



# **BEACONS** ROUNDTABLE

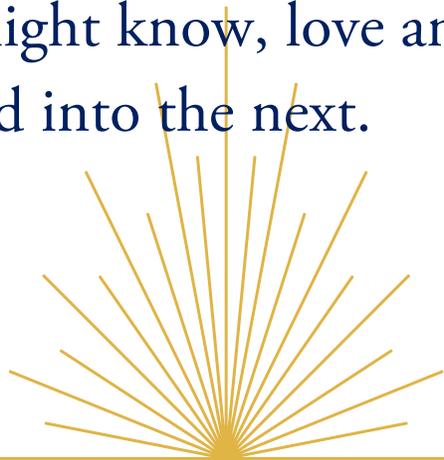
April 28, 2021

**Growing Young:**

**Engaging Young People & their Families**



Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother,  
present our prayer of thanksgiving to your Son.  
Beg from Him the graces we need to be faithful disciples  
who follow Him with enthusiasm and joy.  
May our witness to the love of God bear fruit  
in our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts.  
Teach us to be God's joyful witnesses,  
to radiate Christ in all we do,  
so that all people might know, love and follow your Son  
through this life and into the next.  
Amen.



# Agenda

Introduction to topic

Breakout discussion

Discussion debrief

Next steps, News, Announcements

# Quick Recap

Last Fall:  
Youth Evangelization



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# Where do I belong?

Question for Reflection:  
Do your young people know how they fit into the life of your parish?



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# Vision Casting

“Vision as a shared story of future hope.”

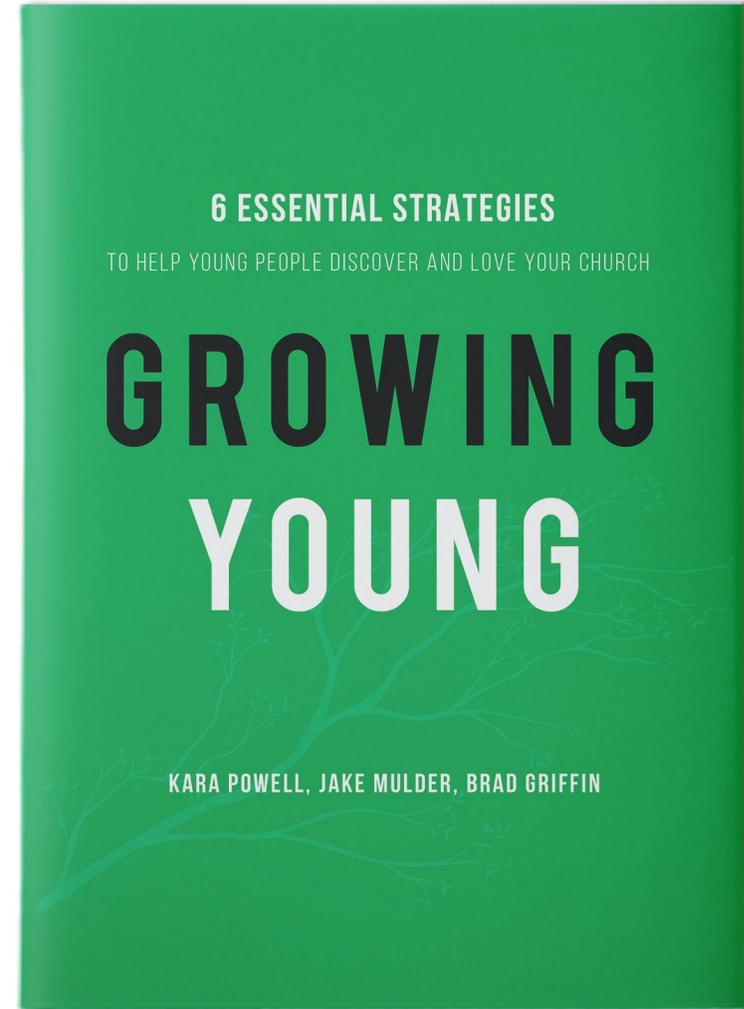
Question for Reflection:

What story communicates the vision you have for reaching youth, young adults, and/or young families at your parish?



# Growing Young Overview

1. Keychain Leadership
2. Empathy Today
3. Jesus' Message
4. Warm Relationships
5. Priority Everywhere
6. Best Neighbors



# Changing a Culture

Prayer

Empathy

Prioritize

Plan

Commit

Do



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## Breakout Discussion Questions



1. How is your parish at prioritizing youth, young adults, and/or young families? If possible, give an example or two.
2. Of the 6 Essential Strategies from Growing Young, which ones are you already doing? Which one do you think your parish ought to tackle first? What are some concrete ideas you could put into place?

# Debrief Discussion



# Where do I go from here?

1. Pray about the mission/vision God has for your parish, (emphasis on youth, young adults, young families?).
2. Evaluate through the lens of a young person/young adult/young family what it's like to come to your parish on a weekend. ASK!
3. Make a commitment (as a staff, as a parish) to Grow Young.
4. Read *Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church*, working through the book's guided reflections and begin implementing changes.



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5. Contact the CNE Parish Support Team to assist you in your strategic planning process.





## What's Next?

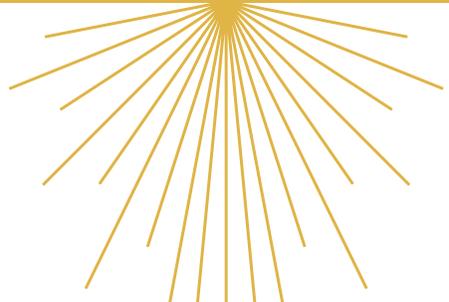
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Good and gracious God, you draw all people  
to yourself through your son, Jesus Christ  
who came to show us your love in human form.

Show us your holy path, as we carry your love to the world.

Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we strive to live  
as good stewards of your love throughout the circumstances of our daily lives.

We ask this in the name of the One who has come and will come again,  
Jesus Christ, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. Amen.

