

Links and Resources on Young Adult Ministry
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Technical:

Flip Video □ <http://www.theflip.com>

These are small handheld video cameras with a usb plug that □flips□out of the side of them. Once you connect this to your computer (PC or Mac) it automatically downloads your videos and you can add them to youtube, edit them, or simply save them on your computer.

Learn to Podcast - <http://www.bustedhalo.com/features/podcasting-for-beginners/>

Fr Dave Dwyer's easy step by step guide to podcasting. The book **Podcast Solutions** is also very good and you can find it in any apple computer store.

Blogging □ <http://www.blogger.com>

I think this is the easiest site to use for setting up a pretty simple blog site. I'd also suggest <http://www.wordpress.com> for a bit more bells and whistles. BustedHalo.com is actually run by wordpress blogging software now.

E-newsletters □ Two sites do this very well:

- a) Constant Contact □ we use this one for BustedHalo's weekly email alert and they have non-profit rates. <http://www.constantcontact.com>
- b) Vertical Response: Similar to the above and not expensive but a bit harder to use.

Books:

Googling God: The Religious Landscape of People in Their 20s and 30s □ by Mike Hayes

This is my anecdotal experience of ministry with young people over 6 years. I also include interviews with many of the young people I have worked with and lastly some technological advice and resources as well.

After the Baby Boomers by Robert Wuthnow from Princeton

This is the latest sociological book on the generation. His thoughts on "spiritual tinkering" are well-thought out and innovative and he has numbers to prove it.

Catholicism in Motion - by Jim Davidson

Sociologist from Purdue - Read Chapter 10 especially and perhaps Chapter 9.

Catholic Identity by Michelle Dillon

One of the better sociological studies on Catholic Identity amongst young and old alike.

Bowling Alone - by Bob Putnum

Read chapter 13 and 14 of this for some thoughts on technology and generations.

The New Faithful - by Colleen Carroll:

This is an anecdotal book to be sure. But I think she's revealed something about the longing for tradition amongst the young. You can contrast it with my anecdotal work...Googling God--which I'd be happy to send you a copy of--just send me your address.

God on the Quad - by Naomi Shaefer Riley

She writes for the Wall Street Journal and explores America's Religious Colleges and Universities. This would be a good contrast with how the average secular student engages with their faith on campus--which is markedly different obviously.

Finding Faith - The Spirituality of the Post-Boomer Generation by Richard Flory and Donald Miller

I reviewed this for Religious Studies--it's a quick read but good.

Spiritual Manifestos □by Niles Elliot Goldstein

Read the first chapter by Fr Brett Hoover

Consuming Faith - by Tom Beaudoin

This is Beaudoin's second book---you can look at his first book too, Virtual Faith but I think this would be a better focus as Virtual Faith is a bit dated.

A Faith Interrupted by Alice L. Camille and Joel Shorn

This is a book about alienated Catholics that examines why people leave the church.