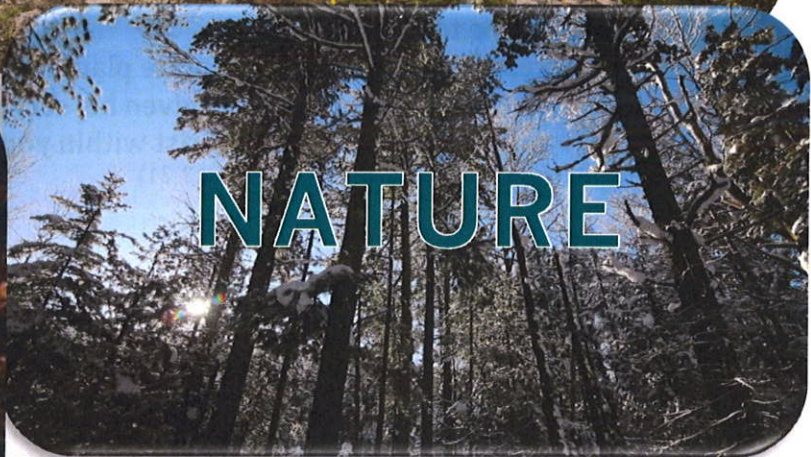
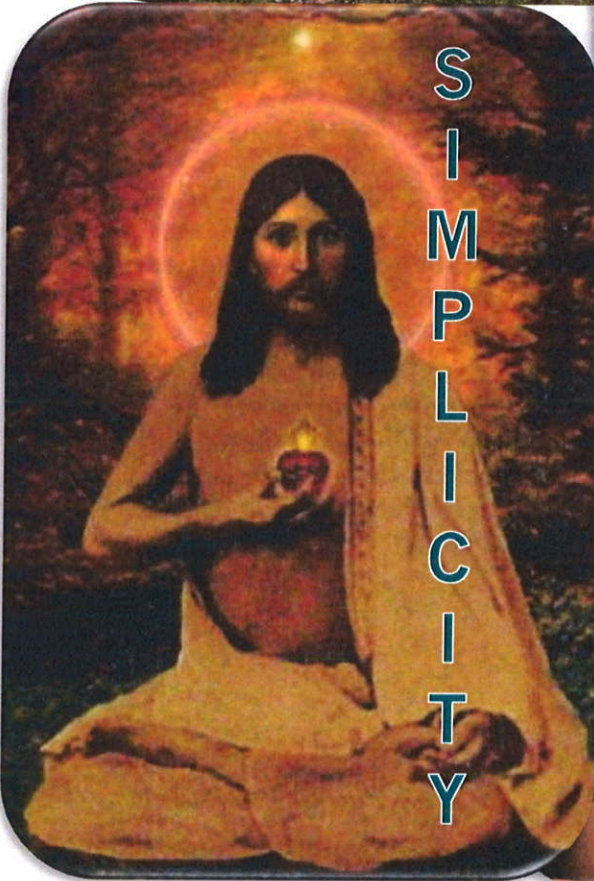




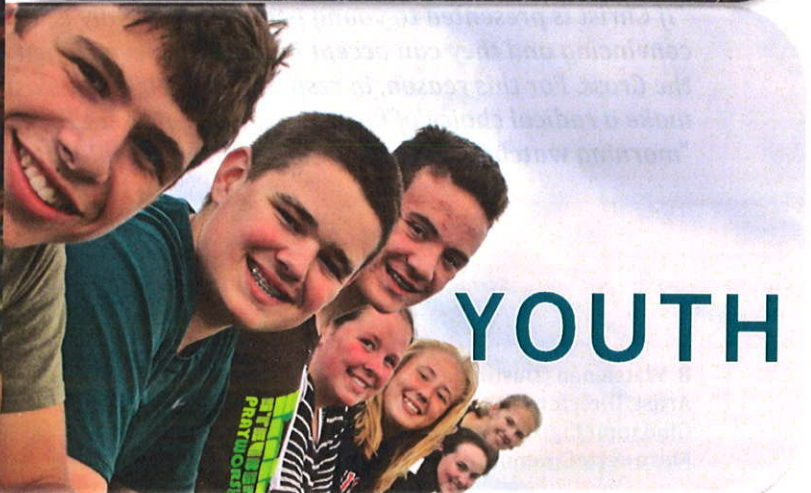
# ADVENTURE



# NATURE



# SIMPLICITY



# YOUTH

Simplicity, Nature, and Adventure in Youth Ministry

## **THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**

Luke24:13-35

*"...Christ walking with the disciples on the Road to Emmaus is our model. The youth are on the road of life similar to those early disciples, and we walk with them, revealing Christ's presence in Holy Scripture, the Holy Mysteries, and in the gathering of His people we call Church."*

### **ADVENTURE** "making their way"

We are on an adventure (mission) with Christ, making our way into the hearts of the Youth, and then sending them out, empowering them as Disciples.

(Mt. 28:19-20)

### **NATURE** "seven miles distant from Jerusalem"

It is away from everyday activity that we teach and lay out the path for the Youth to walk. Christ is our model in this. He grew up in the country, He set time aside to be in prayer in deserted places, and He brought his followers with Him.

(Ex. 19:20; 1Kgs 19:9; Mt. 5,6,7; Lk. 5:16, Mt. 17:1-3; Rev. 1:9)

### **SIMPLICITY** "he took bread"

It is not necessary to create an elaborate plan to reach Christ's Youth. All that is needed is the daily bread Christ has given his servants and from that, in faith, we will see it multiply. Simply bring Christ within you.

(Lk. 9:3; Mt. 16:24; Lk. 14:33; Mt. 19:27, Mt. 14:13-21)

*"The ministers of the Gospel must be people who can warm the hearts of the people, who walk through the dark night with them, who know how to dialogue and to descend themselves into their people's night, into the darkness, but without getting lost. The people of God want pastors, not clergy acting like bureaucrats or government officials." (Pope Francis)*

*"If Christ is presented to young people as he really is, they experience him as an answer that is convincing and they can accept his message, even when it is demanding and bears the mark of the Cross. For this reason, in response to their enthusiasm, I did not hesitate to ask them to make a radical choice of faith and life and present them with a stupendous task: to become "morning watchmen" at the dawn of the new millennium." (St. John Paul)*

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