

Growing Together Rooted in Faith



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Campaign for Youth & Young Adults

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

The vision for the Archdiocese of Seattle is that youth and young adults will embrace their dignity as beloved children of God.

They will encounter Jesus in a community of faith, and live the joy of the Gospel.

WHAT BIG PROBLEM ARE WE TRYING TO SOLVE?

Roughly half of Catholic teenagers lose their Catholic identity by their late 20s. It's critical to listen to their needs and involve them in Church life. The Archdiocese of Seattle is a thriving community of Catholics. Ensuring a prosperous future for our youth and young adults is a priority. As Catholics, we recognize that young people are full of life and have incredible gifts to offer our community. We want young people to experience the love of Christ and beauty of the faith. Investing in today's youth is necessary in growing the body of Christ.

Youth and young adults are the Church leaders of TODAY.

To engage our youth and young adults, we need to build relationships. We do this by meeting them where they are and inviting them to deepen their faith by providing opportunities to encounter Christ and build a community of faith-filled friends, while we accompany them on their journey.

Bring Young People to God Build Leaders for the Church

The Archdiocese of Seattle Youth Ministry builds community by engaging young people in their Catholic faith and Catholic social teaching. Youth programs welcome students in middle school and high school.



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“Youth...stressed that they should not be seen and spoken of mostly as the future of the Church but should be recognized for their importance now and given a significant voice in the present.”

Region III, National Synthesis of the People of God in the United States of America for the Diocesan Phase of the 2021-2023 Synod

Archdiocese of Seattle Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry provides formation, support and resources to young people across the Archdiocese of Seattle, as well as to staff and volunteers serving youth and their families.

Here are a few of their outreach efforts:

Middle School Encounter (Ages 11-13): The archdiocese also hosts a Middle School Encounter each March with hundreds of 6th- 8th grade students gathering to pray, experience lively speakers, engaging workshops, and more. More than 500 youths are expected to attend in 2025.

High School Youth Convention (Ages 14-18): Each year, the archdiocese hosts an annual high school youth convention that welcomes hundreds of high school students from all over Western Washington. They hear from dynamic speakers, engage in active workshops on a multitude of relevant topics, and experience the wider Church. They pray together, play together, and praise and worship together.

Quo Vadis Days (Ages 14-18): At this four-day camp for young men discerning a priestly vocation, priests share their own journey toward priesthood.

Archdiocesan confirmation retreats (12-16): Each year, 500-600 teens attend these retreats to prepare for the sacrament of confirmation.

World Youth Day and the National Eucharistic Congress (Ages 16-35): We bring local delegations to these national and global events connecting local youth to youth from around the world.

Youth retreats (Ages 17-19): Youth retreats occur throughout the year to help deepen faith and connection. Unplug with the Lord is a prayer-centered, three-day retreat where teens focus on growing in discipleship and their relationship with Jesus.



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How You Can Help Our Youth

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Fund **Middle School Encounter (Ages 11-13)** scholarships for middle school students from all over the archdiocese so they too can hear from speakers, attend Mass and participate in prayerful reflections. Estimating 500 attendees.

Fund scholarships for **Catholic Youth Convention** where high school students come together to hear from keynote speakers, engage in small group discussions, and activities including a Mass, adoration, and reconciliation.

We want to send 20 teenagers to the **Youth Jubilees in Rome** in 2025.

We want to provide partial scholarships to 25 youth and young adults to attend **South Korea World Youth Day (Ages 16-35)** in 2027.

“It is truly beautiful to see youth from all over the world share their faith and joy with each other...WYD will forever serve as my reminder that there are plenty of young people who are hungry for our Lord.”

— Gizelle G., *World Youth Day 2023, Portugal*

As summarized from the local synod, young people “want an active, loving Church, which requires living our faith in a personal way that goes beyond merely attending Church services.” They want to be part of the Church now—not just in the future.

STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP CAPACITY

With your funding support, an **Assistant Director of Youth Ministry Services** will lead life-changing initiatives that help youth deepen their faith while developing leadership skills.

- **Strengthen the Youth Council** by leading 23 high school students who are from all 10 deaneries. The council functions like a senate reaching out to peers and bringing feedback to Church leadership.
- Develop parishes as **welcoming spaces** for young people by increasing the number and quality of in-person youth trainings, retreats, and more.
- **Catholic Lifesavers Corps (CLC)** is a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program that activates high school students as certified workshop facilitators.
- **Ascend Leadership Camp** is an annual summer multi-day workshop where young people develop Catholic leadership skills, participate in faith talks, plan faith-based events, and more.
- **Youth ministry internship program** places interns at parishes to address pastoral needs. Internships allow young people to work alongside seasoned ministers on real-time projects.
- **Mission trips and immersion experiences** will help youth encounter those on the margins including migrant families, those experiencing homelessness, low-income seniors and more.

5-YEAR FUNDING NEEDS:

• Assistant Director of Youth Ministry	\$500K
• 5-year scholarship funding needs	FUNDED
• Catholic Lifesavers Corps training 10 cohorts	FUNDED
• Mission trips and immersion experiences	\$150K
• Catholic Lifesavers Corps supplies	FUNDED

Build God's Community through Young Adult Leadership Opportunities

Millions of Catholics around the U.S. shared their hopes for the future in the recent global synod. One clear common thread: everyone is focused on engaging youth and young adults.



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Archdiocese of Seattle Young Adult Ministry

Through prayer, formation, service and fellowship, Young Adult Ministry provides opportunities for young adults to deepen, live, and share their Catholic faith.

Here are examples of what the ministry is up to:

WWU and UW Newman Centers (Ages 18–22): Newman Centers build a community of faith on college campuses through social events, prayer and Masses, while developing youth leaders who have their hearts set on Christ.

Young Adult retreats (Ages 18–35): Quarterly young adult retreats are hosted at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center and CYO camp properties, focused on developing a relationship with Christ and building a community through fellowship. More than 200 young adults attended these retreats in 2023.

Theology on Tap (Ages 21–35): This series of casual monthly events engages young adults in theological reflection while fostering community.



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How You Can Help Our Young Adults

STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Cultivating and engaging young adults requires nurturing. We have a great foundation, but more support is needed.

Here's what the ministry would like to do:

Host more spiritual retreats (Ages 18–35). Quarterly retreats help young adults deepen their faith, build community, and grow as Christian leaders. Participants receive formation, discover their purpose, and are actively encouraged to engage in their parish, church ministries, or local youth groups as faith leaders. Each retreat aims for 50 attendees.

Establish campus ministry programs and hire part-time campus ministers. Specifically, the team would like to partner with the Newman Centers to provide more regional ministries, including new college campus ministry programs, in order to expand campus ministry efforts and better reach and support college students.

Development and Discipleship (Ages 18–35). This program equips young adults with leadership and discipleship skills through the CCO and Fe y Vida's Transformative Leadership models, empowering them to serve as leaders in their parishes and communities. The goal is to train 100 participants in the first year and expand to at least 200 annually.

Expand Theology on Tap (Ages 21–35). Host more events in unique venues that bring Catholics and non-Catholics together.

5-YEAR FUNDING NEEDS:

• Spiritual retreats	\$350K
• Part-time campus minister	\$150K
• Development and Discipleship	\$65K
• Expand Theology on Tap	\$30K

Encounter Christ through CYO Camps



CYO camps have a long history on holy ground, where youth encounter Christ in moments that are unique and distinct, deepen their faith, and grow their Catholic leadership skills. We need to invest in our camps so they can thrive for the next 100 years offering the same wonderful experiences to more campers. By investing in camps, we can welcome more school groups, host more youth retreats, and welcome more campers of all abilities.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Founded in 1950, CYO camps are grounded in Catholic faith and cooperative community building. We want to expand this exceptional faith-based camping experience to youth of all abilities so they can experience the wonders of the outdoors in a safe and fun environment. There is a need to invest in several capital projects, provide more sliding-scale scholarships for campers, expand our environmental education camp, and further develop an inclusive camp for kids of all abilities.

Camp Don Bosco

Camp Don Bosco opened in 1951 and is in Carnation, WA on 173 acres. It is a year-round facility with an outdoor pool, 24 horses, the Cabrini chapel, and is the longest running camp program in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Camp Don Bosco welcomes kids in grades 1-12.



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How You Can Help Camp Don Bosco

WELCOMING ALL: accessibility

As a Christ-centered camp we want to welcome everyone and invite kids of all abilities to enjoy a CYO camp experience.

Here are ways we can make the camp more accessible:

Enhance Camp Accessibility

Pave and expand the parking at Camp Don Bosco: Creating smooth, accessible paths and ample parking will make the camp more welcoming and easy to navigate, ensuring no one is left out.

Build new ramps for Health Hut and Glacier Lodge: Installing ADA-compliant ramps ensures everyone can access these essential facilities comfortably, embracing our commitment to inclusivity.

Create ADA paths throughout the main camp: Developing accessible paths will enhance mobility for all campers, creating a camp environment where everyone can thrive.

Create Inclusive Quiet Spaces

For campers who need quieter environments, we will create serene, covered garden seating areas. These peaceful and reflective spaces will provide a sanctuary for those seeking a moment of calm amidst the vibrant camp life.

Training staff on disability inclusion*

To foster an inclusive environment, we will provide increased training on inclusion and mental health for our staff at both Camp Don Bosco and Camp Hamilton, ensuring year-round support for all campers.

Scholarships*

To ensure finances are never a barrier, we wish to expand our scholarship fund with an investment of \$200,000, making camp accessible to all campers and families in need.

STEWARDED THE CAMP: capital needs

We want camp to thrive for another 100 years and need to invest in the facilities.

Here are our top projects:

Revitalize Historic Cabins

We will renovate ten existing cabins at Camp Don Bosco with electricity, water, plumbing, doors, and windows—transforming them into warm, welcoming havens for our campers.

Modernize Tahoma Lodge

To replace the Tahoma cabins at Camp Don Bosco, we will construct a modern lodge complete with bathrooms and a kitchen, allowing us to host multiple groups simultaneously, which expands our reach and impact.

Level the Field

To enhance play and ensure safety, we will grade the athletic field at Camp Don Bosco to create a level and fun playing surface, opening up opportunities for new games and fair play.

Build Dynamic Ropes Experience

To grow our programming mix and enrollment by offering exciting new challenges and experiences for all campers, we will develop a new dynamic low ropes challenge course at Camp Don Bosco.

Welcome All

Creating a Welcome Center with designated parking at Camp Don Bosco will serve as the gateway to camp, ensuring a smooth and friendly arrival for all.

Expand Gathering Spaces

To provide an additional meeting space at Camp Don Bosco, we wish to construct a yurt with electricity. This versatile space will enhance our capacity to host groups of campers throughout the year, fostering a sense of community and connection.

*Camp Don Bosco and Camp Hamilton

Camp Hamilton

Camp Hamilton is 15 minutes north of Duvall and sits on 570 acres that includes Lake Hannan. Nestled in the woods, the camp offers challenges courses, ropes courses, archery, gardens, a beach, hiking trails and more. Camp Hamilton welcomes kids in grades 5-12.



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How You Can Help Camp Hamilton

WELCOMING ALL: accessibility

With its remote location nestled in the woods, Camp Hamilton lacks some functionality that would make the camp more accessible for kids of all abilities. We want to change that.

Here are ways we can make the camp more accessible:

Scholarships*

To ensure finances are never a barrier, we wish to expand our scholarship fund with an investment of \$200,000, making camp accessible to all campers and families in need.

Expand Dock Access

To enhance waterfront activities and access with more opportunities for campers to enjoy the beauty and adventure of water-based activities, we will expand the dock at Camp Hamilton.

Training staff on disability inclusion*

To foster an inclusive environment, we will provide increased training on inclusion and mental health for our staff at both Camp Don Bosco and Camp Hamilton, ensuring year-round support for all campers.



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STEWARDED THE CAMP: capital needs

We want camp to thrive for another 100 years.

Here are our top projects:

Elevate Challenge Course

To expand our programming and inspire campers, we need to upgrade the challenge course and climbing tower.

Upgrade Shower Facilities

To create a more comfortable and inclusive environment, we will remodel the shower house, adding division stalls, a concrete floor coating, and push button faucets.

Develop Washougal

To create new programmatic features and set up camp for growth, we seek to redevelop the Washougal area. This will bring more activity and life to this area of the camp.

Expand Environmental Education.

In alignment with caring for our common home, we will expand our gardening program with a new greenhouse, storage shed, equipment, and plants. This program will be the heart of our environmental education, fostering a deep connection with nature.

Renovate Whitaker Longhouse

Create an interactive classroom space to support our environmental programs, inspiring campers to grow in harmony with nature.

Transform Wishka Shelter

Update the Wishka shelter with interior finishes which will scale programming, making it a versatile and inviting space for all.

Construct New Boathouse

Build a lakeside structure to provide a safe facility for canoes, paddle boats, paddles, and life jackets.

Enhance Lodge Facilities

To improve the experience for campers, staff, and chaperones, we will install plumbed bathrooms at Klikitat, Klamath, and Washougal lodges.

Areas of Support

Camp Don Bosco

• Rebuild Tahoma historic cabin	\$800K
• Old cabin upgrades (10)	\$500K
• Parking lot paving & expansion	\$300K
• Welcome Center	\$250K
• Scholarships	\$200K
• Level the field	\$150K
• ADA paths in main camp	\$100K
• Covered quiet spaces	\$100K
• Inclusion & mental health staff training	\$100K
• Yurt to increase meeting space	\$75K
• New challenge course	\$50K
• New ramp for Health Hut	\$40K
• New ramp for Glacier Lodge	\$30K

Camp Hamilton

• Enhance lodge facilities	\$750K
• Challenge course upgrades	\$400K
• Washougal area development	\$275K
• Garden expansion	\$250K
• Scholarships	\$200K
• Remodel Whitaker Longhouse	\$200K
• Dock expansion	\$50K
• Boathouse	\$50K
• Wishka Shelter update	\$35K
• Shower house remodel	\$30K

All Gifts Matter

Your gift will help our youth and young adults by:

- Building vibrant communities with faith-filled friends.
- Offering leadership opportunities at parishes and in the wider community.
- Involving youth in outreach and service to bring Christ to others.
- Enhancing the CYO camp experience so youth of all abilities can experience the wonders of the outdoors while learning and growing in the Catholic faith.
- Providing more opportunities to encounter Christ in prayer and the sacraments.
- Accompanying them on their journey of discipleship with youth and young adult ministers and mentors.



Courtesy CYO Camps

Funding Needs

Donation	#Gifts	Cost	Examples of Support
\$500K	2	\$500K \$500K	Assistant Director of Youth Ministry Old cabin upgrades (Bosco)*
\$400K	3	\$400K \$800K	Challenge course upgrades – climbing tower (Hamilton)* Upgrade/rebuild Tahoma (Bosco)*
\$350K	1	\$350K	Spiritual retreats
\$300K	1	\$300K	Parking lot paving and expansion (Bosco)*
\$275K	2	\$275K \$275K	Washougal development (Hamilton)* Youth & Young Adults Ministry Scholarships
\$250K	5	\$250K \$750K	Welcome Center (Bosco)* Environmental Education Garden Expansion (Hamilton)* Hamilton Lodge bathrooms*
\$200K	4	\$200K	Hamilton scholarships Bosco scholarships Remodel Whitaker Longhouse (Hamilton)* Catholic Life Savers Corp Training
\$150K	3	\$150K	Mission trips and immersion experiences Part-time campus minister Level the field (Bosco)*
\$100K	3	\$100K	Covered quiet spaces (Bosco)* ADA paths in main camp (Bosco)* Inclusion and mental health staff training (Bosco and Hamilton)
\$75K	2	\$75K	Catholic Lifesaver Corps supplies Yurt to increase meeting spaces (Bosco)*
\$65K	1	\$65K	Development and Discipleship
\$50K	3	\$50K	New challenge course (Bosco)* Dock expansion (Hamilton)* Boathouse (Hamilton)*
\$40K	1	\$40K	New ramp for Health Hut (Bosco)*
\$35K	2	\$35K	Wishka Shelter update (Hamilton)*
\$30K	3	\$30K	Expand Theology on Tap for young adults New ramp for Glacier Lodge (Bosco)* Shower house remodel (Hamilton)*

Total: \$6.7M

*Capital projects

Programmatic support is for 5 years.

Gifts of all types are welcome. Whether you want to set up a monthly donation, a legacy gift, a pledge donation, or other gift type, we are happy to work with you to make it easy.

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Opportunity for donors to be prominently recognized.

Contributions will support the scope of the campaign and these funding priorities: youth ministry, young adult ministry, and CYO camps. Projects and programs will begin once fundraising is complete. Pledges accepted over a maximum of three years.

We welcome a three-year pledge option and our goal is to complete the campaign by June of 2026.

To learn more or support the Campaign for Youth and Young Adults, please contact: Erin Oest-Larsen, Chief Development Officer at erin.oest-larsen@seattlearch.org or 206-382-4563.