



2020 Youth Ministry Field Survey

To start, please tell us a little bit about yourself.

Question Title

*1. Select the episcopal region(s) of the country in which you currently minister?

- All (Serve at a national level)
- 1 (Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont)
- 2 (New York)
- 3 (Pennsylvania, New Jersey)
- 4 (Delaware, Maryland, Military Services, Virginia, Washington, D.C., West Virginia, Virgin Islands)
- 5 (Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee)
- 6 (Michigan, Ohio)
- 7 (Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin)
- 8 (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota)
- 9 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)
- 10 (Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas)
- 11 (American Samoa, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada)
- 12 (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington)
- 13 (Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming)
- 14 (Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Puerto Rico)

*2. Ethnicity:

- Asian / Pacific Islander
- African American / Black
- Hispanic / Latino
- Native American
- White / Caucasian / Euro-American

Multi-ethnic / Other (please describe)



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*3. Gender

- Male

- Female

*4. How many years have you been in ministry?

- 0-1 year

- 2-4 years

- 5-9 years

- 10-20 years

- 21 or more years

*5. In what capacity are you currently ministering

- Full-time

- Part-time

- Volunteer

*6. What is the highest level of formation/education you have received?

- High School

- Associates Degree/ Some College

- Undergraduate Degree

- Graduate Degree

- Post Graduate Degree

*7. Select all roles which apply to your current ministry responsibilities

- Youth Ministry
- High School Campus Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry



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- College Campus Ministry
- Pastoral Juvenil
- Faith Formation
- Sacramental Preparation
- Pastoral Ministry
- Family/Parent Ministry
- School Teacher
- Music Ministry
- Computer/Technical Support
- Livestream/Video Production
- Social Justice/Service Ministry
- Social Media/Communications
- Conference/Event Planning
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Liturgical Ministry
- Speaker/Artist/Performer
- Clergy
- Other (please specify)

*8. Check any new roles or responsibilities that were added to your position since the pandemic began in March, 2020

- Youth Ministry
- High School Campus Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- College Campus Ministry
- Pastoral Juvenil
- Faith Formation
- Sacramental Preparation
- Pastoral Ministry
- Family/Parent Ministry
- Music Ministry
- Computer/Technical Support
- Livestream/Video Production
- Social Justice/Service Ministry
- Social Media/Communications



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- Conference/Event Planning
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Liturgical Ministry
- None
- Other (please specify)

*9. How has your local parish been impacted by the pandemic since March, 2020 (whether or not you are employed there).

Check all that apply.

- Downsizing of parish staff
- Reduction in paid hours
- Required to take on additional ministry responsibilities
- Loss of youth ministry leader
- Program budget cut less than 25%
- Program budget cut 25%-50%
- Program budget cut 50% or more
- Program budget cut entirely (100%)
- Closing of parish buildings/facilities
- Closing of parish
- Merging of parish
- Mass attendance below anticipated expectations
- Mass collections below anticipated expectations
- No impact
- Other (please specify)

*10. Are you currently a NFCYM Member?

- Yes
- No

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11. How valuable are each of the following current benefits to you as a current or prospect member of NFCYM?

Respondents selected between the following for each bullet:

Not At All – Slightly – Moderately – Very - Extremely

- Identification with a national professional Catholic organization focused on ministry to youth.
- Ability to propose and/or serve on project teams to develop programming and resources utilized nationally.
- Unlimited access to resources and archived material (Examples: Christus Vivit Study Guide, NFCYM event recordings, research reports/findings, articles)
- Networking / community engagement and support (Examples: regional gatherings, online Ministry Networks, member meet-Up Zoom meetings)
- Opportunity for Communication with other national organizations (Examples: USCCB, NCCL, La Red, NAACYMN, The National Black Catholic Congress)
- Professional development – (Examples: webinars, events - Annual Membership Meeting, National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, National Diocesan Director Institute)
- Discounts on NFCYM resources and events
- Regular communication and updates about events, meetings, research projects and more (Examples: bi-weekly member newsletter and other communications from NFCYM)

12. In addition to the current offerings referenced in the prior question, how valuable would each of the following benefits be to you/your organization?

Respondents selected between the following for each bullet:

Not At All – Slightly – Moderately – Very - Extremely

- Formal professional training courses (instructor led)
- Discounts to resources/events from other affiliated organizations
- Co-marketing / sponsorship opportunities
- Early access to event registration
- Meet the author/presenter Q&A sessions
- Event/resource promotion opportunities



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What other benefits would like to see offered by NFCYM?

*13. How concerned are you about the following issues in your ministry today?

Respondents selected between the following for each bullet:

Not At All – Slightly – Moderately – Very - Extremely

- Anxiety over what the future holds
- Changing job description/roles
- Lack of parent participation/support
- Lack of youth participation/support
- Ministry during the pandemic
- Ministry formation/training
- Social distancing guidelines
- Polarization within the church
- Program budget/resources
- Racial/cultural issues
- Recruiting volunteers
- Salary
- Supervision/support
- Work/home balance

What other issues or concerns are impacting your ministry to youth?

*14. How interested are you in learning more about each of the following topics (via webinars, online conferences, training, Zoom discussions)?

Respondents selected between the following for each bullet:

Not At All – Slightly – Moderately – Very - Extremely

- Evangelization & Catechesis
- Leadership Development
- Ministry Models and Methods
- Parents and Families
- Pastoral Care
- Prayer and Spirituality



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- Social Justice and Service
- Theology and Church Documents and Teachings
- Workplace Issues and Professional Development
- Youth Development and Culture

If you would like to further specify the ministry-related topic(s) you would like to see offered, please explain.

15. How interested are you in each of the following ways to receive formational opportunities?

Respondents selected between the following for each bullet:

Not At All – Slightly – Moderately – Very – Extremely

- Formal Professional Training (Examples: instructor led with course resources and opportunity for Q&A/discussion with peers)
- Informal Professional Development (Examples: webinars, short videos, event breakout sessions)
- Practical Guides/Templates (Examples: recommended ministry calendar, how-to discussion guides, self-assessment forms)
- Peer Mentor/Professional Advice (Examples: mentorship, open office hours w/ professional, write-in questions to expert)
- Articles/Publications on Best Practices & Lessons Learned

Please list any other formational system you are interested in.

16. How interested are you in each of the following virtual/online delivery methods?

Respondents selected between the following for each bullet:

Not At All – Slightly – Moderately – Very – Extremely

- Short videos, less than 5 minutes (examples: inspirational message, quick tutorial)
- Long videos, 20 minutes to an hour (example: conference talks, webinars, panel discussions)
- Downloadable resources (examples: study guides, templates, short books, presentation)
- Webpage with links to online resources
- On-demand course – self-driven, access at any time



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- Scheduled course – specified day(s)/time(s)
- Webinars (up to 1 hour) – join live or watch later
- Half-day online conference/event (3-4 hours)
- Full-day online conference/event (6-8 hours)
- Multi-day online event (2-3 days)
- Q&A session with speaker
- Discussion group with peers
- Pre-set group to grow with (cohort model)
- Ability to attend in-person (limited number offered)

Please list any other virtual delivery method you are interested in.

17. Please select all applicable social media platforms you currently use.
(If you don't use social media, leave blank.)

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- Snapchat
- TikTok
- Other (please specify)

18. If you are a parent of a teenager (between the ages of 13-18) and would like to participate in follow up research on parenting teens, please provide your name and e-mail in the box below.

19. If you would like to receive a summary of the survey findings, please include your name/e-mail below.

Thank you for your valuable contribution to the field of youth ministry!