

KNOCK

Knock Youth Ministry

Booking

The Programme is adapted to the needs of different age groups.

We cater for:

1. Primary schools
(Communion and Confirmation classes)
2. Secondary schools
3. Third-level colleges



Confirmation and First Holy Communion Retreats

The focus of our programme in relation to their sacraments is to bridge the gap between the young persons life experience and the relevance of confirmation and communion (what's in the sacrament for them). In short we aim to stir a hunger and enthusiasm within the young person for the Sacrament in a fun and relaxed environment.

The cost of the retreat is €10 per student

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Our aim here in the youth ministry is to bring young people to Knock and whilst they are here give them a positive experience of Knock, a powerful encounter with God, and enable them to realise the power the church and Sacraments have to transform their lives.



Our lives can be so swamped with the noise and pace of modern life, its difficult to find time and space to tune into ourselves. We can be deaf to our needs, our desires, our hurts and our joys.

Our retreat in Knock aims to give young people the 'time out' they need to go on that inward journey and get back in touch with themselves and the church, in the context of their modern lives.

The Elements

You can choose from some of the following elements.

- **A guided tour of Knock Shrine**

Students get a chance to see the actual site of the Apparition and hear details of the events around the evening it took place.

- **Visit to Knock Museum**

Students can step back in time and see how their counterparts lived at the time of the Apparition in 1879 and see artefacts and accounts from the witnesses of the Apparition.

- **Self-reflection Workshops**

Students are invited and enabled to go on an inward journey of self-discovery. They are given an opportunity to reflect on themselves and their lives in light of the Christian faith. By helping them to become more aware of Gods love and Gospel values we hope to enable them to make more informed decisions when faced with the choices life presents.

- **Youth and the Sacraments Workshops**

The students are enabled to form and experience a link between the Sacraments and their lives in an informative, creative and enjoyable way.

- **Meeting with Cenacolo**

A centre for young recovering drug addicts who are overcoming their difficulties through sharing in a community of faith. The young people share their story of how they fell into the drug trap and how faith has been an important part of their recovery. (This is recommended for Leaving Cert level).

- **Testimonies**

Real life stories of how faith has changed young peoples lives.

- **Reconciliation Service**

Provides the students with an opportunity to avail of individual confessions. This includes preparation and an examination of conscience, which enables them to make an informed choice about the sacrament. This is carried out in a non-threatening creative and reflective way, which is attractive to young people.



- **Mass in the Apparition Chapel**

If a blain comes with the school we can organise a mass in the Apparition Chapel.

- **A Time of Reflection and Prayer**

Creating a silent space where the students can experience God with the aid of meditation and music.

We encourage teachers to choose the elements they feel would best suit and benefit their students. We can tailor the programme to suit your needs, numbers and time restrictions.