



PILLAR VI: YOUTH MINISTRY PLANNING

*"Genuine spiritual accompaniment always begins and flourishes in the context of service to the mission of evangelization."
Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 173*

INTRODUCTION TO PILLAR VI

"The Church assumes those methods for teaching that can rightly be placed at the service of the Gospel. There are a variety of methods, therefore, not just one... We must always remember that the communication of faith is an event of grace. Simply put, God is acting in people's lives. With this in mind, catechesis seeks the most effective way to make this understood, to make it plain" (Paraphrase from GDC, numbers 148-150).

STEP 1: OPENING PRAYER

Lead all participants in the following prayer. At the end, spend a few moments in silent prayer.

Heavenly Father, be with us as we enter this holy space. May we speak your peace, your grace, your mercy, and your perfect order in this place. We acknowledge your power over all that will be spoken, thought, decided, and done within these walls.

Lord, we thank you for the gifts with which you have blessed us. We commit to using them responsibly in your honor. Give us fresh strength to do this ministry. Anoint our projects, ideas, and energy so that even our smallest accomplishment may bring you glory. Lord, when we are confused, guide us. When we are burned out, infuse us with the light of the Holy Spirit. May the work that we do and the way that we do it bring faith, joy, and a smile to all with whom we come in contact today. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

STEP 2: WATCH THE VIDEO ENTITLED "PLANNING FOR EVENTS"

Encourage the participants to take simple notes during the video.

STEP 3: REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Lead the participants in a group discussion:

- What are the goals of youth ministry planning?
- How can youth ministry leaders develop *head, hand, and heart* experiences for young people?
- How can planning and flexibility in youth ministry be balanced?

STEP 4: WATCH THE VIDEO ENTITLED "THE GRID"

Encourage the participants to take simple notes during the video.



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STEP 5: REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Lead the participants in a group discussion:

- Why is it important for youth leaders to be prepared?
- What are some ways to prepare youth leaders for ministry?
- How can you build community with teens?

STEP 6: REVIEW THE GRID FORM

STEP 7: CLOSING PRAYER

Lead all participants in the following prayer:

Prayer to Saint John XXIII

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

Pray for us, Saint John XXIII.

Amen.