

# WHY CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY?

Young Catholics today face challenges that previous generations have never seen.

## WHO AM I?

During middle school, young people transition from identifying with their families to identifying with their friends. As these same students journey through high school, they test the limits of independence and look for new identities. Social networks and online identities make young people more vulnerable to cultural pressures than ever before.



## WHERE AM I GOING?

When you are young, the future is wide open. This can bring both hope and anxiety. The world offers futures defined by materialism and fleeting pleasure. God offers a vocation and a path of discernment that brings you there. But with all the noise of the world, it's hard for young people to find their true mission.



## IS GOD REAL? IS THE CHURCH RELEVANT?

Young people today are growing up in a culture that is more skeptical of Christ and His Church than any previous generation. Gospel Truths and Church Teachings are increasingly dismissed by popular opinion. In a fast paced world where new truths are defined each day, many see that the Catholic Church is not keeping up.



## WHERE DO I FIND HAPPINESS?

Middle school youth face temptations and pressures that just 15 years ago were experienced only in high school. Drugs, alcohol, and pornography are the norm. Young people want happiness that doesn't fade. EDGE is a safe place for them to learn about their faith, learn to be strong in values and make meaningful friendships that can carry on through high school.



## SIGN UP TODAY FOR EDGE!

To learn more about EDGE Youth Ministry that's just for 6th – 8th graders, contact Linda at [lindastagnes@gmail.com](mailto:lindastagnes@gmail.com) or call her at (925) 689-0830. We will be happy to send you the calendar and registration form. Classes for 2017/2018 start on Monday night, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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