



Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra and Goulburn

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Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn (2017 – 2019)

The re-structuring of the youth office within the Archbishop's Office of Evangelisation (AOE) has now been completed. This new Archdiocesan Youth Ministry vision seeks to invite young people to participate in the life and mission of the Church. This vision will be achieved through a decentralised mode of youth ministry that focuses on building pathways from Catholic schools into Church communities (Parishes and ecclesial movements).

1. Marriage Family Youth Commission
2. Youth Chaplains
3. Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia (CSYMA) student formation program, implementing CSYMA in Secondary Schools across the Archdiocese
4. Youth Ministers in Parishes and Catholic Secondary Schools

To utilise our Catholic Education system for the betterment of our Apostolic work with youth, a Youth Ministry Coordinator position has been created by Catholic Education of the Archdiocese. We welcome Nathan Galea to this position. Nathan will implement CSYMA across the Archdiocese beginning 2017. He will consult with and support schools within the Archdiocese to put into effect the CSYMA model of Youth Ministry.

Youth ministry within parishes will also be addressed. To compliment CSYMA's work in schools, Huw Warmenhoven has been appointed as Youth Ministers Coordinator. This appointment will facilitate a flow on of the CSYMA youth ministry work in schools through to parishes.

Highlighting the need for these two new appointments, the Bishops of Australia have announced a Year of Youth for 2018. Stemming from this, the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn will focus on youth for the next three years. Starting 2017, there will be a year of formation, culminating in the Year of Youth in 2018 finishing with a year of mission in 2019.

[View the video here](#)



New vision for our youth

Empowering young people to encounter Christ, giving them the tools to live a life in the spirit and participate in the mission of the Church forms the basis of the Archdiocese's new vision for Youth Ministry. [Read More](#)