

YOUTH SYNOD 2008

**"I HAVE COME THAT YOU MAY HAVE
LIFE, IN ABUNDANCE"**

John 10:10

WHO ARE THE YOUTH?

- 14 - 18: TEENS
- 19 - 30: Young adults

Young
Optimistic
Unashamed
Teachable
High on life!

THE YOUTH ARE
THE CHURCH!

KEY POINTS RAISED

- Active **participation** of youth in parish
 - Youth coordinators (Diocese-deanery-parish)
 - Support from parish - especially priests and PPC
 - Youth PPC in every parish
- Personal **relationship**/encounter with Christ
- Evangelization - through **outreach** programs
- **Training** of youth leaders
- **Education** through
 - Faith formation - how to be 100% Catholic
 - Understanding of Church teaching on moral and sexual issues
- **Networking** with other youth groups

PRO-TEN

YOUTH STRUCTURE

Diocesan level – Youth Office

- **Youth Vicar**-Full time and fully dedicated to serve the youth ALONE.
- **Youth Coordinator**

Full time job, promotes and lives the vision and spirituality of the youth throughout the diocese, organize diocesan youth events and leadership training, update and manage database, liaise with deanery coordinators, run youth website and newsletter, distribution of resources and information, advise parishes on establishing and maintaining youth groups.

Deanery Level – Active Youth Leader

Link between parishes in deanery and youth office, coordinating deanery youth events, represents deanery at diocesan youth meetings, pastoral visits to youth groups in deanery.

Parish level:

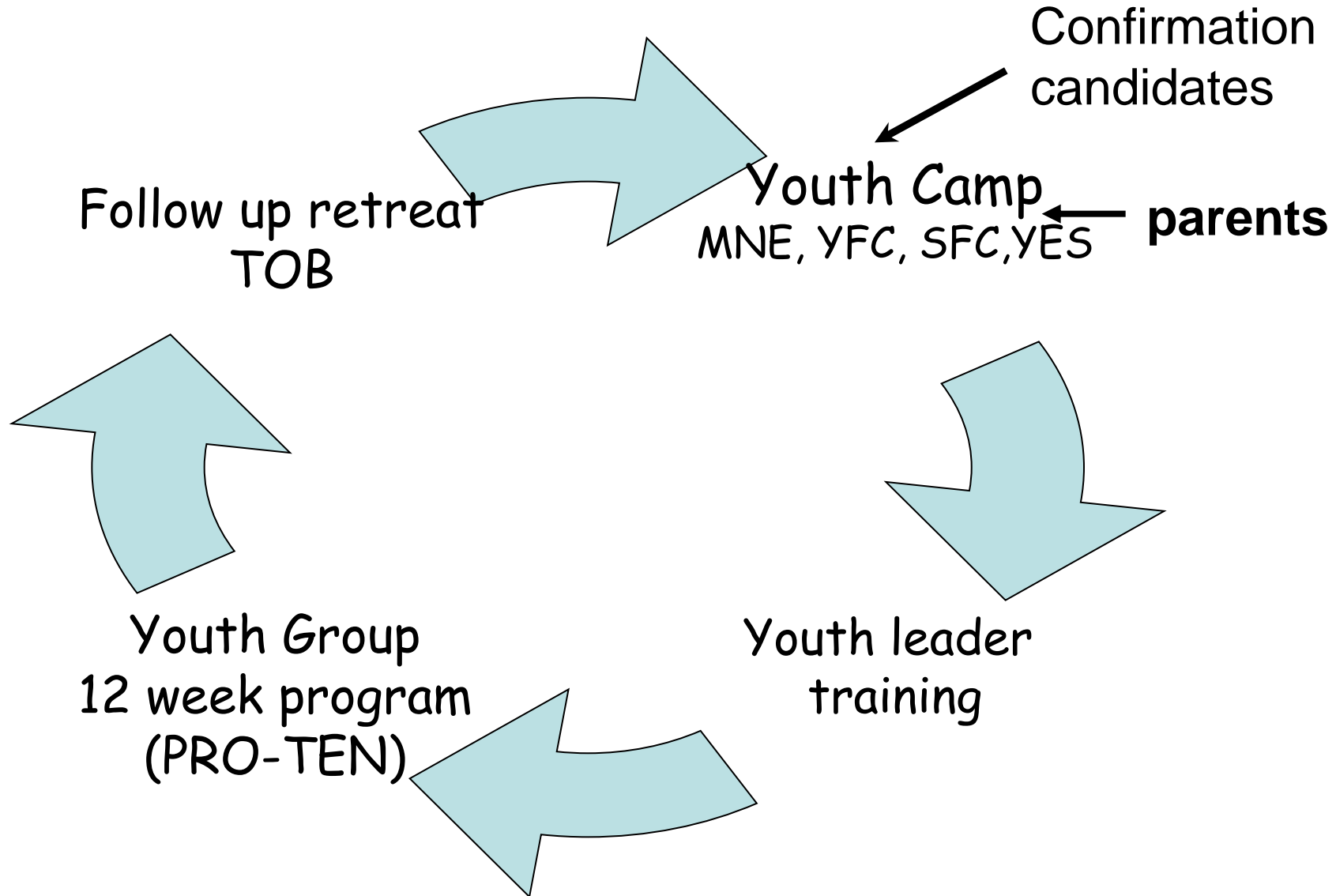
Youth leader/s

- Lead the youth group
- Heads-up youth pastoral counsel
- Represent youth on PPC and at deanery meetings,
- Coordinate youth events at parish such as Youth Mass.
- Organize annual Youth camps, holiday programs, retreats and youth leadership training
- Supported by parish priest (spiritual director) and adult mentors

Youth group

- Small group leaders
- Small group members
- praise and worship team or choir

YOUTH GROUP DEVELOPMENT



YOUTH GROUP FORMAT

4 week program

1. **Teaching** - talks and discussion based on RCIA program
2. **Outreach** - project run by parish
3. **Bible sharing** in small groups
4. **General assembly** - testimonies, adoration, **youth Mass**, social interaction

OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Regular confession
- Youth music group
- Praise and worship
- Youth coffee shop
- Counseling program at parish
- Social events

CONFIRMATION

- Review the presentation and the content so that it is more relevant and meaningful for youth.(Life-teen, RCIA)
- Training of catechists in teaching sexuality and morality (Theology of the Body)
- Compulsory confirmation retreat (Fully Alive seminar, Life in the Spirit Seminar)

THE WAY FORWARD

- Hiring of full-time employed Diocesan Youth Coordinator/s
- Development of youth group manual and teachings
- Appointment of Youth Leader and YPPC at parish
- Youth camps run at parishes
- Parish youth leadership training
- Youth group program begins...

Listen to us!

Believe in us!

Empower us!

Trust us!

Support us!

We are the church

FULLY ALIVE!

Resources for parishes

- **Training for youth leaders** - *Missionaries of the New Evangelization and Youth for Christ*
(No other known program available)
- **Participation in Liturgy**
Praise and worship singing
Liturgical Department of Diocese, parish priest
- **Relationship with God**
Life in the Spirit seminars – Youth for Christ, MNE, Charismatic Renewal
Alpha courses – Mandy
Retreats/pilgrimages – MNE, Bosco centre
Eucharistic Adoration and confessions – parish priest

- **Formation**

Seminars on sexuality and morality – Theology of the Body (MNE, Dr Heinz, Culture of life Campaign)

Bible study and sharing – Catholic Bible Institute, various internet resources, Pauline Sisters

Guest speakers (priests and laity)

Nurturing of Religious Vocations

Catechesis – Alpha , TOB, Educational DVD's, Ewtn (Dr Scott Hahn, Fr John Corapi)

- **Outreach**

St. Vincent De Paul

Culture of Life Campaign

Parish solidarities