

Loving Father,  
You have blessed our diocese with the gift of the Diocesan Youth Apostolate. We pray that you guide and lead us during the Year of Youth to step forward in our faith. To cater to the young people and fill their souls to continue Your mission. Help us to be united to know, love, and serve the church. Fill us with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit to revive our parishes.

Young people of this world are faced with many temptations. Although we may fall, You greet us with open arms and embrace us with Your mercy. Help our church to extend endless love to young people in the model of Your Father.

Lord God, You understand us more than anyone else. You began your public ministry during the days of your youth. The road before us may be difficult, but it is in our weakness that You provide us with the strength we need. Strengthen us to rely on your faithful and forgiving love.

Mother Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, help us to be the instrument that God has created us to be. We ask for your intercession and protection over your children.

St. Thomas, our father in faith, pray for us. Blessed Frassati, patron of Year of Youth, pray for us.



**DIOCESAN YOUTH APOSTOLATE**  
ST. THOMAS SYROMALABAR DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI  
April 6, 1901 - July 4, 1925



"That **they may be one** just as **We are.**"  
-John 17:11

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