

## WHAT CATHOLIC BISHOPS SAY ABOUT YOUNG LIFE

"The call on Young Life is to bring us together under the common purpose of reaching our young people with the gospel. As leaders here in New York City, we are excited to work to build our own churches alongside Young Life."

**Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York**



"Our faith is not so much in teachings — although the teachings are important — but our faith is about a person. And that person is the eternal son of God... If there is any way this wonderful program (Young Life) can help our young people to come to know and love God and come to a life of service to others, we gotta hitch onto the wagon and get going. This new partnership, this new relationship, has my full enthusiastic blessing."

**Archbishop Alexander Sample, Portland, Ore**

"Many Catholic young people in Tanzania have come to know Jesus more deeply and have grown in their faith because of their involvement with Young Life... They (Young Life) live up to their mission to reach every young person with the love of Jesus, and they achieve this with integrity and humility."

**Archbishop Josaphat Louis Lebulu, East Africa**



"Young Life is an organization that has a long history in the United States, announcing the kerygma and, through a process of friendship and accompaniment, getting teens connected back to their faith tradition... evangelization happens when you know somebody who can receive and welcome you, and then accompany you as you become integrated into the faith community."

**Bishop Daniel Flores, Brownsville, Texas**

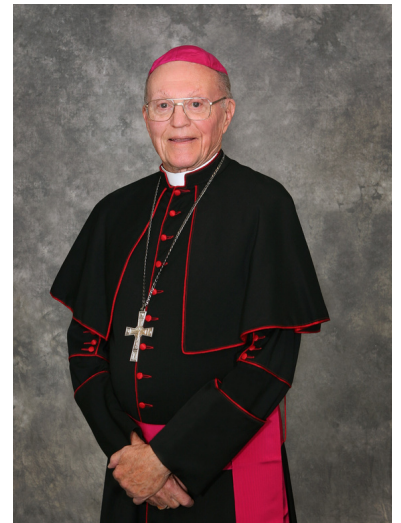


"This is a period of time in the life of the church and of our two traditions, our two confessional communities, a time for us to discover how we can witness together and be together as brothers and sisters in Christ. This is a Catholic-evangelical moment. The third phase of ecumenism is really a Catholic-evangelical moment. That's why the collaboration between Catholic dioceses and Young Life makes so much sense."

**Bishop James Massa, Brooklyn, N.Y.**

"At the invitation of Bill Star, then president of Young Life, I joined a pastors consulting team in Colorado Springs. I became very close to the leadership of Young Life and to some of the wonderful youth directors who were reaching kids through Young Life camps. I have always been impressed with the organization and invited Young Life to partner with the Diocese of Colorado Springs for our youth ministry efforts... I believe very strongly in the incarnational theology behind Young Life practices. Young Life has the method, and we have the content. It can be a great partnership!"

**Bishop Richard Hanifen (retired), Colorado Springs, Colo.**



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