



What is ACTiv8 Team?

Study, Work, Live...the community life

Youth Ministry within the Catholic Church is an area that has been lacking for many years across Australia! ACTiv8 Youth would like to offer young people the opportunity to study and work in youth ministry in one complete package.

ACTiv8 youth team requires a minimum commitment of 1 year and is an opportunity for young people to graduate with a wealth of experience that will put them well ahead in any youth Job they may continue on to work in.

You are provided with:

- Furnished Accommodation
- Food
- Household expenses

As part of the ACTiv8 Youth Team you will be given an opportunity develop the skills and passion for working with young people across a wide variety of areas!

You gain:

- Opportunity to study a degree or certificate in a field of your choice (N.B. Fees are the responsibility of the individual, however, arrangements can be made for expenses such as textbooks)
- Develop youth programs for use within parishes and schools on a wide variety of subject matters relating to youth culture, leadership and the catholic tradition
- Have hands on training and experience pastorally caring for young people from a wide variety of background.
- Have a sound understanding of the structure and demands of a parish community.
- Be able to program, facilitate and lead a retreat/self reflection day for a wide variety of school years/Student ages.
- Have working knowledge and be able to coordinate various youth initiatives within the Catholic church including Youth Masses, Youth groups, RCII (Rite of Christian initiation of Infants), RCIC (Rite of Christian initiation of Children), Special religious education (SRE), Children's Liturgy, Youth outreach events, Schools ministry and youth pastoral care.
- Have a solid knowledge of issues and procedures surrounding Child protection and risk assessment needed when participating in youth ministry within church and school environment.
- Be able to coordinate large outreach events for both church and unchurched youth within the local community e.g. ACTiv8 Annual Battle of the Bands
- Be able to develop ideas for youth and outreach into sustainable and ongoing programs for use within parishes and regions of all sizes.
- Have a strong understanding of personal talents and giftedness as well as being able to recognise and use the talents of other community members for the benefit of the whole church community.
- Develop effective communication and problem solving skills that will be of benefit in all areas of life

You commit to:

- A life lived 'in common' with other members of the team – this means that we think of our commitment in terms of everything we do – we share a house, prayer times, work load, housework, finances – we work, live, pray and study together!
- Work within the ACTiv8 youth structure currently operating within the Chisholm region. Times, amount and type of work will be organised in conjunction with the youth coordinator, the team and yourself. ACTiv8 team does mean that work hours are not regular; some weeks are busier than others and some events more critical than other! One guarantee is that living, studying and working within the same structure means we can provide the best support necessary and can work with individual needs!
- You are employed as a member of the team and all finances you raise as part for the work you undertake are returned to a team/household account to pay for services.
- To undertake the commitment to the team leadership and work within their guidance and direction.
- Refrain from beginning a new romantic relationship with another member of the team
- Ministry within the Chisholm region youth initiative under the guidance of the regional youth coordinator and the parish moderator. This includes attendance and servitude at our regional youth groups 2 nights per week, attendance at regional youth masses, common prayer, organisation and attendance at regional youth outreach programs, commitment to a variety of youth initiatives in consultation with youth coordinator.

The opportunities for you within this team environment are endless! Using your skills, interests and talents you will be able to study, work and live out God's promise:

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit falls upon you and you will be my witnesses to the end of all the earth!"

Areas of Study/Interest

Youth work, Youth ministry, Teaching, Childcare, Social Work, Pastoral Care, Counselling

PARISHES (established)

1835 East Maitland – 1841 Maitland – 1871 Morpeth – 1875 Dungog
1892 Gresford – 1905 Lochinvar – 1947 Beresfield – 1961 Rutherford