

# KAUPAPA

FOR YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILY MINISTRY  
IN THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

## Our Goal

To provide young people with the opportunity to discover, express, and grow their faith in Jesus and sense of belonging to the Church.

## Our Why

“Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!” (*Christus Vivit 1*)

Because of this we are:

*Passionate*, especially about young people experiencing life to the full (*c.f. John 10:10*).  
*Prayerful*, drawing others to prayer and firmly established in our own prayer.  
*Purposeful*, accompanying young people as they fulfil their purpose.

## Our Way

We aim to know personally the people we serve. Our ministry is in the field not solely at the desk. We aim to evolve ministry that is “a response to their concerns, their needs, their problems and issues.” (*CV 202*)

Because of this we are:

*Relational* – Everything is focused on our goal and so is always person oriented.  
*Relevant* – If it doesn’t work, we stop doing it and try something else.  
*Responsive* – We “never see a need without doing something about it.” (*Saint Mary Mackillop*)

## Our Work

Accompany young people

*Contact, Connect, Care, Challenge, Commit, Co-Work*

Provide faith experiences for young people

*Engaging Sunday Mass, the Sacraments, Events, Programmes, Worship, Liturgy*

Engage with young katorika Māori

*Know, Learn, Visit (marae, kapa haka, whānau groups etc) Encourage, Invite*

*At the end of the day, what we do is not about a program or event. Those things are great but they are meaningless if teens are not engaged in relationships that ultimately lead them to a relationship with Christ. This is what we mean when we talk about deep, meaningful relational ministry.*

- LifeTeen StartUp Book, 36

*The programme already exists: it is the plan found in the Gospel and in the living Tradition, it is the same as ever. Ultimately, it has its centre in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated, so that in him we may live the life of the Trinity, and with him transform history until its fulfilment in the heavenly Jerusalem.*

- Pope John Paul II, Novo Millenio Inuente 29