

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP



Lighthouse Catholic Media—the largest distributor of Catholic evangelization materials—and **Ignatius Press**—among the largest and most influential Catholic book publishers—have partnered with **The Augustine Institute™** to transform Catholics for the New Evangelization.

MISSION

The Augustine Institute™ serves the formation of Catholics for the New Evangelization. Through its academic and parish programs, they equip Catholics **intellectually, spiritually, and pastorally** to renew the Church and transform the world for Christ.

HISTORY

The Augustine Institute™ is one of the leading Catholic graduate schools. It was started by a number of scholars and bishops, and has quickly expanded into a multi-faceted institute providing strategic **discipleship-based parish programs** and leadership formation to dioceses and parishes across America.

EXPERTISE

The Augustine Institute™ uses **modern media, technology, state-of-the-art video production,** and a team of experts to equip parish leaders to bring the Faith alive, to form Catholics intellectually, spiritually, and pastorally, and to prepare them to follow and proclaim Christ.



THE CHALLENGE...

YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY ARE EXPERIENCING A CRISIS OF FAITH.

YDisciple® is a unique youth ministry program designed to meet the challenges of youth ministry today.

- Only 17% of young adults between the ages of 18 and 26 attend Mass on a regular basis. - *CARA*
- Research shows that the majority of college-age atheists embraced atheism between the ages of 14 and 17. - *The Fixed Point Foundation*
- 79% of those who have dropped the name "Catholic" and claim no religious affiliation of any kind have done so by age 23, even though many of them were involved in parish youth ministry during their high school years.
- *Forming Intentional Disciples, Sherry Weddell*



THE VISION...

YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO BE DISCIPLINED.



HITTING THE MARK

YDisciple® allows faith to be woven into the daily lives of teens, with peer relationships and adult mentors, focused on the making of disciples. The mentoring of youth in the context of strong, faith-based relationships makes this approach powerful, with lasting effects.

YDisciple® trains and equips adults to meet teens where they are—with all their fears, doubts, and questions—and help them to know and love their faith.



THE YDISCIPLER® TARGET

YDisciple® is designed to provide effective and dynamic youth ministry with little-to-no dedicated staffing resources by equipping key adults in the parish community.

This makes it perfect for the 88% of parishes that don't have full-time, professional staff, and an ideal complement for those that do.

THE YDISCIPLE® FOUR CORE VALUES

1 Small Group Emphasis

We have found that a small group environment is optimal for meeting the needs of teenagers: the need to belong, the need to engage in critical thinking around beliefs, and the need for guidance.

2 Solid, Engaging Content

YDisciple® curriculum resources include dynamic video studies that are a framework for adolescent catechesis, along with life applications studies, and activities.

STUDY TOPICS

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3 Parent Involvement

YDisciple® engages parents as the primary “drivers” for small discipleship groups. Parents are provided with access to the same content that their teens are learning so they can also learn the Faith and help them grow an authentic Catholic culture in their families.

We also provide parents with unlimited downloads of six Lighthouse talks to help them engage in the Faith.

4 Process Over Product

The YDisciple® studies are powerful, but it is the people in leadership who will use those resources to impact the lives of teenagers. **The YDisciple® program begins with training for parish discipleship group leaders, conducted through online training modules.**

“Youth are more likely to grow in their faith and stay connected to their Church because small groups help them to form relationships with adults and learn about their faith and values.”

~Mark Kelly, Lifeway Research



POWERFUL DIGITAL PLATFORM

YDisciple® offers resources through an easily accessible online platform that includes studies with dozens of powerful videos, activities and training information.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YDISCIPLER®?

YDisciple® provides a host of resources available on an online platform:

- Over 20 highly engaging video studies for teens
- Training videos for adults
- Leader, teen, and parent resources
- Guided small group activities





HOW MUCH DOES YDISCIPLER[®] COST?

YDisciple[®] is affordable and adaptable for any parish with adults who desire to mentor youth.

YDISCIPLER PARISH SUBSCRIPTION: **\$1200 per year**

GETTING STARTED WITH YDISCIPLER[®]

YDisciple[®] provides everything parishes need to **effectively implement this proven approach** to youth ministry, including:

- Comprehensive Start-Up Guide
- Digital Leader's and Participant's Guide Books
- Sample Start-Up Schedule
- Weekly Programming and Curriculum
- Ongoing Programming and Support

WE WILL...

- Save you time, money, and volunteer hours
- Help you launch the program
- Provide timely ideas to inspire your parishioners and keep the program dynamic

**LET'S TAKE THE FIRST STEP AND
BEGIN THE DISCIPLESHIP TODAY!**



"Our teens love this study and all of the YDisciple® studies. We were a pilot parish this year. We started with every other week, and in the weeks when we had YDisciple®, attendance was double that of our 'regular' weeks. Not only is the content exceptional for teens; the concept is genius! They LOVE their small groups."

Tina

COLUMBUS, OHIO

"YDisciple® is great because it allows you to open the Bible, seek out truths and hear real world examples of how to live in this world according to Christ's teaching."

Renee, Parent/Adult Leader

"it creates an environment where teens can be themselves and feel free to ask the questions on their hearts. This is when the faith connects to their lives!"

Drew

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