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To: Pastors, Youth Ministers, Young Adult Ministers, & Confirmation Coordinators

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RE: First Things

First Things is a nationwide initiative to provide leaders of YYA ministries direction and formation on creating a strong foundation for their ministry. Participants will review important documents like Christus Vivit, Renewing the Vision, listen to webinars on planning, organization and communication as well as hands-on practical assignments to put into practice their learning. Participants will meet in virtual cohorts with peers from our diocese to connect, discern and pray with.

We encourage all Youth, Young Adult Ministers and Confirmation Coordinators to participate in this formation program. Our Fall season of the program begins the third week of October, and will end in January. Registration will cost \$75 per person and will include a complementary associate membership to the NFCYM for a year. The deadline to register for our Fall virtual cohort will be Oct 14. Cohorts will meet on Monday or Thursdays. Either morning or in the evening.

Thank you for your commitment in accompanying young people toward an authentic encounter with Jesus Christ. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact us and we look forward to working alongside you and your team as we journey together towards engaging and empowering our young people to live as missionary disciples in the world today.





FIRST THINGS provides **leaders of youth and young adult ministries** the necessary tools and formation to strengthen the foundation for their ministries.

Equipped with resources from the NFCYM, all YYA ministry leaders will gain new insights and inspiration.

The program runs every other week from October 2021 through January 2022. Commit to a Diocese of Sacramento cohort on a schedule that works for you:

Mondays @ Noon Thursdays @ Noon Mondays @ 7pm Thursdays @ 7pm

Learn a few more things about **FIRST THINGS**:

www.scd.org/ firstthings

This process fulfills some of the requirements for a specialization in youth & young adult ministry.

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