

# STRANGERS NO LONGER

## PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE

### *Revitalising the Spiritual Formation of Young People*

How can peers, parents, pastors, and pastoral leaders/youth leaders work together to nurture the spiritual life of young people, blending the mix of faith, liturgy and life?

The workshop is an opportunity for participants to explore scriptural foundations, best practices, church tradition, and contemporary and creative approaches for engaging young people in the life and mission of the parish faith community.



***Strangers No Longer*** is an interactive workshop designed for those involved in the formation of young people centred on the model of *Whole Community Catechesis*.

When efforts to reach out to young people involves Mass or other celebrations, ***Strangers No Longer*** is best presented to a combined group that includes liturgical ministers, musicians, youth leaders, school representatives, and pastoral leaders.

Jesus said, *'Let the children come to me'*. Yet we often struggle to know how best to make that happen in parishes. We still consider young people as the *'future'* of the Church when they are already baptised members of our assembly. We operate in isolated ministries when we promised at their baptisms to share in their formation.

How can we be better spiritual companions to young people as they discover their rightful place in the Body of Christ and make their way in today's changing world?



***Strangers No Longer*** includes presentation, prayer, ritual, music, reflection, dreaming, sharing, group interaction, and goal setting.

We focus particular attention on the intersection of liturgy, sacraments, and formational programs.

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