



## PILLAR VIII: MOVING FROM SERVICE TO JUSTICE

*"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 VIII

"Our Faith calls us to work for justice; to serve those in need; to pursue peace; and to defend the life, dignity, and rights of all our sisters and brothers. This is the call of Jesus, the urging of His Spirit, the challenge of the prophets, and the living tradition of our Church... and must be accompanied by concrete efforts to address the causes of human suffering and injustice" (Renewing the Vision, pp. 37-38).

### 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 "CALLED TO SERVE"

Encourage the participants to take simple notes during the video.

### STEP 3: REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Lead the participants in a group discussion:

- Why is it important to lead by example when encouraging youth to participate in service and justice?
- What are the steps to leading youth in service and justice?
- How can you lead youth to reflect on their service and justice experiences and explore how they were affected?

### STEP 4: WATCH THE VIDEO ENTITLED "CHANGING LIVES THROUGH SERVICE"

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:

- What are ways that youth can do service in their home communities?
- What advice or insights did the youth in the video offer about service and justice?
- What does youth ministry teach young people about themselves and their relationship with God?

### STEP 6: 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.*