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WHERE ARE OUR YOUNG ADULTS? WHERE DO THEY LIVE? WHERE DO THEY WORK?

This exercise will create a visual accounting of who your young adults are and where they live and work in relation to your parish. The only goal is to clarify the nature of your parish's young adult landscape and illuminate any possibilities or challenges there in. Collating details like this can seem invasive if misunderstood, however, so be discreet in how and to whom you talk about this exercise.

Feel free to tailor this to fit your circumstances—and let us know what you do! We are constantly tweaking our materials in order to make them as useful as possible.



Make Your List

Compile a master list of all young adults associated with your parish. Include anyone who has attended your parish in recent memory. Conversations with the following people should help you accomplish this task: current young adults, parish priest, parish secretary, parish council members, anyone who has worked/is working with parish youth or young adults.

Whenever possible, collect for each young adult the following information:

- Home address
- Workplace

If you don't know the above information for each person, identify who might know. Decide which of you will follow-up with acquiring the information.

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On a local map—paper or digital

Mark the location of your parish.
Mark where all your young adults live.

On a second local map—paper or digital

Mark the location of your parish.
Mark where all your young adults work.



Examine your map

- What patterns do you see?
- Anything surprising?
- Are there areas where your young adults are concentrated, in terms of where they live? In terms of where they work?
- What challenges does geography present? What about traffic patterns?
- What possibilities might this data suggest?

Further reflection

- Do new patterns emerge when you consider which young adults are more active members and which are less active?
- Who on your list might be interested to assist your team with the Telos Project? Discuss amongst yourselves, confer with your priest, and then extend an invitation!

Please scan or photograph your final maps and any notes and send them to your Telos Coach. Do not worry about whether they are unprofessional-looking, messy or even readable—we'll contact you if we need help with interpretation! Rest assured: maps or notes that include names of parishioners will not be shared in any form, unless those names have been obscured/redacted.

Work Page

Parish Name: _____

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