The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry invites you to learn how to build an ***extraordinary Youth Core Team***!

WHAT
Are you looking for the best way to launch your youth ministry CORE team? Do you want solid training that will prepare your team for success? Are you looking for practical ways to strengthen your core team's purpose, roles, and commitment?

If so, you'll want to bring your youth ministry CORE team to this one-day training event! This interactive and engaging day is designed to equip your core team to serve with greater intentionality, purpose and joy as they accompany young people in their faith.

WHEN
AUGUST 22, 2026
10:30 am - 3 pm

WHERE
Our Lady of the Hills Church
Parish Hall
120 Marydale Ln
Columbia, SC 29210

COST
$10 per person

Don't let cost hold you back — this event will deeply enrich your team and ministry! Call Deacon Jerry: 843-709-9025.

Please note that registration is first come, first served, and attendance is **limited to 100** participants.

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ELA MILEWSKA

Our presenter for the day will be **Ela Milewska**, one of the nation's leading Catholic youth ministry trainers.

With more than 20 years of youth ministry experience, Ela has been blessed to minister to and with communities in a variety of environments. She has served as a director of religious education, parish director of youth ministry, and diocesan director of youth ministry. In 1999, Ela joined Cultivation Ministries, a nationally recognized youth ministry training and consulting organization based in the Chicago area.

While working on her doctorate in catechesis at the Catholic University of America, she also worked as the coordinator for the National Initiative on Adolescent Catechesis — a collaborative project of NFCYM, NCEA, and NCCL. She has spoken across the United States and internationally. Ela served the Archdiocese of New York as the director of the Office of Youth Ministry and Executive Director for the Department of Youth Formation until 2017. She is currently the Director of Evangelization for the Franciscan Friars of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We are thrilled to have her with us and know that her experience and passion for youth ministry will be a tremendous blessing to everyone in attendance.

TOPICS

- Pray, have fun, and love people into the Kingdom of God
- Your personal relationship with Christ is the foundation of your ministry — *you can't give what you don't have*
- The "why" behind youth ministry — understanding the mission, purpose and various roles of the core team
- Hospitality and intentionality — creating a welcoming, safe and Christ-centered environment
- Commitment: the importance of your "yes" and the impact of faithfully serving the ministry
- Working as a team — defining roles, responsibilities and expectations
- Humility and servant leadership — developing the heart of a servant and learning what it truly means to "wash feet"

Questions? Need more information?

Contact Deacon Jerry
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REGISTER NOW!

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Register by
August 17, 2026