

The youth council had an initial gathering to discuss how to involve young people in the synod process. There is was also a specific gathering for 18 - 25 year olds which was a very positive meeting providing opportunities for the young adults to meet and share together.

### **YMT Internship**

We have been adapting the gap year programme so that young adult volunteers also pursue some additional studying and receive recognised accreditation for the skills they develop during their time with YMT. This currently includes certificates in theology and youth ministry, young people and mental health and/or team leadership skills. In addition, our interns choose a professional skill area to develop such as events management, social media or hospitality. A 6 month option from January to July is available, and we will be recruiting for our 10 month September - July 2022 internship team soon.

### **Wait a Minute**

YMT's daily reflections for the season of Advent will be made available once again. A host of people from across the diocese and beyond will be contributing this year including His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

### **Love Christmas**

Love Christmas is an ecumenical project that aims to provide a '*million bags of kindness*' to people who maybe struggling at Christmas. YMT have facilitated the Catholic response to this project working alongside '*Divine Renovation and Catholic Voices*'.

### **Reflection:**

You can read a monthly reflection by Pat Kennedy MPS, which can be found on our [Prayer Resources page](#).

### **How to contact the Vicariate:**

Contact the Vicariate of Faith & Mission by [email](#) or by tel: 0191 243 3316 or mob: 07375 934713.

Visit our vicariate homepage [here](#).

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## **Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage**

Expression of Interest Form for July 2022

As preparations begin for our annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Friday 29 July – Friday 5 August 2022, it is hoped that this year, we will be able to travel together as a Diocese once more. In order to aid the planning stages, it would be helpful if you could indicate your interest in travelling to Lourdes in July 2022 and state if you would be willing to offer any help or volunteer for any of the roles that support the smooth running of the Pilgrimage.

Please visit our [website](#) to find out how you can register your interest. Thank you so much for you service and support.

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## **Partnership News:**

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We welcome news articles from **EVERY** partnership; if you have ideas to share, best practice for processes, events, good news or just some stories of success, let us know! We will provide a snapshot here each month with a link to the full article.

Contributions can be sent to us by [email](#) or, if your prefer they can be sent to the Vicariate contacts that supports your partnership.

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## **Other News:**

### **Protecting the Health of Our Clergy and Congregations. (Updated guidance September 2021):**

As part of a review in September 2021, Bishop Robert Byrne CO, in consultation with the Episcopal Council, has taken both Clergy and Lay advice with regards to our Diocesan COVID Control Measures.

Please [click here](#) to read the statement in full.