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'Only in the silence of prayer we can listen to the voice of God' - The Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Our 10th anniversary year of silence

The world has changed this year – and we know that Generation Z will be some of the worst-affected by the impact of Covid-19. Their education, employment and future prospects are all suffering. Their future hopes are being crushed. Yet young people's voices are not being heard. They are not in the rooms where choices about the future are made.

As a Church we can stand together and look to the future with hope and include all our voices. We can support young people to be prophets of hope and restore our world. This Lent, to mark ten years of Million Minutes, we are creating 1,000,000 minutes of silence:

- **a deafening 'noise' as an act of solidarity with young people**
- **reflecting on and praying for young people**
- **raising money to help young people be the change they want to see in our world**

A 'Million Minutes of Silence' is a simple idea - **each minute is sponsored to raise money for social action projects supporting young people**. Throughout Lent schools, parishes, and individuals will help clock up a million minutes! We want this year to be the biggest year yet, to show our collective support for young people, and to raise at least a million pennies (which is £10,000!) to help young people restore our world.

Get involved as an individual, parish, community, or school today.

Explore our website and resources at: millionminutes.org/silent. Alternatively, if you feel inspired by our work and feel compelled to give consider [donating](#).

Beacon Parish Open Day

We kicked off 2021 by welcoming over 70 parishioners, clergy, lay leaders and youth ministers to our first ever virtual open day showcasing our new 'Beacon Parish' initiative. It was an opportunity to discover how parishes can heed the Pope's rallying cry to develop a youth ministry so that all young people may know they are valued as belonging to the heart of the Church.

We are offering a small number of parishes the chance to dedicate 'one million minutes' (approximately two years) to develop their youth ministry, striving to create meaningful times and spaces where all young people feel valued, with accompaniment, support and resources from Million Minutes.

If you are interested in how we can help you explore this vision more visit: millionminutes.org/youthministry. Alternatively, please contact our Engagement Officer Sophie via email: sophie@millionminutes.org

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can be of any assistance.

With thanks as always for your support,

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