

SURFACE TO SOUL

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Hopes for Young People's Faith Journeys

BY THE TIME YOUNG PEOPLE GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, WE HOPE THEY KNOW/UNDERSTAND . . .

- That they are children of God, loved unconditionally by the creator of the universe
- The life and faith stories of their parents, grandparents, and godparents
- What their parents believe, value, and hope for
- What their parents' hopes and expectations are for them
- What it means to be authentic, available, and affirming Christians
- The basic stories, characters, and themes of the Bible
- The essential tenets of the Christian faith and an understanding of other major religions
- The concept of vocation and living out one's calling based on their gifts and passions

BY THE TIME YOUNG PEOPLE GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, WE HOPE THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED . . .

- God's guidance and grace in their daily life
- A faith community where God is the subject of people's conversations
- Ongoing family dialogue about faith, values, money, sexuality, and politics that is healthy and constructive in nature
- Practicing the Four Keys with friends and family at home, in the car, and within our congregation
- Faith Milestones celebrations (Bible, Confirmation, Bible Camp, Graduation, etc.)
- Memorable moments with family (Disney World, Holden Village, Washington DC, BWCA, etc.)

BY THE TIME YOUNG PEOPLE GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, WE HOPE THEY HAVE THE SKILLS TO . . .

- Share their life and faith stories with others
- Be an advocate for the poor, the disenfranchised, and the oppressed people of the world
- Make wise decisions (people, time, politics) that are in alignment with their beliefs and values
- Share, save, and spend money in ways that honor God, serve others, and create joy
- Extend friendship and hospitality at all times and in all places
- Spend time wondering what God is up to in their life
- Share God's love through acts of service and authentic interactions with each other

BY THE TIME YOUNG PEOPLE GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, WE HOPE THEY SEEK/EMBRACE . . .

- Learning as a life-long adventure
- The divinity and humanity of Jesus
- The sanctity of creation including how they care for their own bodies
- Gender and racial equality
- Active participation in a Christian faith community

BY THE TIME YOUNG PEOPLE GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, WE HOPE THEY ARE . . .

- Authentic, available, and affirming followers of Christ
- Playful, passionate, and fully present
- Aware of what God is up to in their life and the lives of others



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