

***GEELONG DEANERY
COUNCIL FOR YOUNG
CATHOLICS***

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Prayer for Youth

We offer to you, Loving God, the gifts and needs of youth.

Bless them with your guiding grace as they face the challenges and opportunities in their lives.

Touch their hearts with the gentleness of your love, that they may know they are valued and valuable beings.

Send your spirit of hope to their lives, that they may believe in themselves and know they are needed in this world.

Grace them with the gift of joy that they may celebrate life through laughter and tears alike.

Guide us, as we continue to grow in appreciation of the many gifts of young people, in the ministry opportunities we offer to them, in the journey of faith we walk with them, in our shared mission as a community called to discipleship in the world.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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- Sub-committee of the Geelong Deanery
- Membership drawn from Parish representatives, School representatives and other interested persons.

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- Initiate and maintain the mission to Catholic youth of the Geelong region within the spiritual, social, sacramental, service, and study areas of their lives.

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- Identifying needs.
- Liaise with Parish and School personnel.
- Develop and assess the vision and direction of the mission to young people.
- Support the Deanery Young Catholics Coordinator (Kevin Yelverton).



Job description for the Geelong Deanery Young Catholics Coordinator

- The coordinator acts as voice for young Catholics by promoting active involvement in their parish and local communities.
- The coordinator promotes faith formation, liturgical involvement and implements outreach activities.
- The coordinator empowers youth for Christian ministry by facilitating the training and formation of youth as leaders.
- The coordinator plans, implements and evaluates long and short term goals within a legal and moral framework.

Job description for the Geelong Deanery Young Catholics Coordinator continued

- The coordinator regularly reviews progress, at least quarterly, with the Council for Young Catholics and the Deanery Coordinator.
- The coordinator works within the deanery youth budget.
- The coordinator fosters links with schools and the diocesan Catholic Youth Ministry.
- Support is provided to the deanery Young Catholics Coordinator by the Deanery Coordinator, the deanery Council for Young Catholics, Centacare and a Spiritual Adviser.



A Blessing for the Young

God our creator,

help all young people to know their vocation in life and assist them to prepare for it.

For your greater glory and for the well being of your people help them to be ministers of your love, justice and peace.

Give the young the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully in caring for this world and its people.

Help us all to recognise the presence of your wisdom in the youth of today and to encourage them in their response to you.

May we in faith go forward in hope that the love of your Son Jesus be experienced in the lives and actions of the future leaders of our world