



## **Do... and Don'ts of Youth Ministry**

### **Don't...**

- **Forget that you don't have to save every kid... someone already did that!**
- **Do it alone**
- **Get caught up in how many kids come to a particular activity**
- **Forget that youth ministry is based on RELATIONSHIPS**
- **Get into struggles that diminish the ministry**
- **Create a "separate" parish for youth**
- **Forget adult advisors**
- **Create an "us vs. them" situation**
- **Reinvent the wheel. Customize it**
- **Compete or create an island mentality**
- **Create personal "kingdoms"**
- **Be content to have "something for kids to do"**
- **Apologize for asking people to live out their faith**

## **Do...**

- **Pray**
- **Get help**
- **Be concerned with ALL youth**
- **Set clear, concrete goals and objectives**
- **Keep the Pastor informed**
- **Use the current structure and programs of the parish**
- **Use youth leaders**
- **Integrate with the current religious education structure**
- **Use the publications, videos, diocesan and other programs already in place**
- **Cooperate with other parishes**
- **Involve as many parishioners as possible**
- **Remember the goals of youth ministry**
- **Challenge adults, parents, parish organizations and leadership to play their part**