



PILLAR VII: LITURGY, WORSHIP, AND MUSIC

*"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 VII

"The ministry of prayer and worship *celebrates* and *deepens* young people's relationships with Jesus Christ through the bestowal of grace, communal prayer and liturgical experiences; it *awakens* their awareness of the Spirit at work in their lives; it *incorporates* young people more fully into the sacramental life of the Church, especially the Eucharist; it *nurtures* the personal prayer life of young people; and it *fosters* family rituals and prayer" (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 "LITURGY & WORSHIP"

Encourage the participants to take simple notes during the video.

STEP 3: REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Lead the participants in a group discussion:

- Why is liturgy a vital part of youth ministry?
- How can youth participate in liturgy in a 'full, active, and conscious' way?
- What are some ways to help youth learn to pray?

STEP 4: WATCH THE VIDEO ENTITLED "MUSIC"

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:

- How can music empower youth to pray?
- What does music mean to youth today?
- How can diversity be celebrated through music?

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.