



Youth Handbook

5. Guideline on How to Connect with Sites

5.1. Make a connection

- Greet them
- Introduce yourself and your position within the Society
- Present the Society
 - lay-Catholic organization whose mission is to serve
- Present why you are calling them
 - connecting to request a volunteer time slot on a weekly/bi-weekly/monthly basis
- Ask what hours they are available to have volunteers
- Ask how many volunteers are able to be on the site at a time
- Tell them your requirements
- Get a name and number for a contact in the location
 - need a space for youth to gather before and after
 - for opening and closing prayer
 - for reflection
 - for snacks.
- Thank them and let them know that you cannot wait to work with them.

5.2. Sites

- Start with at least 1 site a month then as youth volunteer numbers pick up and young adult or adult leaders pick up you can start adding more sites.
- It is good to have a variety of things for the youth to choose from and get exposed to.
- Bring small snacks in every event - chips, fruits, and juice
- have a budget specifically allotted to this

5.3. Potential site Ideas

- Retirement Homes
- Senior Homes
 - Play BINGO
- Ronald McDonald House
- Hospitals
- Food Bank
- Soup Kitchen
- L'Arche Communities

5.4. Fundraising Ideas

- bake sale
- asking for donations

Funds should be used only for expenses related to the Society i.e. food for sites, prizes during events, etc.