



# YOUTH IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

Summer Guide 2019



# Call to Beloved Community

The beloved community is number one. Its a social phenomenon. Its honestly hard to believe when you experience it.

- John Frank, Summer II Youth



"People have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable."

- USCCB





# What's theology?

All youth take a theology course of their choosing instructed by college professors



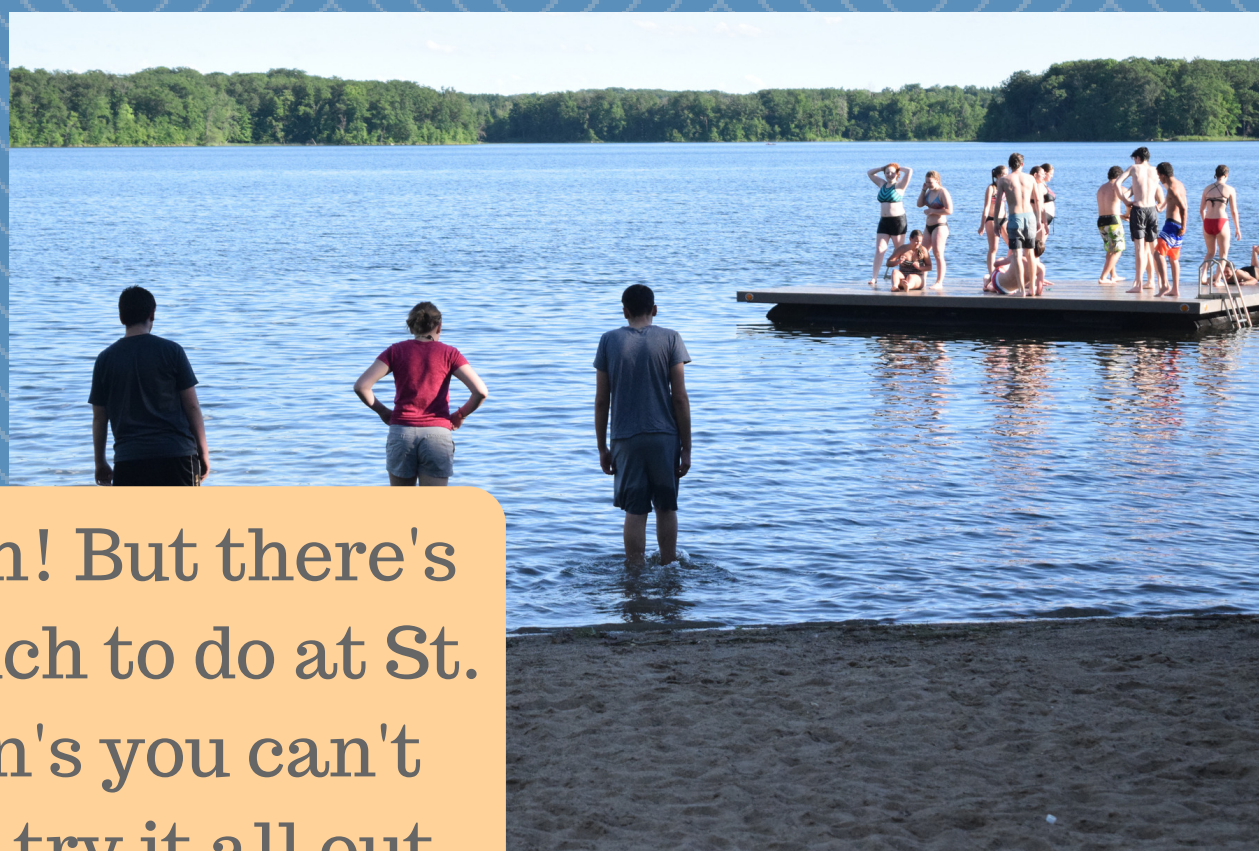
"YTM gives its students a stronger understanding of what it means to study theology. I've learned more at YTM than I have in 11 years of Catholic schooling."  
-Anna Nation, Summer II Youth





But wait, do we have to  
pray all day for 2 weeks?

I wish! But there's  
so much to do at St.  
John's you can't  
help try it all out



Students are given 3 hours of  
free time every day, this allows  
them to explore the campus at  
Saint John's University which  
includes a variety of things:

- Swim at Lake Sag
- Volleyball
- No talent-show
- Frisbee
- Visit our Rock Climbing wall
- & more!

# FREE TIME



# Service Sites

I feel like it is weird to refer to this as service when the people I worked with did me such service. I am so grateful to have interacted with the lovely people I did.  
- Catherine McComas-Bussa, Summer I Youth



My service site was a good time I wish we could have had more time with them  
- Edwin Fuentes, Summer I Youth



At YTM, we have our counselors lead a form of prayer every evening accompanied by a faith testimony. This gives youth a new perspective on what prayer can look like and an opportunity to practice it!

Gave me the feels  
- Olivia Daniels



# Prayer



Before I came to YTM, I was struggling to pray everyday. But during my experience here, I learned again just how important it is to talk to God everyday and give Him your sorrows and joys.  
- Beth Teiken, Summer I Youth



# Summer 1...

## Sample Schedule

8:40am: Morning Session: Gathering Music, Announcements, and Mass

9:30am: Youth Theology Classes

11:35am: Lunch

12:45pm : Summer II: Depart to Destination of the Day

12:45pm: Summer I: Service Sites

5:00: Supper/Free Time Activities

7:30pm: Evening Prayer and Testimony

9:30pm: Cabin Time



Summer I and Summer II, refers to your first year at YTM. Summer II's engage in project presentations in addition to Summer I activities



# ... Summer 2



Join us  
June 16-  
29, 2019

Calling all High  
School students! Go  
to:  
[ytm-sju.org](http://ytm-sju.org) to  
register

Where do I sign up?

I love this place. you  
are all wonderful  
people, and I hope YTM  
goes on forever.  
- Ben Manning

It was awesome  
to be part of this  
experience  
- Gerardo  
Escamilla

Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN



# More members of YTM..

## Counselors

Counselors at YTM are recruited students from the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. They spend the majority of time with youth.

Counselors are in charge of accompanying youth at service sites, cabin time, and leading prayer.



## Vocation Partners



Our vocation partners include priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay ministers. We have an opportunity to meet and hear from them at our vocation banquet.





# Professors



Our theology professors are from the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University and spend time teaching our students throughout the course of two weeks. Students all obtain book materials for each class.

## Directors

Our directors spend the two weeks of the summer program accompanying counselors and students, living our same experiences.



Jeff Kaster  
Director



Donelle Poling  
Associate Director

... That's our community