

Proposal for Diocesan Committee Lead Youth Ambassador Programme

Background

The Diocese of Southern Queensland has been part of the ABM Youth Ambassador programme over the last two years. This year's programme with 3 Youth Ambassadors has been particularly successful. The costs of present Youth Ambassador Programme are jointly shared by local diocesan committees and ABM. Due to budget constraints ABM's CEO has stated that pilgrimages and trips will only be supported if they are at least cost neutral to the organisation. One of the Youth Ambassadors spoke at the ABM's diocesan representative conference and a number of Dioceses expressed an interest in the programme. The Southern Queensland committee is now looking to see if there is a way for the Diocese to lead a similar programme in future years, with Youth Ambassadors from other Dioceses, and where possible for the programme to be cost neutral.

The Proposal

To offer a 10 day Pilgrimage for 4-6 Youth Ambassadors every 2 years.

Who would be Involved

Diocesan Committees would advertise, select, support (financially and with prayer) and mentor their Youth Ambassador(s).

Potential Diocesan Committee Involvement

Tasmania
Grafton
Melbourne
Adelaide
Southern Queensland

Time Frame of Programme

Oct-Dec 2017	Deciding Project Viability
Jan – April 2018	Advertising to the Diocesan Committees
May – July 2018	Advertising and Selecting Youth Ambassadors
Aug – Nov 2018	Training Team
Nov – Jan 2018	Youth Ambassador Experience – date TBA
Feb – Dec 2019	Youth Ambassador Deputations

Communications Trip or Pilgrimage?

There is not an expectation that the group will go and see “things” – but that they will get a chance to “go and be” – to be in a local community, get to know a few people, to ask questions and to listen. It will have the feel of an ABM pilgrimage as well as a “communications” trip to gain information.

Destination - Philippines with Partner ECARE Itinerary

Day 1	Travel
Day 2-4	Partner with St Andrews Seminary Manila – YA's spending time with Seminarians, visiting local communities, staying in accommodation in Anglican complex.
Day 5	Travel to Baguio or Sagada
Day 6-8	Home stay with Highland farming families – all E Care community Association Members.
Day 9	Travel back to Manila
Day 10	Travel Home

Youth Ambassadors To limit legal responsibilities this programme will only be open to those over 18. The experience could be open to other interested people as long as they pay the full cost of their trip.
If the experience includes time at St Andrews seminary it is possible that St Francis, Trinity and others may also be interested in sending one or two students.

Dates

Nov – Dec – for a 10 day experience. (Two Sundays)

Costs (Based on Philippines) \$2500

Flights	\$1000
Accommodation and Food in Philippines	\$1000
Leader costs (25% if 4 YA's for one leader)	\$500
No visas needed Vaccinations – Participants own expense	

People Who Can Contribute to Costs

Apart from any contribution from ABM, it is expected that each Diocese will fund the YA trip in the way that suits them using a combination of the following contributors.

Diocesan Committee

It would be reasonable to expect each committee to fund part of the experience as the Youth Ambassadors will be essentially “working” for them in the following year. \$1000 would be a realistic amount per YA

Participant

It would be reasonable to expect each participant to fund part of the experience as they gain personally from the experience and Youth Ambassadors will be essentially “working” for them in the following year.

Participants Church and Diocese

It is possible that the participant’s home church and Diocese could be encouraged to support the youth ambassadors by helping with fund raising

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