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Adolescent Flourishing: Theological and Educational Approaches to Supporting Catholic Youth

Message from the Guest Editor

Educating in faith can and should be about forming people whose religious belonging will contribute to their lifelong flourishing. But what does it mean for adolescents to flourish? And what theological and religious educational resources do Catholic communities have that can support this flourishing? Adolescents, because of their age and immaturity, are a vulnerable group and cultural forces, such as racism, sexism, poverty, and war, make their thriving more difficult. The lens of adolescent flourishing allows us to imagine the kind of world and Church where adolescents are welcomed, heard, and incorporated into our theological vision, a shorthand for what the Catholic Church and its ministers are called to do to ensure that adolescents can live in a world where thriving is possible. This Special Issue explores theology and faith formation in Catholic institutional contexts, inviting proposals from theology, religious education, practical theology, and more, examining the practices that support adolescent flourishing.

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