



Hello all, my name is Rob. Professionally, I am in charge of mobile quality control for a financial technology company. I have been a part of the Assumption parish since 2004, when I started going to the school. Previously, I was in charge of the high school Youth Ministry, but have recently become the president of the Young Adults Ministry. I have had the honor of connecting with people from all over the Grand Rapids diocese; and I would love to see the group continue to expand. Offering the same opportunity that I have been able to experience with our young adults, to connect with other local Catholics, is what we founded this group to provide.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at:
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Hi, my name is Kayla Fricke, and I serve as the social media manager for the Young Adult Group (ages 18-35 years) here at Assumption Parish. I have the responsibility of event planning, marketing our events and engaging & networking with other young adults and parishes from the Grand Rapids area. I'm passionate about creating a space where we can all connect, grow, and support each other in our journeys. What I love most about the group is the sense of belonging we've cultivated—it's more than just a gathering; it's a place where we can be real, share our experiences, and encourage each other to become the best versions of ourselves. The energy, the conversations, and the shared commitment to personal growth are what keep me coming back.

Outside of my role with the group, I work as a fourth grade teacher. In my free time, I love to bake, read, swing dance, hangout with friends/family and paint.

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Hello there! My name is Mary Novak, and I am on the Social Media team for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (ABVM) Young Adults Group! I am so excited for this group so that young Catholic adults around the greater GR area can grow in fellowship and community. I hope our group can bring young adults closer together through the bonds of our faith and fellowship. Welcome to the group! If you have any questions, you can contact me at:

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Hi! My name is Brianna Wildey, but you can call me Bri. I'm part of the Young Adult group at Assumption helping with event planning in and around the parish. I enjoy being a part of a group with friends of the same age who share the same faith and similar interests. I hope to meet more lifelong friends who can push each other to grow in our spirituality and enjoy spending time together! If you have any questions, you can contact me at: Social.ya@assumptionbvm.com.



Hi! I'm Aldous Plackal, an aerospace engineer at Orb Aerospace and originally from India. I've been in the U.S. since 2015, spending over six years studying in Florida before moving to Belmont. I serve as the Secretary of the ABVM Young Adult Group at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I love the deep companionship we share as we grow in faith together. I'm especially passionate about helping young adults deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith by creating a space where everyone feels comfortable asking honest, even challenging, questions. Attending the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress had a profound impact on me, and it's inspired me to live and share my faith more openly. I hope our group continues to be a welcoming place where all are encouraged to explore and grow in their journey with Christ.

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Hi, my name is Jared Mancha, and I serve as the Treasurer for the Young Adult Group.

By day, I'm a Cybersecurity professional working at a non-profit electric cooperative owned by our Members. By night, you'll likely find me on a bike, as I have a passion for mountain biking, hiking, and exploring the outdoors. Beyond that, I enjoy video games, movies, TV, and working on my self-hosted IT projects. This group offers an incredible opportunity to build relationships, deepen our faith, and create a welcoming space for those new to it. My hope is to see our mission flourish—growing in faith, sharing it with others, and expanding our understanding as we walk the path of Christ together.

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