

**PNCC Future Direction August 2019 Message:
Let the Children Come to Me: Discipleship of and with our Youth**

During the month of August our Holy Church focuses on our youth. Thanks to Karen Sobiechowski for this meaningful and succinct reflection: Future Direction has given us the theme for August - "Let the Children Come to Me - Discipleship of and with our Youth." Let us reflect on Jesus' own words to His disciples found in Matthew 19:13-15

One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children." And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.

**PNCC Youth Activities - June & July 2019
KURS, WD Youth Gathering
& ED Acolyte Retreat**



Jesus' desire is the same today as it was so many centuries ago. He wants to bless our children, and it's up to us to bring them to Him. This includes attending Mass as a family, providing instruction in the faith (both in our churches and in our homes), and living Gospel values daily. This is discipleship. Do our children see a true picture of Jesus in us? Let's pray this month to be led and guided by the Holy Spirit, that our lives would reflect Jesus and draw others - especially our young people - to Him. Blessings to all!

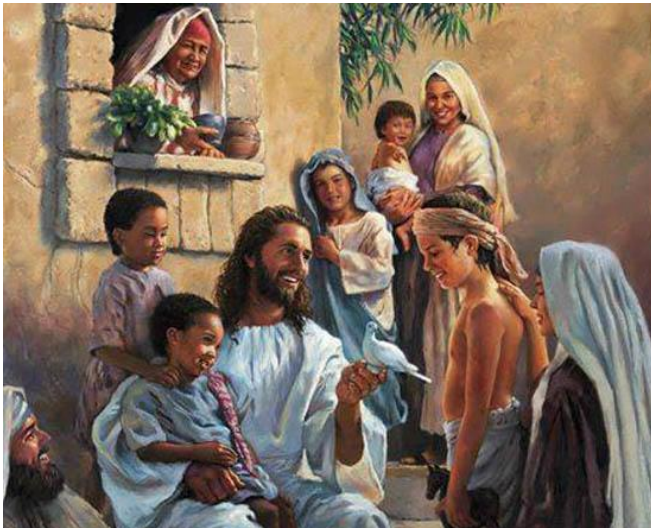
Our Church has some wonderful youth programs – encourage your children, youth in your families and parishes to take advantage of these life changing and faith enriching experiences. Just this summer we had wonderful events at the KURS, Western Diocese Youth Gathering and

Eastern Diocese Acolyte Retreat and coming up later this month is the 46th Annual Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat. Some great time shared in worship, prayer, faith building and making friendships that last lifetimes.

Prayer for our Youth (2010 PNCC Prayer Book)

Loving and kind Father, because You created us in Your image and likeness and determined that one generation should follow another in order to continue life, keep in Your tender and steadfast care the youth of the Church. May they come to know and understand that true happiness can be attained when they live in harmony with Your teaching. May they, like our Lord and Savior in His youth, grow “in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.” Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

During this month dedicated to our youth we also pause to remember our past National Youth Chaplain of nearly 40 years ✕ Bishop Stanley Bilinski. He was a devoted and tireless advocate for the youth of our Holy Church - may he rest in peace!



Please keep this church-wide undertaking in your daily prayers – asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Kingdom through our Holy Church.

PNCC Future Direction is also on Facebook! Like us and follow our updates on Facebook too.

If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

May our example of following Jesus – our lived discipleship be a genuine and faithful example for the youth of our Holy Church and those youth whom we meet in our lives. Please remember to especially pray for our youth during this month and at Holy Mass on Youth Sunday – August 25th!

Sincerely yours in Christ, - **PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee**

Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, *Prime Bishop*

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., *Chairman*

We continue to implement the five themes the Synod determined for our future direction:

Growth and Membership
Sacred Vocations

Increase Spirituality
Community Involvement and Presence

Lifelong Learning

Action Plan for Discipleship: 2019

Develop and emphasize Discipleship throughout 2019

Create a Business Free Zone

Social Media Presence

Complete Six Community Service Projects

Special Masses

Adult Continuing Education

Two Days of Spiritual Retreat