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**OUR PLAN TO KEEP OUR YOUTH ACTIVELY CATHOLIC**

**Challenge:** “Young people are leaving the Church…”

13 Years Old is the average age youth leave the Church today

23% by age 18

63% ages 18-17

*These statistics are taken from a recent CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) study.

**Solution: Edge Middle School Ministry**

Edge is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program. It provides a safe and fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.

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