

DEAR FRIENDS IN YOUTH MINISTRY,

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD! AS PROMISED, BELOW IS A SHORT ENRICHMENT FOR YOU TO USE IN YOUR MINISTRY TO ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE OF THE GLOBAL LIFE NIGHT FOR YOUR YOUTH.

KNOW THAT I AM PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR MINISTRY.

PEACE,

GLOBAL LIFE NIGHT - MAY 10TH

DIGITAL YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING ACTIVITY

In the beginning of this Global Life Night they opened with a game that set the stage for the rest of the evening. Below are the questions that were used by the presenters. These questions are examples and you can adjust them as you see fit. Of course, this game can be applied to any adult (Priest, Deacon, Core Team, etc). This can be played on multiple platfroms including but not limited to Zoom, Goto Meeting and Google Hangout.

GAME: HOW WELL YOU KNOW YOUR YOUTH MINISTER??

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OF THE BIBLE?
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FAST FOOD?
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING DO IN THE SUMMER?
WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE BAND?
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL?
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DISNEY MOVIE?
WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT?
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PRAYER TO PRAY?

Message to discuss with the youth

Where would we be as an individual, as a member of family, as a member of a parish, as a member of an Archdiocese, as a member of Body of the Church without God being ever present and desiring ones freedom? The title of this night is "God in the Uprising" and the key thing to remember is that God not only desires us to be free, but his love is so great for us, his children, that his plan is to aid us in fulfilling his desire for us to be with him. Without God, we as humans would be slaves. Throughout salvation history, God's plan, his desire has been to bring us, humans, closer to him, even if it meant bringing himself to our human form to do so.

In this time of hardship, I encourage you to share with your youth that whereas we might not understand His current plan, God has a plan and that plan is become closer to us.

CHALLENGE FOR THE YOUTH

In addition to the challenge below from the presenters, challenge the youth to do something positive for their community daily. Remind them that anything they do they need to get permission from their parent/legal guardian and follow proper guidelines to stay safe. Then encourage them to share their positive acts with the youth ministry program who in turn can share them with the archdiocese via michael.wellington@aohct.org

This challenge comes from the Global Life Night presenters. It is simple, yet powerful. The idea is that in these challenging times, for the youth to set aside a short period of time to be with Jesus. It is suggested to be for 10-15 minutes, but really can be for any period of time that the teen wises. This time period should be without distraction, electronics and should be quite. This is meant to be personal time between Jesus and the youth.

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