

VITA CHRISTI YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Vita Christi Youth Ministry Newsletter! We are thrilled to launch this platform to keep you updated on the latest news, events, and inspiring stories from our vibrant youth community. As we embark on this journey together, we invite you to join us in empowering young people to deepen their faith, build meaningful relationships, and live purposeful lives.



What's New

TEAM IN ACTION

CORE TEAM
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**CHEERS FROM THE
CORE: FEEDBACK
SPOTLIGHT**

"This training taught us that helping young people is tough but doable with prayers, hard work, and love. Thank you, Vita Christi, for your amazing help!"

- Agnes Fatokun (Core Member, St John the Baptist, Ilara, Ogun State)

(Some of the National Team of Vita Christi Youth Ministry)

Successful Team

We are excited to extend a warm welcome as we introduce you to the esteemed members comprising the Vita Christi Youth Ministry National Team. These exceptional individuals are not only dynamic but also deeply committed to the transformative mission of empowering young people, cultivating vibrant faith communities, and ardently disseminating the boundless love of Christ across our beloved nation. Each member brings a wealth of experience and has been meticulously selected to champion the vision and uphold the sacred mission of Vita Christi Youth Ministry. As a Catholic organization, our focus lies in parish communities, where we equip young adults who in turn lead the youths using the skill they've acquired in our training on effective youth ministry. Leading these youths to living a purposeful life filled with lasting positive impact in the parish community and society at large.

Recap of Events

Our inaugural training, held at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Passo, Gwagwalada, Abuja (**Pic 1**) from December 2022 to January 2023, saw the participation of 18 youth leaders who have since made remarkable strides. They have successfully organized impactful events such as life evenings and retreats, marking significant progress in their ministry journey. Currently, they are gearing up for their second wave of events scheduled for March and April 2024.

We are happy to share the success of our recent training sessions conducted in November 2023 and January 2024. Engaging with the core teams of two prominent Catholic parishes, namely St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ilara, Ogun State (**Pic 2**) where we trained 12 youth leaders, and Holy Family Catholic Church in Life Camp, Abuja (**Pic 3**), where we collaborated with 13 youth leaders. These sessions were meticulously designed to equip participants with essential skills and resources for guiding youth towards a deeper connection with Jesus Christ.



Pic 1



Pic 2



Pic 3

Youth Ministry Tips: Core Essentials

What are Core Values?

Core values are like a compass for our Core Team, showing us the right direction. They help us see if we're staying true to our mission and goals. Think of them as a weather vane, showing how dedicated and honest we are. By sticking to these values, we make our team stronger and know where we're headed.

News from Parishes

Advocacy Visit



We embarked on an advocacy visit to Queen of Apostles in the Diocese of Lafia, where we had the honor of engaging with both the parish priest and the youths. Our primary objective was to provide comprehensive insight into the multifaceted works and initiatives of Vita Christi Youth Ministry. This visit also served as a platform for parishes to collaborate and establish a robust core team.

Core Team Retreat



In December 2023, St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Passo, Gwagwalada, embarked on a retreat experience tailored exclusively for their esteemed core team members. This retreat served as a pivotal opportunity for participants to delve deeper into their spiritual journey, fortify their bonds of camaraderie, and gain invaluable insights to further enhance their roles within the parish community.