

# Spotlight on Youth Ministry



In partnership with the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis Catholic Foundation launched the Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative in 2011.

With the funding from the *Generations of Faith* campaign, the program has expanded dramatically - from 7 parishes to 79 - and plays a critical role in deepening the faith of our youth and ensuring the future of our parish communities in Brooklyn and Queens. Here are some examples of programs across the Diocese and what they have accomplished this year!



The Youth Group and the Girl Scouts of **Incarnation** got together at the start of Advent to create votive candles for the homebound of the parish. Eucharistic Ministers were asked to pick up the candles to bring to those they visited to give them some extra cheer for the holiday season.

Incarnation R.C. Church  
*Queens Village, Queens*



St. Nicholas of Tolentine R.C. Church  
*Jamaica, Queens*

The Youth of the parish helped distribute 45 Thanksgiving meals to those who receive aid from the **Parish Food Pantry**. They boxed the food the day before the distribution and helped bring the boxes to the cars or in the carts of those receiving the meals.



Youth and young adults of **St. Gerard Majella** made over 30 food and care packages for the homeless and those in need. These were handed out in the early afternoon of Thanksgiving Day.

St. Gerard Majella R.C. Church  
*Hollis, Queens*



Our Lady of Grace R.C. Church  
*Howard Beach, Queens*

The members of the Youth Group placing labels with notes of support and encouragement on over 3000 batteries sent to Puerto Rico for the victims of hurricane Maria. The group also raised the funds for the shipment.