



Autumn 2020

Information on Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults 2020-2021

Parishes within the Archdiocese are invited to **identify and nominate** at least one young adult to participate on our **Foundational Leadership Programme** for Young Adults. This course has been run previously and resulted in many graduates taking up positions of leadership in their parish, in the diocese during the recent World Meeting of Families and at World Youth Day.

The next course starts in October 2020 and will comply with Covid 19 restrictions. Registration is now open.

Many parishes often discuss the problems of creating, developing and sustaining youth ministry programmes and encounter the real challenges faced when attempting to reach out to young people in the parish. This course is designed to support young adults and in turn, their parishes. It is a dynamic, integrative and highly practical programme which will enable the participants to begin developing their skills as leaders and role models within their local faith based communities.

It uses online learning, group work and live lectures/inputs in a socially distant and compliant space.

Pope Francis reminds us that “young people are the windows through which we see the future” and the local parish is the seed bed for these young people to discover and grow in faith. He also challenged young people at WYD to “get off the couch”. Hopefully this course will do that.

I urge you to highlight this vital and hopefully **identify and sponsor** some local young adults.

I also invite you to ensure it is promoted locally on websites, notices, social media and even a personal invitation might work. More information is available on www.evangelisation.ie

We hope that all pastoral areas and deaneries will have strong young adult representation.

Feel free to contact if you have any queries.

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