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Archbishop Paul D. Etienne Appoints Director of Young Adult Ministry

Annie Bailey will lead efforts to engage young adults in the Archdiocese of Seattle

SEATTLE, October 7, 2020 – Archbishop Paul D. Etienne has appointed Annie Bailey as the new Director of Young Adult Ministry. In this role, she will be responsible for engaging young adults in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

“This is a critical role for our archdiocese because we want to continue welcoming young adults and help them stay engaged with their faith,” said Archbishop Etienne, the sixth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Seattle. “Annie Bailey brings strong organizational skills, knowledge of archdiocesan ministries, and a passion for Young Adult Ministry. As a native Spanish speaker, Annie also brings exceptional intercultural competency, which is important for us to reach young adults in our growing multicultural Catholic population.”

From campus ministry to parish life, Young Adult Ministry helps people ages 18–39 develop a personal relationship with Jesus. Through prayer, formation, service, and fellowship, this ministry provides opportunities for young adults to deepen, share, and live their Catholic faith. This ministry also supports and forms young adult leaders to engage in meaningful ministry within their parish communities.

“I am truly humbled by this opportunity and look forward to continuing to serve the Church in my new role,” said Bailey, who has worked for the archdiocese for six years as the coordinator for the Office of Pastoral Ministries. Outside of her work at the chancery, Bailey has 15 years of experience in ministry with young adults, both internationally and locally. She has been part of young adult groups in Mexico, Germany, France, and the U.S. She has undergraduate degrees from Benedictine College in international studies and foreign languages and is currently pursuing a master’s in church management from Villanova University.

In her new role, Bailey will continue extending the reach of young adult ministry and evangelization through the social media presence of Western Washington Catholic Young Adults on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), as well as through the [Scroll Newsletter](#). She will also continue serving young adult initiatives such as:

- [Theology on Tap](#)
- [Virtual young adult retreats](#)
- [Women’s discernment groups](#)
- [La Red de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana](#)
- [Campus ministry efforts, including the newly established Eastside Newman](#)

“In my first year, I plan to continue the wonderful work, relationships, and initiatives established in the past few years, as well as finding new ways to attract and engage a diverse community of young adults, who come to the archdiocese from all over the country and the world,” said Bailey.

“We’re so blessed to have Annie in this position,” said Archbishop Etienne. “I ask that everyone prays for her and her efforts to engage young adults in our archdiocese.”

Annie and her family are active members of St. Louise de Marillac Parish in Bellevue.

About the Archdiocese of Seattle

The Archdiocese of Seattle encompasses all of Western Washington, stretching from Canada to Oregon and from the Cascade Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. There are 72 Catholic Schools, 168 parishes, missions and pastoral centers in the archdiocese, with more than 500 weekly Masses celebrated in eight languages. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne leads the archdiocese with his two auxiliary bishops, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo and Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg. For more information about the Archdiocese of Seattle, visit seattlearchdiocese.org.

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