## Youth Minister

# The Youth Ministers of our Diocese work tirelessly to uphold the principals of the program.

Namely to engage the youth of the Diocese and fill the pews of our churches with the next generation of Catholics, to develop the necessary foundation for teens to remain engaged in the life of the Church through adulthood, to increase the presence of youth at Mass by ministering to them, with them, and for them and to promote a call to the priesthood and religious life through a greater exposure to the work of the Church.



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# Highlight



## Rose Reusing

Leads the Youth Ministry at Immaculate Conception (Jamaica), Incarnation (Queens Village), and St. Nicholas of Tolentine (Jamaica). Her dedication to youth ministry and the Church started at an early age.

Working in the rectory of her parish starting at the age of 13, she was influenced by the Augustinian friars who ran the church. One of the things the friars truly excelled at was understanding the different personalities of their parishioners and being able to cultivate their talents, which has inspired how she interacts with the youth in her program.

"I love when youth are empowered and they take initiative to do things to better themselves and those around them."

She believes strongly in putting the youth of our Church in leadership positions, "if you want to have a Church in the future, they must be given leadership roles. Let them serve at Mass, and not just as altar servers, let them lector and usher. The parish needs to see the youth in the *NOW* to have hope for the *FUTURE*."

Rose received her undergraduate degree in government and politics and two Master's degrees from St. John's University, in higher education administration and secondary education.

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