



Youth Ministry

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples.



We, Ascension Youth Ministry, are the generation of middle and high school youth at Ascension Chinese Mission, committed to faith formation and fellowship to actively practice our faith and become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. In uniting with each other in Christ we will ultimately bring Christ to others.

Dear Parents,

Thanks for your support of Ascension's new comprehensive Youth Ministry Program. We have been blessed with the opportunity to journey with your teens for the past semester as they continue to grow in discipleship with Christ and His Church.

As we would like to get to know you and your teens better, the Youth Ministry Team will be conducting a series of home visits in the months of February and March 2016. We hope to chat about how we can better serve your teens and their families and listen to any feedback you have for us so far. Please let your teen's youth minister know what dates and evenings work best for your family. We look forward to hearing from you and visiting your home as Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them." (Mt 18:20)

May the blessings of the newborn Christ continue to be with you and your family,

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GRACE CHEUNG



My name is Grace Cheung and I am serving as the Director of Youth Ministry. We recently revamped Ascension's youth group program and kick-started the new comprehensive Youth Ministry Program this year to serve all youths in middle school and high school. Our team is divided into 4 branches to address all the aspects of faith formation, which extend beyond systematic catechesis: Social Justice, Liturgy & Worship, Evangelization & Catechesis, and Communal Life. I answered the call to serve in Youth Ministry because of the integral part that fellowship in youth group played in my own faith formation. As a youth minister, not only do I get to witness God's work in and through His young people, but I also get to journey with them as a fellow disciple and mentor.

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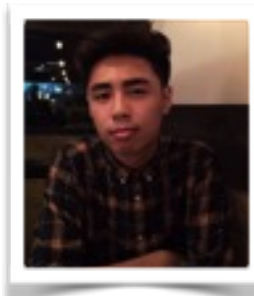
MICHELLE THAI

My name is Michelle Thai and I'm a part of the communal life branch. I currently help teach high school. I'm serving as a youth minister because Ascension was where my faith first started, and where it continues to help me grow today. I wish to give back to the parish the love, knowledge, and community I received all these years to the next generation of disciples.

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BRYAN NGUYEN



My name is Bryan Nguyen and I am a high school youth minister and also in charge of Social Justice. I teach both 9th and 10th graders. I became a youth minister because I wanted to help the youth understand more of God's love and teachings. It is amazing to witness so many of the youths on fire for God. By catechizing and evangelizing the youth, this will have a ripple effect that will draw them closer to the faith and actively living it. It is our mission as the Catholic Church to evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ.

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BENNY CHANG

My name is Benny Chang and I am serving as the Coordinator of the Communal Life at the new comprehensive Youth Ministry. I have been ministering to the youths since I came to Ascension in 1995. I felt a call in serving the most vulnerable, most naïve, and yet most hopeful group of Catholics in our parish. Although I am not young, my presence testifies that age does not limit a person in serving the youth. I hope more people will join us in this wonderful ministry. My goal is to help the youths encounter God in a real and tangible way that their faith will be rooted in the person of Christ and not just a religious concept. I am currently ministering to the 8th graders.

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ARIEL WANG

My name is Ariel Wang and I serve as a co-Director of Evangelization & Catechesis with Wayne Wang as the other co-Director. I am also currently co-teaching the 6th/7th grade class with Wayne. I am a Youth Minister because I want to help our youth to see the beauty of their faith and to really help them make their faith their own. I want to give them a compass that will always guide them back home no matter how lost they feel in life. God Bless!

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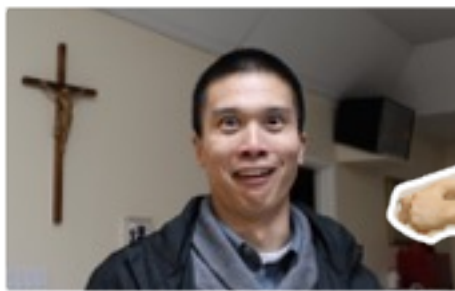
Hi, I'm Wayne and I'm helping to organize Evangelization & Catechesis as well as teaching the 6th and 7th graders with Ariel. It's a joy for me to be part of youth ministry because I want to give back to the parish I grew up in. Faith communities like Ascension have been key to my growing closer to Christ and I hope that this YM family will help your youth and families to grow closer to Jesus too. I'm excited to see what God has in store for us this semester!

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IVAN KWONG

My name is Ivan Kwong and I am in charge of Liturgy & Worship. I serve as a youth minister because I grew up here at Ascension and youth ministry has been the driving force behind my own spiritual and personal growth. It fosters a community that can grow together as young disciples of Christ in a world today that is sending many dangerous messages to our children. Our group can create a fruitful, faithful and fun environment for the youth to grow in Christ!

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2015 Christmas Social



2016 Board Games Social

