



## **National Leadership Forum on Ministry with Young Adults**

Hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth

**Presented by the USCCB National Advisory  
Team on Young Adult Ministry**

*A national gathering for those who minister with young adults ages 18 to 39 in any way, connecting Catholics from across the United States together to share best practices and introduce skills to bring home – to engage, accompany, form, and support young adults in the community.*

**Monday to Friday | December 7 to 11, 2020**

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# Prayer for the 2020 National Leadership Forum

inclusive of *A Prayer to the Creator* from Pope Francis' [\*Fratelli Tutti\*](#)

*Lord, Father of our human family,  
you created all human beings equal in dignity:  
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit  
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,  
dialogue, justice, and peace.  
Move us to create healthier societies  
and a more dignified world,  
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.*

*May our hearts be open  
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.  
May we recognize the goodness and beauty  
that you have sown in each of us,  
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,  
and shared dreams.*

**Merciful Lord, bless all young adults in our nation  
and bless all those who accompany them through the Church.  
Bless this National Leadership Forum and all who participate.**

**May we arise now – to dream, to hope, to aspire,  
to contemplate the heavens, the stars and the world around us,  
to take a risk, to change the world, and to become who we are.\***

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(\*) inspired by the  
[“Message of His Holiness Pope Francis  
for the Thirty-Fifth World Youth Day”](#)

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let us spread Jesus' invitation: “Arise!” ... “Arise!” is also an invitation  
to “dream,” to “take a risk,” to be “committed to changing the world,”  
to rekindle your hopes and aspirations, and to contemplate the heavens,  
the stars and the world around you. “Arise and become what you are!”*

(Pope Francis, February 11, 2020)

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## Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth

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December 7, 2020

Dear Co-Workers in the Vineyard,

On behalf of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth (LMFLY), for which I have the honor of serving as Chairman, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to this year's virtual **National Leadership Forum on Ministry with Young Adults**.

As you may have noted, I have addressed you in this letter as my "co-workers in the vineyard," echoing the title of the U.S. bishops' pastoral framework on lay ecclesial ministry, which is celebrating its fifteenth anniversary this year. In that document, my brother bishops made a profound observation, saying that "ministry is diverse and, at the same time, profoundly relational. This is so because ministry has its source in the triune God and because it takes shape within the Church understood as a communion." (*Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord*, p. 21)

This synodal spirit has been so necessary for ministry work this past year, as we have moved our pastoral work toward online settings – where we need to rely more on one another across time and space, and across cultures, communities, and generations. I am incredibly grateful for an opportunity like the National Leadership Forum that is now a leading contribution within that digital landscape. Our Church will truly be enriched by its fruits.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the leadership of the National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry and the Forum's planning team, which have done a phenomenal job developing an impressive program for us. During the Forum, not only we will hear from a wonderfully diverse lineup of key leaders, but each of you will be able to contribute your own creative insights to the conversation.

That leads me to express my thanks to you for participating. No matter where you are on your journey, we are grateful that you have taken time to be with one another – to learn, to grow, to celebrate, and to begin to formulate new and innovative ways to accompany young adults in the Church.

I am very happy that the Forum planners have chosen "*Arise!*" as the event's theme this year, as we certainly need to arise from the uncertainty of the present moment in yet-undiscovered ways. I am encouraged that leaders like you will be the ones who are being called as co-workers, laboring alongside bishops like us and so many others, in service to the Lord, the Church, and young adults.

Thank you for your ministry and for what you will do as a result of this special moment.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone  
Archbishop of San Francisco  
Chairman, Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth  
(and your fellow "Co-Worker in the Vineyard"!)

# The 2020 Forum Schedule: Your Week-at-a-Glance



## NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM ON MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS

December 7–11, 2020

Descriptions of events can be found at  
[natyamforum.com/schedule](http://natyamforum.com/schedule)

Time	Mon, 7	Tue, 8	Wed, 9	Thu, 10	Fri, 11
	<b>Morning Email with Daily Reflection</b> Daily Prayer and Reflections presented by several U.S. Bishops				
At your own pace.	Forum Welcome by USCCB President Abp. José Gómez		Workshops are live! Participants will have access to all materials for 90 days.		
12:00–1:00 PM Eastern			Aloha Hour	Aloha Hour	
2:00–3:00 PM Eastern		Ministry with Young Adults 101	Keynote Session	Keynote Session	
7:00–8:00 PM Eastern		Ministry with Young Adults 101			
8:00–9:00 PM Eastern		Welcome to the Forum! Orientation	Creative Conversations*	Creative Conversations*	

Ministry with Young Adults 101 will take place twice, once at 2:00 PM, with a repeat presentation at 7:00 PM Eastern Time

\*Virtual Doors will open at 7:30

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## What is this Forum all about?

Pope Francis challenges us this year with his message to young people around the world:

**In a culture that makes young people isolated and withdrawn..., let us spread Jesus' invitation: "Arise!" ... "Arise!" is also an invitation to "dream," to "take a risk," to be "committed to changing the world," to rekindle your hopes and aspirations, and to contemplate the heavens, the stars and the world around you. "Arise and become what you are!"**

Pope Francis, "*Message for the Thirty-Fifth World Youth Day*,"  
given February 11, 2020 © Libreria Editrice Vaticana

This wonderful message, itself emerging from the Holy Father's 2019 post-synodal apostolic exhortation, *Christus Vivit*, counters the temptation that Catholic leaders may have to retreat inward in the face of a global pandemic. Rather than trimming and cutting, the Lord calls us to dream, to take risks, to commit and invest and change the status quo – as we arise from uncertainty and move towards confidence in the company of Jesus Christ.

This is at the core of what the 2020 National Leadership Forum on Ministry with Young Adults hopes to accomplish during this week: to inspire Catholic leaders to rise to the occasion and boldly, creatively, and faithfully innovate in their apostolates and ministries with young adults.

Each day this week, we will ground our work in a dimension of Pope Francis' 2020 message:

- to **"arise and dream"** (Monday, December 7)
- to **"arise and hope"** (Tuesday, December 8)
- to **"arise and commit to changing the world"** (Wednesday, December 9)
- to **"arise and take a risk"** (Thursday, December 10)
- to **"arise and become what you are!"** (Friday, December 11)

We look forward to this journey together with you this week and in the years beyond.

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# Monday, December 7, 2020

*Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

## *Arise and Dream*

We are invited to dream – to imagine, to envision, and to look ahead with creative energy. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is remembered for proclaiming, “I have a dream!” at the March on Washington (August 28, 1963). Dreaming gives us something to aim for and it motivates us to go beyond the status quo.

### **Scripture for the Day: Isaiah 35:1-10**

This is the first reading for the celebration of Mass on the Monday of the second week of Advent. The prophet Isaiah dreams of what is yet to come, saying “The desert and the parched land will exult” (Is 35:1). Let his vision for the future inspire us to think: What is possible? Where can we go from here?

### **Saints and Companions for the Day**

**St. John the Baptist** (first century)

who envisioned and prepared for the coming Messiah

**St. Francis of Assisi** (1182-1226) and **St. Clare of Assisi** (1194-1253)

who together dreamed of “a poor Church for the poor” (cf. Pope Francis)  
as they laid the groundwork for the global Franciscan community

**St. Clelia Barbieri** (1847-1870)

who founded the religious community, the Little Sisters of the Mother of Sorrows,  
in her early young adulthood (at age 21) to tend to the needs of others

**Ven. Augustus Tolton** (1854-1897)

the first black Catholic priest in the United States, who as a young pastor,  
envisioned and created a parish community of African American Catholics in Chicago

### **Forum Welcome Message: “Christ is alive!”**

*with Archbishop Jose Gomez of the [Archdiocese of Los Angeles](#), and  
President of the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) (USCCB)*

### **Monday Daily Prayer: “Arise and Dream”**

*with Bishop Ron Hicks of the [Diocese of Joliet](#)*

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## Tuesday, December 8, 2020

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

### *Arise and Hope*

We are invited to hope – to aspire, to trust, and to anticipate with joy. In his 2007 encyclical on hope, *Spe Salvi*, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote, “We need the greater and lesser hopes that keep us going day by day. But these are not enough without the great hope, which must surpass everything else. This great hope can only be God, who encompasses the whole of reality and who can bestow upon us what we, by ourselves, cannot attain” (no. 31). Hope truly keeps us going. In the face of everyday struggles, longstanding adversity, or a global crisis, hope reminds us of the paschal mystery of joy and salvation that awaits every single one of us.

### Scriptures for the Day

#### **Isaiah 40:25-31**

This is the first reading for the celebration of Mass on the Wednesday of the second week of Advent. The prophet Isaiah shares his hope for the people of Israel, proclaiming, “They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles’ wings” (Is. 40:31). Let the prophet’s hope be ours as well and inspire us to consider: How can I trust and let God into my plans? What does God have in store for us?

#### **Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12**

This is the second reading of the celebration of Mass for the Immaculate Conception. St. Paul shares his joy in being part of a community that God had in mind “before the foundation of the world” (Eph 1:4) and which was chosen by God to do his work: “we who first hoped in Christ” (Eph. 1:12). As Christians, then, we are people who are grounded in hope and with that hope, in the company of the Blessed Mother and the saints in heaven, can respond with aspiring joy to any challenge, any obstacle, and any uncertainty placed in our paths.

### Saints and Companions for the Day

#### **The Blessed Mother, Mary of Nazareth** (first century)

our Immaculate Conception, whose unconditional hope and trust in God manifested in the birth of her son, Jesus Christ, our Lord

#### **St. Francis de Sales** (1567-1622) and **St. Jane Frances de Chantal** (1572-1641)

whose innovative approaches to the spiritual life were unique and unprecedented for their time, grounded in their love of God and his people

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha** (1656-1680)

a young adult Native American who faced great adversity from many others, including her very own community, and responded with courageous hope and trust in the Lord

**Bl. Michael McGivney** (1854-1897)

founder of the Knights of Columbus, whose hope in and support of the fraternity, fidelity, and charity of families inspired the Church to arise to new life

**Tuesday Daily Prayer: “Arise and Hope”**

with **Bishop Gerald Vincke** of the [Diocese of Salina](#)

**Special Reflection: The Immaculate Conception**

with **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone** of the [Archdiocese of San Francisco](#)

**Training Session: Ministry with Young Adults 101**

Have you ever asked the question, "How do I start ministering to young adults?" Look no further. *Ministry with Young Adults 101* will help you figure out your first steps into ministry with young adults. This will be an interactive conversation. It will also be held twice so come to the session you are available to attend:

**Option 1: Tuesday Afternoon**, 2:00 p.m. ET ([live zoom link here](#))

**Option 2: Tuesday Evening**, 7:00 p.m. ET ([live zoom link here](#))

**Orientation Session: “Welcome to the Forum!”**

This session will be time to orient yourself to the Forum, have your questions about the Forum answered, and start meeting your fellow participants.  
*Spanish translation available.*

**Orientation Gathering: Tuesday Night**, 8:00 p.m. ET ([live zoom link here](#))

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## Wednesday, December 9, 2020

*Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

# Arise and Commit to Changing the World

We are invited to commit to changing the world, to sanctify it (cf. *Apostolicam Actuositatem*) and to make the Kingdom of God manifest within it. All of God's people are called to be co-laborers in the vineyard, working to change the world by God's grace. Jesus Christ calls us to be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world" (cf. Mt 5:13-14) so that the world may be transformed (cf. *Christifideles Laici*)

## Scripture for the Day: Isaiah 35:1-10

This is the first reading for the celebration of Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent. The prophet Isaiah recalls how the Lord has sent him to "bring glad tidings to the poor," to, "heal the broken-hearted," and to, "proclaim liberty to the captives." We too are called, as was the prophet Isaiah, to commit to change the world through these works for "so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations." (Is 35:1-10)

## Saints and Companions for the Day

### St. Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

the visionary founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), who told his company and who says to us today: "Go set the world ablaze!"

### St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) and St. Louise de Marillac (1591-1660)

who together were committed to serving the poor and co-founded the Daughters of Charity

### St. Katherine Drexel (1858-1955)

a Philadelphia native who founded the religious community, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, and Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana, committed her life to forming mission schools and serving the oppressed and underserved across the United States.

### St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980)

the heroic Archbishop of San Salvador and Martyr, took to the airwaves to bring the Gospel to the people of El Salvador despite the efforts of the government. Romero, known as 'the voice of those without voice' was martyred while celebrating Mass on March 24, 1980.

## Wednesday Daily Prayer: "Arise and Commit to Changing the World"

with Archbishop Nelson J. Perez of the [Archdiocese of Philadelphia](#)

## Wednesday Aloha Hour

Join participants across the country to say “hello” to each other and “hello” to a new innovative skill. This is your time to network with other participants in the Forum while also engaging in small group discussions with others in your track. We will showcase an important ministry skill and then launch into small group discussions. On Wednesday, we will display the skill of “radical hospitality” with Jane Angha. In order to join the breakout sessions in this call, you NEED to download the latest version of zoom onto your computer or phone. See you there!

**Aloha Hour: Wednesday Daytime, 12:00 p.m. ET ([live zoom link here](#))**

## Wednesday Keynote Session: Ministry Meets Innovations

Join us for a dynamic conversation around the theme of innovation in the Church, with a particular focus on accompaniment of young adults. Panelists will share their experiences and how they navigated challenges and responded to them with innovative action. *Spanish and English translation available.*

Featuring: Keynote Speaker, Fr. Alexandre Awi Mello, I.Sch. (of the [Vatican Dicastery for Laity Family and Life in Rome](#)); Panelists Kerry Robinson (of [Raskob Foundation and Leadership Roundtable](#)), Doug Tooke (of [ODB Films](#)), Louis Damani Jones (of [Washington University in St. Louis](#)), and Sr. Bernadette Mota, FMA (of [Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco](#)), with Dr. Tracey Lamont (of [Loyola University New Orleans](#)) as moderator

*This keynote session is sponsored by our platinum sponsor, [Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology's Young Adult Initiative](#). We are grateful for their generous support.*

**Wednesday Keynote Session: 2:00 p.m. ET ([live zoom link here](#))**

## Wednesday Creative Conversations

Join in the conversation with your fellow Forum participants as we engage in topics facing our ministry, have an opportunity to ask questions of other ministry leaders, and engage in ministry formation.

**Wednesday Creative Conversations: 8:00 p.m. ET ([live zoom link here](#))**

## Ministry Tracks and Workshops

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# Thursday, December 10, 2020

*Thursday of the Second Week of Advent*

## *Arise and Take a Risk*

How can we commit to changing the world if we don't learn to take risks? Pope Francis told us, in his apostolic exhortation *Christus Vivit*: "Take risks, even if it means making mistakes. Don't go through life anaesthetized or approach the world like tourists. Make a ruckus! Cast out the fears that paralyze you..." (no. 143). We are invited to take a risk in our lives, our ministries, and our work as missionary disciples - all with the knowledge that God tells us, "Fear not, I will help you... says the Lord." (Is 41:13)

### **Scripture for the Day: Isaiah 41:13-20**

This is the first reading for the celebration of Mass on the Thursday of the Second Week of Advent. In this passage, God announces that he will make of us "a threshing sledge, sharp, new, and double-edged, to thresh the mountains and crush them." (Is 41:15) Those who take risks cut through the obstacles and forge a new path. Even though we are small like the "worm" or the "maggot" (Is 41:14), we can accomplish much and the Lord will not forsake us or the afflicted he calls us to risk everything for and accompany.

### **Saints and Companions for the Day**

**St. Paul** (first century) and **St. Timothy** (first century)  
who risked everything and together traveled throughout Asia Minor and Macedonia, preaching the Gospel as mentor and mentee.

**St. Juan Diego** (1474-1548)  
whom the Blessed Mother appeared to as Our Lady of Guadalupe and who valiantly took a risk and brought the image of Our Lady to the bishop on his tilma, which led him to believe.

**Bl. Andrew Phu Yen** (1858-1955)  
the young adult proto-martyr of Vietnam, whose mission was to evangelize and form the people of Vietnam in the faith, risked it all and was martyred in 1644, crying out, "Jesus!"

**Ven. Thea Bowman** (1937-1990)  
who converted to Catholicism at the age of nine, was a bold risk-taker and prophetic preacher, teacher, and disciple who sought to break down the racial and cultural prejudices in the United States. Sr. Thea, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, even continued her ministry after being diagnosed with breast cancer, including her well-known final address to all the bishops of the United States in 1989.

## Thursday Daily Prayer: “Arise and Take a Risk”

with Bishop A Elias Zaidan of the [Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles](#)

## Thursday Aloha Hour

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**Aloha Hour: Thursday Daytime, 12:00 p.m. ET** ([live zoom link here](#))

## Thursday Keynote Session: Time to Listen

We've invited young adults to share their stories of how they've experienced the past year. Listen to what has helped their faith grow, what they wish would have happened, and what they hope for in the future. *Spanish translation available.*

Featuring panelists Brian Rhude (of [Catholic Apostolate Center](#) and [The Catholic University of America](#), from Washington DC), Camille Cruz (from Fort Wayne, Indiana), and Kara Dixon (from Portsmouth, Virginia), with Dr. Tracey Lamont (of [Loyola University New Orleans](#)) as moderator

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**Thursday Keynote Session: 2:00 p.m. ET** ([live zoom link here](#))

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# Friday, December 11, 2020

*Friday of the Second Week of Advent*

## *Arise and Become What You Are*

God created us for a specific purpose in this world. It is our calling, our vocation, and our mission. But have we taken the time to discover what that truly is? Pope Francis tells us: "For our life on earth reaches full stature when it becomes an offering... It follows that every form of pastoral activity, formation, and spirituality should be seen in the light of our Christian vocation." (*Christus Vivit* 254) When we make the effort to dream, to hope, to commit, and to risk everything, then we can see clearly enough to know what God has in store for us.

### **Scripture for the Day: Isaiah 48:17-19**

This is the first reading for the celebration of Mass on the Friday of the Second Week of Advent. In this short passage, we hear God speaking directly to and about us: "I, the Lord, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go" (Is 48:17). He has laid out a path for us - but are we ready to follow on that vocational journey, even if it makes us uncertain or uncomfortable? We pray for strength to arise and become who and what we are - who God designed us to be in his Kingdom.

### **Saints and Companions for the Day**

**St. Teresa of Avila** (1515-1582) and **St. John of the Cross** (1542-1591) as mentor and student and collaborators, who helped us discover our inner convictions and the development of our souls.

#### **St. Vincent Pallotti** (1795-1850)

founder of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (the Pallottines), who affirmed that all classes and all people - religious, ordained, and lay - each have a calling in the world "for the great glory of God and for one's own salvation and that of one's neighbor."

#### **Bl. Isidore Bakanja** (1887-1909)

who became a Christian in the Congo as he entered young adulthood at age 18, but was abused and beaten in the workplace because of his devotion to the Blessed Mother and his public witness for Christ. He forgave his persecutors but eventually died from the infection of his wounds.

#### **Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati** (1901-1925)

the "man of the beatitudes" who as a young adult, became who God made him to be: a person for others, with radical charity for those on the margins of society; a loving son and brother; and a devoted Catholic who sought God in Eucharist, in the poor, in his friends, and "towards the heights" (or in his native Italian, "verso l'alto!").

## **Friday Daily Prayer: “Arise and Become What You Are”**

*with Bp. William A. Wack, CSC, of the [Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee](#)*

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## **Closing Message and Words of Gratitude: “Arise!”**

*with Bishop Edward J. Burns of the [Diocese of Dallas](#)*

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## Resources for Ministry with Young Adults

*Check out these national tools for continuing the journey with those in their late teens, twenties, and thirties within your local community.*

- [USCCB Young Adult Ministry Website](#)  
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' resources, programs, and advocacy for the Church's ministry with young adults across the country.
- [USCCB Journeying Together Initiative](#)  
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' multi-year intercultural encounter process to advance greater understanding, healing, and action across race, culture, and community, through the lens of faith and inspired by Pope Francis' *Christus Vivit*.
- [USCCB Young Adult Ministry National Webinar Series](#)  
A collaboration between the USCCB National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry (NATYAM) and the Loyola (New Orleans) Institute for Ministry (LIM), this is an archive of ministry webinars for those who accompany young adults, which has been developed over the past several years.
- [USCCB Young Adult Ministry Consulting and Resourcing](#)  
Contact [Diana Hancharenko](#), Chair for the National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry, for more details for these and other services supporting the field of ministry with young adults.
- [LaRED: Pastoral Juvenil Hispana](#)  
The National Catholic Network de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana (LaRED, "the net" or "network") is a national ministry organization that supports all those who accompany Hispanic/Latino youth and young adults, including young Latino leaders themselves.
- [NFCYM: Youth Ministry](#)  
The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) is a national ministry organization that supports and resources all those who accompany adolescents and teens in their pastoral work in the Church.
- [CCMA: College Campus Ministry](#)  
The Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA) is a national ministry organization that supports and resources all those who accompany students on college and university campuses across the country.
- [National Dialogue Resources](#)  
The National Dialogue on Catholic Pastoral Ministry with Youth and Young Adults (known simply as the "National Dialogue") has been a multi-year collaborative initiative between NFCYM, CCMA, LaRED, NATYAM, and the USCCB to unify, engage, and mobilize and advance the ministries for young people towards the vision outlined in Pope Francis' *Christus Vivit* and through the recent Synod and Encuentro processes. The site also has resources to have conversations with youth and young adults who are active and inactive in their faith.
- [V National Encuentro Resources](#)  
The multi-year initiative convened by the bishops of the United States to better understand and accompany Hispanic/Latino communities, with a particular emphasis on young people and families. The site includes the insights gleaned from this nationwide effort.



- **[USCCB Marriage and Family Life Resources](#)**

The USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth (LMFLY) has resources to support ministry leaders in their work with singles, engaged and married couples, and parents. Additional online resources for Catholics include:

- [For Your Marriage](#) (for engaged and married couples and parents)
- [Marriage: Unique for a Reason](#) (for the promotion and defense of marriage)

- **[USCCB Evangelization and Catechesis Resources](#)**

The USCCB Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis has resources to support ministry leaders in their work with faith formation, mission work, stewardship, and evangelization initiatives.

- **[USCCB Catholic Education / Higher Education Resources](#)**

The USCCB Secretariat of Catholic Education, in particular their work with higher education, has resources to support ministry leaders in their work with college and university campus ministry.

- **[USCCB Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocation Resources](#)**

The USCCB Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations (CCLV) has resources to support ministry leaders in their work with vocations to priesthood and consecrated religious life.

- **[USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church Resources](#)**

The USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church (CDC) has resources to support ministry leaders with intercultural competency and directly engaging those of cultural communities with support from the subcommittees on:

- [African American Affairs](#)
- [Asian and Pacific Island Affairs](#)
- [Hispanic Affairs](#)
- [Native American Affairs, and the](#)
- [Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers.](#)

- **[USCCB Lay Ecclesial Ministry Resources](#)**

The USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, in collaboration with the [Subcommittee on Certification for Ecclesial Ministry and Service](#), has resources to support lay ministerial leaders in their own formation, workplace concerns, and pathways for young adults.

- **[USCCB Human Dignity Resources](#)**

The USCCB [Department for Justice, Peace, and Human Development](#) and the USCCB Secretariat of [Pro-Life Activities](#) have resources for the social engagement of Catholics in the world, touching on the vast spectrum of [Catholic Social Teaching](#). Additional resources include:

- [Faithful Citizenship](#) (on responsible social engagement)
- [Civilize It](#) (on peace and fraternity in the midst of political and social division)
- [We are Salt and Light](#) (on implementing Catholic Social Teaching in everyday life)
- [Nine Days for Life](#) (on the novena for protecting human life)

- **[USCCB Resources Against Racism](#)**

The USCCB Subcommittee Against Racism has resources for helping pastoral leaders engage in dialogue around racism and cultural prejudice.

- **[USCCB Bookstore](#)**

Resources from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Holy See, including books, study guides, papal documents, and prayer books.

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# What's Next?

**The Forum is just a beginning.** What comes next is continuing the work of innovating and working collaboratively in the Church to support one another in this pastoral effort. To aid in that journey, the National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry recommends the following over the next two months:

- **January 13, 2021, 8:00 p.m. ET**  
***Journeying Together Intercultural Gathering #1***  
(for more info, go to the [Journeying Together web page](#))
- **January 21, 2021, 2:00 p.m. ET**  
**Webinar on Ministry with Young Adults (Topic TBD)**  
(for more info, contact [yam@usccb.org](mailto:yam@usccb.org))
- **January 28-29, 2021, various times**  
**Annual Vigil and March for Life 2021**  
(for more info, go to the [March for Life web page](#))
- **February 6-9, 2021, various times**  
**USCCB Catholic Social Ministries Gathering**  
(for more info, go to the [CSMG web page](#))
- **Mid-February 2021, time TBD**  
**National Dialogue Final Report Launch**  
(for the latest updates, go to the [National Dialogue website](#))
- **February 21, 2021: 3:00 p.m. ET**  
***Journeying Together Intercultural Gathering #2***  
(for more info, go to the [Journeying Together web page](#))
- **February 25, 2021: 2:00 p.m. ET**  
**Webinar on Ministry with Young Adults (Topic TBD)**  
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We look forward to seeing you at these and other great activities to continue arising and innovating in your ministries with young adults. Thank you for your participation and God bless you on your journey!

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