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**NFCYM's *Accompaniment Project* Announces Forty-Three  
Partner Parishes**

**WASHINGTON D.C., November 30, 2023** – The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) is pleased to announce that it has invited forty-three parishes to participate in five cohorts for its grant-funded initiative, the Accompaniment Project.

Each cohort of parishes will work with an NFCYM-appointed coach to train an Accompaniment Steering Committee who will lead the work of the project for a period of three years. In that time, the parish leaders hope to educate the adults in their communities on what it means to accompany young people in faith as well as to provide them with the practical skills they need to do so. In this effort, these parishes will be testing a new model of ministering with young people which focuses on developing a community of faith companions for the youth.

The five cohorts who have been selected for the project include:

- **Diocese of Crookston, Minnesota:** Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Rosary, St. Ann, St. Bernard, St. Joseph, St. Mary, and St. Peter
- **Dioceses of St. Augustine, Florida and Venice, Florida:** St. Paul (St. Augustine); Epiphany Cathedral, Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, St. Catherine, St. Joseph, St. Paul, and St. Peter the Apostle (Venice)
- **Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana:** Mary, Queen of Peace, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Clement of Rome, St. Maria Goretti, St. Paul the Apostle, Sts. Peter and Paul, and St. Peter Claver
- **Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut and New England Parishes:** Our Lady of Fatima, St. James, St. Peter, and St. Stephen (Bridgeport); Holy Rood Collaborative - St. Mary, St. John the Evangelist, and St. Margaret of Scotland (Boston); St. Katharine Drexel (Camden), St. Matthias (Metuchen); Ascension (New York); and Holy Innocents (Philadelphia)
- **National Online Cohort:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Baltimore); Sacred Heart of Jesus (Baton Rouge), Our Lady of the Valley (Birmingham); St. Thomas the Apostle (Birmingham); St. Pius X (Great Falls-Billings); Holy Savior (Jackson); St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Las Vegas); St. John Paul II (Las Vegas); The Grove Collaborative - Good Shepherd, St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti and St. Vincent De Paul (Sacramento); and Our Lady of Perpetual Help (San Bernardino)

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