

Holy Spirit Youth Ministry

"Take up the Shield of Faith"

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Dear Disciple,

As fall approaches, anticipation for "slipper season" starts! Whether it is a crisp fall morning or a warm, cozy winter evening- slippers are a must! They speak of safety, warmth, and time with family. Fun fact- outside the doors of Youth Ministry is a rack of multi-colored, fuzzy slippers.

In meeting with our high schoolers to plan for the year ahead, they dreamed of many new possibilities. But there was one desire that remained the same: to continue to foster the sense of "family" that is found among our gatherings. Another fun fact- the YM Slippers are over 13 years old and have been doing their job well if our youth have truly found a "family" here at Holy Spirit.

Study after study has shown that if a parent/key role model is engaged in their faith, their children have a better chance to be engaged too. Why is that? Because of the safety a family and caring environment provides for a young person to develop meaningful relationships and engage with the world around them, all while discovering their own vocation and mission. Final Fun Fact- Jesus sent out his Disciples to share the Good News with only a staff and sandals.

Now more than ever our youth need to hear the Good News of Jesus. We may not be wearing sandals like our predecessors, but we believe slippers are just as effective in creating safe and secure relationships with our youth. For we know its with a deeper purpose in mind: To model a lasting faith through fostering a deeper intimacy with God. As Molly Carney writes about her experience with YM, *"Youth Ministry gave me another family that supported me and helped my faith grow. Having a second home within Youth Ministry gave me confidence to build my own story. On top of that, it made faith more fun and inviting for others as I watched a family form and grow close with each other."*

HSP Family, would you consider helping to continue the work of our slippers by contributing to our Take Stock in Our Youth program? It truly is an investment, a legacy you can leave. By helping us reach our \$7500 budgeted amount, we can focus solely on building relationships that lead to a deep and abiding intimacy with God, as well as offer a place for our children to belong in this Parish. Each dollar will go directly towards programs that inspire mentorship in the art of loving Jesus. And with any luck we just might need to buy more slippers! Thank you for the honor we have been given to continue to build God's Kingdom through our earthly family!

Peace,
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Youth Minister

Fr. Robert Kollath
Pastor