

# Youth & Young Adults

**From 2022 the Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry leadership team will encompass four key roles, placing youth and young adult ministries at the heart of parishes, schools, universities, and the broader Archdiocesan community.**

## Catechists and Sacramental Formation

The team's newest member, Marci Oringo, said she is "excited" to take up the part-time Catechists and Sacramental Formation Coordinator position. Marci has extensive experience in education and ministry roles and is looking forward to accompanying volunteer catechists in their work.

"This role provides a unique opportunity to work alongside the many volunteers who lead our catechetical programs in public schools. I'm hoping to draw on my educational background to support them." Marci said.

Marci's role will focus on coordinating, resourcing, and training the Archdiocesan catechist network. She will also support the parish School of Religion and RCIA programs for sacramental initiation.

## Mission and Culture

Mission and Culture Coordinator Christian Nobleza will manage 2022's intake of 25 youth ministers currently placed in parishes, schools and university ministries. Aligning the Youth Ministers' formation with young adult opportunities will embed key youth leaders into the emerging Archdiocesan community of young adults.

Reflecting on his role, Christian commented on how important it is to create new pathways for young people to connect with the broader Church.

"As they move out of youth ministry, being able to access a variety of events explicitly aimed at their demographic is invaluable for their spiritual growth and sense of belonging in the life of the church."

## Youth Ministry Development

Christopher Gilroy will continue as Youth Ministry Development Officer, supporting the development, implementation and growth of Youth Ministry within



*The Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry leadership team (from left) Huw Warmenhoven, Marci Oringo, Christopher Gilroy and Christian Nobleza*

parishes. This role will focus on coordinating youth Masses, youth groups, and the implementation of 'Belong Circles' and 'Alpha Youth' courses. He will also lead several regional retreats and rallies across the Archdiocese.

In addition, the Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia (CSYMA) model, in partnership with Catholic Education, will provide initial formation opportunities to primary and secondary school students.

## Guiding a new generation of leaders

Finally, as the Mission Manager, Huw Warmenhoven will continue to coordinate the team and support the youth and young adult mission. His role will include working with community leaders to develop and implement youth and young adult ministry and explore new mission ventures in the Archdiocese.

"This is an exciting time in the life of our Archdiocese," Huw said. "I believe that we are seeing a new generation of leaders emerge - missionary disciples who have a significant place in the life of the church."



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