

# What is Fusion anyway?

**Genesis Ministries:** Is a network for communication, formation and marketing for young adult ministries in Oakland County, it is a banner organization covering five Vicariates and over 70 parishes.

**Fusion Young Adult Community:** Is our Pontiac Area Vicariate Young Adult Community, and ONE of several members of the Genesis Ministries Network. Fusion has five commissions: Worship, Faith Formation, Service, Social & Campus Outreach (which includes our SJF Newman Group of Oakland University, our Catholic Student Organization on campus). Fusion **IS NOT** a St. John Fisher ministry.

**History of Fusion:** Our Fusion young adult ministry community originated in Oct. 2002. Our Sunday Evening Young Adult Area Masses have been held monthly since August 2003.

**Our Vicariate Fusion young adult ministry is definitely one of, if not THE most viable ministry of its kind in the Archdiocese of Detroit, in terms of numbers of young adult participants, and variety and number of programs.\***

**Ministry Mission:** To build an area young adult community rooted in the love, life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

**Structure of Fusion:** Our Fusion community is lead by two elected co-chairs with terms of 1 year each. Also, there is one Pastoral minister from our PMA that serves as an advisor to the group, which has been Lisa Brown from SJF since 2002. Each of our five commission has (at least) two young adult leaders.

**Membership of Fusion:** We currently have over 40 active *leaders* from the following PAV parishes: St. Irenaeus, Christ the Redeemer, St. Joseph Lake Orion, St. Mary's of the Hills, Sacred Heart of the Hills, St. Andrew, St. John Fisher (and St. Hugo's). We currently have over 800 members on our extensive email mailing list and about 150—200 young adults that connect with our ministry each year in some way.

**Funding:** The St. John Fisher community, given its special commitment to campus and young adult ministry, has provided a budget of \$500 for the past six years. Also, we stipend \$125 each for our Presider and music ministry for our Sunday Evening YA area Masses that are covered from the Genesis Ministry budget.

Your support and promotion of Fusion in your parish or institution is deeply appreciated and will definitely help in keeping our PAV area young adult ministry viable and vibrant! Please (oh please) let us know how we can be of better service to our PAV community!

Thank you for your time and consideration! **The PAV Fusion Young Adult Ministry Community**



\*\*\*This statement is based on information from Krista Bajoka (Archdiocesan director of Campus & Young Adult Ministry) and several other members of our Archdiocesan Young Adult and Campus Ministry Association.

# Overview of FUSION Young Adult Ministry in the Pontiac Area Vicariate

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<u>Program</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Average Attendance</u>	<u>Date of Origination, Current Status</u>
Young Adult Area Mass	monthly	This is an "area" Young Adult Mass (not a SJF liturgy) at 7:00PM on the first Sunday of each month with social following. Benedictine Monks from Oxford preside.	40-70	2003, on-going
Fusion Music Group	monthly rehearsal	This music group of young adults provide music for our Sunday evening liturgies.	8-12	2003, on-going
Coffee & Conversation	Tuesdays	Young Adults gather for informal faith sharing and conversation on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Caribou Coffee at Walton & Adams at 7:30PM	6-25	1999, on-going
Harvest for HOPE Dinner Dance & Auction	annually	Annual dinner dance/silent auction to benefit Place of HOPE Warming Center. Next one Nov. 22, 2008 at 6:30PM at the Elks Lodge in DOWNTOWN Rochester.	80	2004, on-going
Prayer Nights	monthly	Young adults gather at Christ the Redeemer to pray and share their faith on the second Sunday of each month at 7:00PM.	10-15	2006, on-going
Rosary	Every Monday Night	YA's gather to pray the rosary at Sacred Heart of the Hills at 7:00PM.	6-15	2007, on-going

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Hunger Banquet	Annually	We have held four hunger banquets in the past 10 years. The most recent was held at OU in Feb. 2008 and raised awareness and funds (\$700) for the cause of Global Hunger Relief.	40-60	2001, on-going
Fusion Retreat and Development Days, Dinner with Vicar	Three times each year	We meet twice each year in the context of prayer to vision as a ministry and provide formation for our members. We also meet in June of each year for an evening of 'evaluation' at our "Dinner with the Vicar" night.	8-16	2001, on-going
Social Events	twice a month	We have a social committee that plans a "Friday Fusion Social Event" each month - trips to cider mills, sporting events, dinner and movie, karaoke, etc. And, there is AT LEAST one other impromptu social event each month... our CYA community members all celebrate birthdays, go to dinner/bar/dancing together quite often.	15-25	1999, on-going
SJF Retreats	Twice annually	Our St. John Fisher PEER LED retreats gather from Friday 5pm—Sunday Noon off site. It's important to note that the <b>planning</b> of these retreats is the heart of this ministry. The <b>planning</b> meetings consist of 6-9 young adults who meet weekly for 8-10 weeks prior to each retreat to plan the event. The actual retreat is like the cherry on the cake!	40-60	1999, on-going
Service Projects	monthly	A variety of service opportunities are offered each year. We also promote what is offered through the parishes within our Vicariate (and are hoping to do that more effectively in the future). Examples: Hope Warming Center, South Oakland Lunch Program, Habitat for Humanity, South Oakland Shelter	6-12	Predates 1999

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Scripture Study	weekly, for 6-8 weeks once a year	Peer led. Not lectionary based. Formats have varied throughout the years. We are planning another 'summer series' this year.	8-10	1999, on-going
Gonda Concert Series Fundraisers	annually	Every so often, Terry Gonda so generously offers her time and talent in raising funds via a concert fundraiser for various causes. It is usually one, and sometimes two a year.	40-80	Predates 1999, on-going
Newman Group of Oakland University Meetings	weekly	Our Oakland University Catholic Student Organization meets weekly on Wednesdays from 11am—1pm at their table in the OC (aka. Student Union).	2-10	1999
Graduation Mass & Brunch	annually	We celebrate Mass in early May with graduating college seniors and their families. SJF members provide donations for the food. We have had up to 120 people attend in past years.	40-100	predates 1998
OU Summer Orientation	Annually approx. July 1 - Aug 15	We meet and greet incoming OU students at tables that we reserve through OU and pass out our flyers and goodies (for example, this year our popular pens). We are one of over 100 "vendors" and student organizations that are part of this 6-week long orientation.	1200	predates 1998, on-going
Spring Break Service Trip	annually	The last two years we have been invited to travel with University of Michigan Dearborn on their mission trips to New Orleans & Tijuana during spring break. In the past OU students have also traveled to Appalachia.	6-12	predates 1999
Ten Year Retreat Reunion	Summer of 2009	A big reunion inviting all the young adults who have attended a SJF retreat in the past 10 years.	?	In development

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Book Club	Weekly for 6-8 weeks once annually	Over the years we have only had a couple of well attended book clubs...but we keep trying!	4-8	2000, hiatus
Prayerbreaks	monthly	Students meet in the Oakland Center (Student Union at OU) in a small room and share in 45 minutes of mid-day (around noon) song, prayer, scripture reflection and faith sharing..and pizza! We haven't held a prayerbreak in about 5 years now. We have found that mid-day programming at OU is not very effective.	4-10	1999, hiatus
Open Our Eyes' Media Series	monthly	YA's gather to watch a film together (Power of One, Hotel Rwanda, etc.) and discuss it in light of the service project ear-lier in the day and contemporary justice concerns and issues in our society.	4-8	2004, hiatus
Grouping	As often as mem-bers of a group deem appropriate	2-4 people gather to pray and faith-share. Based on the Cur-sillo movement tradition of grouping. Also, mirrors 'small faith communities' popular at non-denominational churches.	?	2006, never really took off
Chic Chat	monthly	Discussion/Book club on Feminist theology.	?	In development
"You are the Voice" Creative Overnight late summer retreat	Annually, Mid August	A creative retreat...including songwriting workshops, playwrit-ing and performance, media and film exploration, music, dance, etc.	?	In development
Terrible Bowlers' League	Winter 2009	A league for terrible bowlers...and maybe a few ringers too!	?	In development