

## **DISCIPLE NOW CORE PURPOSE**

TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG ADOLESCENTS TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST IN OUR WORLD NOW THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH THEIR PARENTS AND THEIR CHURCH COMMUNITY.

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF DISCIPLE NOW**

- GOAL 1:** To develop a retreat that invites early adolescent youth into discipleship in concrete ways.
- Objective 1 Discern personal & spiritual gifts  
Awareness of ministry opportunities and needs  
An awareness of how God is calling youth now
- Objective 2 Develop Christian leadership skills  
Practice Christian leadership skills
- Objective 3 Continue to develop a relationship with Christ  
Ability to share about their relationship with Christ
- Objective 4 Awareness of and an ability to articulate their role(s) in Christian community
- GOAL 2:** To develop strategies for parishes and schools that support youth discipleship.
- Objective 1 To ask DRE's/CYM's to recommend early adolescent youth that they recognize leadership potential within to the Disciple Now retreat.
- Objective 2 To invite DRE's and CYM's to recognize the gifts that early adolescents bring to the parish community.
- Objective 3 To support the DRE's and CYM's in developing concrete ways to involve early adolescent youth in parish ministry opportunities.
- Objective 4 To give DRE's and CYM's a way to evaluate how effectively they are using their early adolescent resources in the parish.
- Goal 3:** To give parents a way to recognize and support discipleship at home.
- Objective 2 To prepare parents for what Disciple Now can bring forth in their child participant through a pre-retreat and post retreat packet.
- Objective 3 To give parents a way to reflect on their own call from God and give them an outlet to share this with their early adolescent child.
- Objective 4 To invite parents to participate in the experience of Disciple Now through the closing mass.