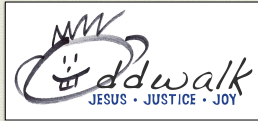


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Bless the Lord, My Soul (Ps. 103)

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, my soul,
All my being bless his name.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ek25yrfOzCE>

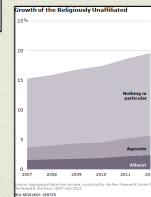
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Pew Research Religion & Public Life Project

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Religious Affiliation by Age

Age Group	Unaffiliated	Affiliated	Don't know/Refused
18-29	72	27	07
30-49	31	68	07
50-64	15	84	04
65+	8	90	02



Importance of Shared Community

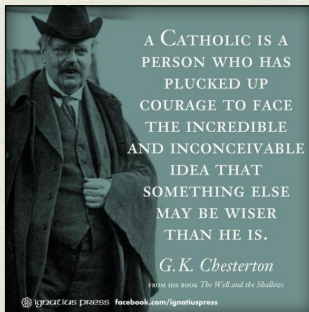
Group	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/Not at all important
U.S. general public	47	34	16
Black Protestant	51	29	8
Hispanic Catholic	51	29	11
White evangelical	57	28	9
White Catholic	47	42	15
White mainline	42	48	16
Unaffiliated	23	40	31

“...Jesus has become virtually indistinguishable from any other brand or consumer choice — hence, *Brand Jesus*.”

A Jesus who is nothing more than a product label is a threat to the very real Christ of the Gospels.”

<http://www.ChristianityToday.com/1/2008/September/080911195513.html>

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McDonalds Generation

- Expect to get exactly what they want
- Expect to get it right away
- Or it's not worth having

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Church addresses culture:
Remaining Counter-Cultural
or
Inculturation/ Acculturation

Not to acquiesce, but when to demand,
when to invite

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Youth Minister as advocate
for teens in parish worship



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"The ministry of prayer and worship *celebrates and deepens* young people's relationship 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 Eucharist; it *nurtures* the personal prayer life of young people; and it *fosters* family rituals and prayer."

- *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*,
USCCB, 1996

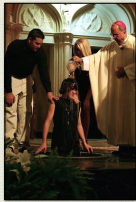
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"...all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations... is their right and duty by reason of their baptism."

- *Sacrosanctum Concilium, Vatican II, 1963*



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— Their right and duty by reason of their baptism —

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"No one shall presume to sing or read unless he can fulfill that office in such a way as to edify the hearers."

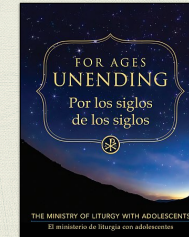
— *The Rule of Benedict*,
chapter 47



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"Every principle of good liturgy applies to liturgy with youth; special attention to their presence in the assembly, the language that they speak, the music that stirs in their hearts, the visual arts that stimulate their imaginations – these are the primary elements of good liturgical preparation with young people."

- *For Ages Unending*,
NFCYM, 2014



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"Greater youth participation in the liturgy will not occur without an intentional effort to seek and encourage it."

- *Youth and Worship Summit Meeting, 1994*

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"As communities of faith, we need to be open to youth in our midst – not just as future member, but for the Spirit of Christ that they already reveal as adolescents."

- *From Age to Age: The Challenge of Worship with Adolescents*,
NFCYM, 1997



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— Invite Youth to the Table —

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"Young people do not want to read about or be told about their faith, they want to experience it."

- For Ages Unending,
NFCYM, 2014

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"All are called to the task of handing on the faith of our mothers and fathers, of the martyrs and saints."

- Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium,
USCCB, 1995

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Breakout - Specific Ministries:



- Servers
- Music Ministry
- Lectors
- Hospitality
- Extraordinary Ministers

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Engage These Topics:

- Whom to Talk To
- Challenges and Opportunities
- Journey vs. Outcome
- Reasonable Goals for Success

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Our work with young liturgical ministers
must be *intergenerational*

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- Luke 2:41-52

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Sunday Mass is the prayer of the whole Body of Christ, and, therefore, the assembly should never be limited to one age group or another.



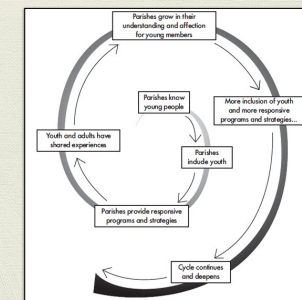
- From Age to Age: The Challenge of Worship with Adolescents, NFCYM, 1997

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"Contrary to some popular stereotypes, youth still want a close connection with community and family."

- From Age to Age: The Challenge of
Worship with Adolescents,
NFCYM, 1997

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Thomas East, editor, *Effective Practices for Dynamic Youth Ministry* (Winona, Minn.: Saint Mary's Press, 2006)

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Large Group Sharing

Q & A

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=czJjnb17F8w>

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We're not aiming
for the truck.

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Let Us Go, Rejoicing (Ps. 122)

Refrain:

Let us go, rejoicing,
Let us go to the house of the Lord!

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