

COUNCIL REPORT

ACTIVITY GROUP:.....Youth Ministry Report.....

CHAIR:...Paul Rayner.....

Herewith, my report for Period ended August 2012 covering the activities of the following Working Groups:

1. St Joseph's Youth Ministry

Volunteers:

- a. Sufficient for existing rotas. Yes/No (If No, which Working Group/s?)
- b. More volunteers needed. Which Group/s?
 - a. This will be reviewed as part of the follow up to the parish meeting held on 14th September to discuss youth of St. Joseph's
- c. Plans for recruiting and training.-
 - a. Saumya Jacob, - Full Time Youth Worker is on maternity leave until June 2013
 - b. No immediate plans to recruit for maternity leave cover and this will be reviewed following the parish open meeting to discuss youth matters held on 14th September
 - c. Training of the 2013 confirmation parents who volunteer to be small group catechists is planned for :-
 - i. 14th October. 2012 - Safeguarding
 - ii. 11th November 2012 - Leading /Facilitating small groups
- d. Action required/taken.
 - a. Action taken: Followed up on two potential candidates for maternity cover, one was interviewed and was not offered and the second candidate withdrew interest.
- e. Replacement plans for retiring volunteers.
 - a. Celia Tobin replaced by Tracy Winterson

Special Events:

- I. During the past period.
 - a. World Youth Day August 16–21, 2011 in Madrid – a group of 11 young people (ages ranging from 15 – 22) from St. Joseph's Youth went to WYD.
 - i. It is event that occurs every 3 years in a different country where young people from around the world meet to celebrate their faith and culminates in a mass with the Pope. WYD occurs every three years in a different country.
 - b. Flame Congress . – a group of 25 young people attended the biggest Catholic Youth event in England :-
 - i. Flame Congress was inspired by the events of September 2010 (visit of Pope Benedict XVI)& by the London Olympics in Summer 2012. Flame saw the largest ever gathering of young Catholics from the UK at Wembley Arena on 24 March 2012.
 - c. Confirmation
 - i. 52 Young people in the parish were confirmed in May
 - d. National Youth Sunday November
 - i. A Joint National Youth Sunday Event (REVIVE) was held at St. Joseph's linking up with the young people from St. Theresa's Beaconsfield for an evening of praise and celebration
 - e. St. Joseph's Senior Citizens Christmas Party
 - i. Successfully held in December
- II. Forthcoming.
 - a. 2013 Confirmation Class and preparation
 - b. Monthly Youth Mass and AMOS (After Mass on Sunday) – a social and discussion group
 - c. Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes 22nd – 31st August 2013 with Bishop Peter and NYMO.

Signed; Paul Rayner

Activity Group Chair