home.

In December 2016 they wrote around 60 Christmas cards for the homeless and visited a soup kitchen in the City and sang carols and distributed the cards. CRL Brisbane Youth and Young adults had the last meeting of the Year on the 18th of December 2016 where they did a Praise and worship with the adoration of the blessed Sacrament at St. James Coorparoo church hall and invited various other youth groups and individuals to visit. This was an awesome blessed night where the message of the Prince of Peace bringing Peace into our hearts despite the situations we may face was beautifully brought forward. Visit from Jagath Nanayakkara We had a visit by Jagath Nanayakkara a senior leader from CRL Colombo in September / October 2016. He was here to conduct the 4-Steps retreat in Sinhala language, we also had an evening programme in English. Jagath had a time of ministry with the various ministry groups including the youth ministry and gave some much needed guidance on taking our mission forward within the CRL Brisbane Y & YA ministry. Jagath also had a day for all the core group leaders (Servers) in Brisbane where he emphasized the need for personal prayer as leaders. Most of the Y & YA leaders are also part of the main core group of CRL Brisbane as such attend all the retreats and formation programmes of CRL Brisbane. This includes weekly Friday prayer meetings, general intercessory prayer group, music ministry, weekend core group retreat in Melbourne Jul 2016, Night vigils etc etc. Currently we are in the process of finding a new venue for the youth meetings.



## Edmund Rice Camps Brisbane

**Primary contact person:** Rebecca Cannell

**Position:** Program Coordinator

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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

The aim of ERC is to provide a recreational program for young people and children who would not otherwise have the opportunity or are experiencing some form of disadvantage. We aim to boost participants' resilience, confidence and self-esteem.

### Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** ERC Office - Nudgee

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Social Justice

### Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
1	2	200-300 per year

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Traditional Camp	January, June/July	50 +	Twice a year	Stayed the same
Hybrid Camp	January, September	26 - 50	Twice a year	Stayed the same
H2H Program	6 -10 per year	50 +	Monthly	Increased
Family Fun Day	December	26-50	Annually	Stayed the same

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

### Written report about the year:

ERC is able to run these programs with the help of a vibrant young adult volunteer community. These programs are based on the participant's as well as development of our young adult volunteers. ERC strives to offer our volunteers a wide range of opportunities to develop their social justice, service, professional and spiritual development.

## Experience Wellbeing

**Primary contact person:** Donna Power

**Position:**

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**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

Experience Wellbeing retreats and workshops are engaging and empowering for students in both primary and secondary Catholic Education and Education Queensland Schools. Preps to Year 12s are immersed in a number of learning styles and sensory experiences through various combinations of challenging games, live music, video animations, thought-provoking activities and discussions, quiet reflection and special liturgies.

**Age range of Participants:**

Primary School

Secondary School

**General meeting place:** School venues

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Retreat Ministry

**Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Retreats and reflection days for year levels from prep to year 12	1 to 3 days annually	50 +	Annually	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**

My ministry includes retreat design and facilitation, prayer for schools across QLD and I founded Project Kindy - a charity to support the work of Canossian Sisters caring for kindergarten children in rural Malawi.

## Frassati Youth

**Primary contact person:** Catherine McDowall  
**Position:** Youth Leader  
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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To inspire holiness and virtue in high school-aged youth and provide a forum in which these youth can continue building strong friendships which are founded in the faith

### Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

**General meeting place:** St Elizabeth's, Tarragindi

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**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 2016
Weekly Youth	Friday Nights	11-25	Weekly	Increased

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

### Written report about the year:

Because of the time demands and a smaller number of youth leaders, we had dropped back to a fortnightly format. The youth and parents were so disappointed by this that they worked with us to move it back to a weekly format (except for first Fridays of the month). The youth are investing time in their friendships outside of youth group. We have had someone bring along their non-Catholic friend from school a couple of times so it's exciting to see possibilities of branching out.

## Ignite Youth

**Primary contact person:** Pat Keady

**Position:** Director

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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To evangelise and disciple young people by running transformative events and programs that lead them to encounter Jesus in a personal way through the power of the Holy Spirit, and journey with them through an ongoing network of authentic relationships

### Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Toowong church hall every Friday Night, ACU every month, Emmaus Centre in Paddington every day!

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Movement

### Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	4	40 +

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Ignite Live	5-9pm, 3rd or 4th Sundays of the month, Feb-Nov	50 +	Monthly	Decreased
Ignite High	7:30-9:30pm Friday nights	11-25	Weekly	Stayed the same
Ignite High Lead	Saturdays	11-25	Quarterly	Stayed the same
Ignite Summer Camp	Every January	50 +	Annually	Stayed the same
Ignite Conference	Every September holidays	50 +	Annually	Increased
Ignite YA Weekend	July holidays	26 - 50	Annually	Decreased
Ignite Connect	Afternoons 3:30-5pm	6-10	Fortnightly	Decreased
Ignite Launch	May	50 +	Annually	Increased

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

### Written report about the year:

Hello! Ignite Youth is a ministry of the Emmanuel Community in Brisbane. We are more than a youth group whose mission is to reach or service the young people of our own community, as a parish might. Rather, we are an outreach youth ministry with a call to impact the young people of the Archdiocese and even nation, as well as nurture the faith journey of those closest to us, in our own community. So our scope is quite broad. Our vision to evangelise and disciple young people through dynamic events and authentic relationships; but also through the creation of online resources, blogs, videos etc. This year we commenced work on a bible app called 'Fuel' which will be released in the new year. We always partner very closely with the music ministry of emmanuelworship who are an important part of our DNA. Our ministry often draws together other youth groups and initiatives

who bring their own young people (and those they are reaching out to) to our events to experience and encounter Christ. In this way some would say that we play an unofficial quasi-archdiocesan, regional and even national role of reaching young people and supporting youth ministries beyond ourselves. We are happy to continue playing our part in the broader church landscape. In 2016 we have struggled to keep moving forward and grow in some areas due to constantly moving staff and volunteers, which comes with the territory. Its fair to say that the 'successful, public ministry' that others may see and experience from the outside is being held together by quite a small group of incredibly generous leaders and teams, which continually demands regrowth and strengthening itself. So constantly in the background, our ministry is as much about supporting and journeying with and raising up our local young adult leaders in Christian ministry and discipleship in Christ, as it is about the young people our events reach out to. In 2017 we aim to give this area more focus in order to sustain the growing demand for the services we provide. God bless! :-)

## NET Ministries

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

Internal Mission - Form New Apostles External Mission - Encouraging young people to love Jesus and embrace the church

### Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Depends on which team and the local area

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Retreat Ministry

### Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	15	39 Full Time Volunteers

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Commissioning Mass	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2016	50 +	Annually	Stayed the same
Thanksgiving Mass	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2016	50 +	Annually	Stayed the same

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

### Written report about the year:

In 2016 we reached out to over 30 000 young people across Australia through 7 teams: the UQ Chaplaincy Team, Archdiocesan teams in Canberra-Goulburn, Sydney and Melbourne, a college team at Mazonod College, a parish team in Bundaberg and the National team.

## Project Hatch

**Primary contact person:** Dave Jorna

**Position:** Director

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### **Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

Our aim is to enable and empower young people to "do life better". By doing this, they can live life to it's fullest while positively influencing others to do the same.

### **Age range of Participants:**

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

Teachers

**General meeting place:** Schools

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Retreat Ministry

### **Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
School retreats	At each school's convenience	50 +		
Teacher Training for Retreats	At each diocese/deaneries convenience	11-25		Increased
Movers and Shakers	Easter holidays	50 +	Annually	Stayed the same

**Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month): 4%**

### **Written report about the year:**

Creating resources for schools to assist with leadership development, and emotional and social wellbeing.

## Real Talk Australia

**Primary contact person:** Paul Nannes

**Position:** Managing Director

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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

Getting real on topics of love, sex, relationships and personal identity. We want to influence a change in the thinking, attitudes and behaviours of today's young people. We want to challenge many worldly ideas of what love, sex and relationships are about. We want young people to know that they are valuable and worthy.

### Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

Also Staff and Parents

**General meeting place:** Schools

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Retreat Ministry

### Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
1	4 x Part time; 13 x Casual	1

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
School and Parish seminars and reflection days	On request/booking	50 +		
The Dating War	Once a quarter generally	11-25	Quarterly	Stayed the same

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

### Written report about the year:

Mass attendance of people at our retreats is hard to say - not something we are able to really gage. Real Talk has definitely grown in terms of reach - our presenters spoke to over 24,000 young people, parents and teaching staff this year through approximately 250 seminars and retreat days at Catholic and Christian schools across Australia and New Zealand, including 39 new schools this year. We are seeing many hearts changed after our retreat days and are thankful to God for speaking His Truth and Love through us!



## St Vincent de Paul Society Qld (Vinnies Youth)

**Primary contact person:** Cassandra Bull

**Position:** State Youth Development Manager

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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

In the spirit of Frederic Ozanam, the State Youth Team commits to supporting and empowering young people to fulfil the Society's mission of aspiring to live out the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

### Age range of Participants:

Primary School

Secondary School

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** We work within schools, and also in community/parish spaces around the Archdiocese depending on the local need/works.

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Social Justice

### Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
9	2	About 380

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Buddies Day	Albany Creek, Sunnybank, Mt Gravatt, Inala, Ipswich, Gatton, Everton park, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast	26 - 50	Monthly	Increased
Soccer Stars	Fortnightly, at Moorooka	6-10	Fortnightly	Stayed the same
SENSE Youth Mentoring	Monthly, Gold Coast, Brisbane, Inala	11-25	Monthly	Increased
Powered Youth Festival	Pentecost Weekend	50 +	Annually	Event is new this year
Kids Camp	January, March, July	50 +	Annually	Increased
Sense Youth Mentoring Camp	September Holidays	26 - 50	Annually	Stayed the same
VOICE Social Inclusion Project	ongoing, fortnightly,	6-10	Fortnightly	Increased

**Percentage of regular attendees who participate in Mass (at least once a month):** 3%

**Written report about the year:**

This year the Vinnies Youth team has worked hard to build relationships with all local school communities within the Archdiocese of Brisbane. We are constantly seeking out new ways to advocate for the poorest of poor within our school settings and provide a chance for young school students to provide a "hand up", through our appeals, campaigns, sleepouts, competitions and street retreats. Within our Vinnies Youth Community we have had the pleasure of hosting an annual training event for young Vincentians Australia wide, we also led a pilgrimage to WYD following the footsteps of our founders. We were thrilled to present workshops around the Archdiocese around Social Justice and ways young people can and are making a difference. And we worked hard to make sure that young people who wanted to make a difference in their local community were resourced and trained so they felt like they were able to contribute and give back. We have loved participating and supporting all our events, and were thrilled to once again support 2 Palm Island immersions, reaching out to our Indigenous brothers and sisters in the north. At all times we have aspired to hunt down poverty in order to give humanity its dignity. We love the collaboration that happens with other church agencies, and look forward to continue to partner with parish groups, movements and organisations in 2017.

## Verbum Dei

**Primary contact person:** Frances Drum

**Position:** Responsible of Verbum Dei Community

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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

To help each person have a deeper personal relationship with the Holy Trinity and Mother Mary (through praying with the Word of God) and to live out their faith more authentically and learn to participate in the mission of evangelisation (ministry of preaching the Word of God)

### Age range of Participants:

Young Adults (25-30)

**General meeting place:** Bardon House and St Stephen's Cathedral Choir Room

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Missionary community

### Leaders

Full time paid staff members	Part time staff members	Volunteers
0	0	2 x missionaries & 15

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
School of the Word	At 41 The Drive, Bardon 6:30pm Mondays and 1pm Thursdays. St Stephen's Cathedral Choir Room on Fridays at 5.40pm	6-10	Weekly	Stayed the same

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

### Written report about the year:

Our ministry is helping young people to be concrete in their prayer life so that they learn to listen to God speak through his Word and learn to allow the Holy Spirit to apply the meaning of the Word of God to their daily life in such a way that they experience God's real presence and power at work in the transformation of their life. This empowers them to have the conviction to share their faith experience with others, first in the safe environment of the prayer group but then with their family, friends, work colleagues, fellow-students, etc. We then help them to become more solidly formed in the truths of their faith and the various ways of evangelising other people from different walks of life.

## Young Carmelite

**Primary contact person:** Sister Moira

**Position:** member of the Carmelite community

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**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

Sharing Carmelite Spirituality - Reflecting on the writings of the Carmelite Saints, especially as they help us today to live a life of prayer and union with God.

**Age range of Participants:**

18-35

**General meeting place:** Carmelite Monastery, Ormiston

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Movement

**Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
YCG meeting	Every second month - date decided according to majority preference	11-25	Monthly	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**

Careful preparation of the texts for reflection at our meetings so that our Carmelite spirituality will be comprehensible and relevant to the lives of the young. Often individuals will want to come and have a chat about personal discernment issues or ask prayer for issues in their lives, either on the day of the meeting or at another time. We invite them to be involved in our public community celebrations, e.g. to be enrolled in the Brown Scapular on the feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel or, this year, the canonization of new Carmelite Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity

## Younger Christian Meditators

**Primary contact person:** Andrea Randall

**Position:** Co-ordinator

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**Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:**

To introduce and to provide Christian Meditation to youth. To support youth in their meditation journey. To provide opportunities that deepen their experience of silence.

**Age range of Participants:**

Young Adults (17-25)

Young Adults (25-30)

to 45 years old.

**General meeting place:** Saint Paul's Anglican Church East Brisbane and QUT Chaplaincy

**Ministry listed on Directory:** Yes

**Ministry Category:** Tertiary Ministry/Community Ministry

**Leaders**

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Group Meditation	Weekly	1-5	Weekly	Decreased
Retreat Day	Annually	6-10	Annually	Increased

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

**Written report about the year:**

In 2016, we saw a couple in our younger meditator's East Brisbane group marry. They included Christian Meditation in their nuptial mass as it is big part of their daily relationship. We had a day retreat in February at Santa Teresa which provided time to deepen our commitment and experience to silence, time to reflect on our prayer life, the environment and lent.

## Youth for Christ Australia

**Primary contact person:** Alfredo Gomez

**Position:** Family Ministry Head - CFCA

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### Describe the goal/s of your youth initiative:

YFCA is an integral part of the Family Ministry of Couples for Christ Australia. It is a means of supporting CFCA's mission of bringing families back to the plan of God by providing an environment that would assist the CFCA parents in fulfilling this mission. To help the youth enjoy a relationship with Jesus Christ in an environment that is fun and life-giving in the company of their friends; and to create an atmosphere where Christian values can be shared, practiced, developed, experienced, and reinforced within a peer group environment.

### Age range of Participants:

Secondary School

Age range is up to 18 years old.

**General meeting place:** Parish Halls in Brisbane

**Ministry listed on Directory:** No

**Ministry Category:** Parish-based/Deanery-based

### Leaders

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

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
General Assembly	Monthly	11-25	Monthly	Increased
Youth Entry Program (YEP)	April	6-10	Annually	Stayed the same
Covenant Orientation	Around Sept or October every year	11-25	Annually	Increased
Cluster Events - Echo Conference	around July/Aug	26-50	Annually	Stayed the same
Joint National YFC/SFC Conference.	Around July	50 +	Annually	Stayed the same

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

### Written report about the year:

Youth for Christ Australia (YFCA) provides pastoral guidance and direction to the members. It is also involve in parishes' activities around Brisbane. We also strongly encourage our members to participate in other groups activities within the Archdiocese.

# Partnering Agency

*Statistics not included in overall summaries*

## Brisbane Catholic Education - Religious Education Services

**Primary contact person:** James Robinson

**Position:** Education Officer Religious Education Programs

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### About our ministry:

We provide support for teachers and leaders of religious education, including campus ministers in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. We work closely, where possible, with other Archdiocesan agencies to support the work of schools, working within the context of the mission of the Archdiocese.

Event	Time/date	Average participants	Frequency	Attendance in 2016
Powerhouse of Leaders	Powerhouse Theatre	50 +	Annually	Increased

### Written report about the year:

We have worked closely with Vocations Brisbane to provide formation to Campus Ministers in authentically understanding their unique ministry role in schools. We have worked with the Youth Office to launch Catholic Collective at the Powerhouse of Leaders. James Robinson represents BCE on the Archdiocesan Youth Reference Group. We worked with the Youth Office to provide a personalized letter to every year 12 graduating from a Catholic school. We partnered with Caritas to launch Project Compassion in the Cathedral Precinct. We provided 70 scholarships for students to study religious education and theology at Masters level. We partnered with Fr Anthony Mellor to provide formation to 400 teachers in understanding a contextual approach to Scripture. James Robinson represented Brisbane Catholic Education at Mons. Meneely's Youth Forums. BCE provided 20 bursaries to young teachers to attend World Youth Day.