

hi my name is Angelica Taveras and I'm
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the youth coordinator here at Our Lady
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of Lourdes in Queens Village thank you
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so much for your prayers and support as
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I make this video reminds me of the many
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ways we have been encouraged to reach
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our teens where they are
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our teams are immersed in technology and
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for us to connect with them during this
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pandemic we have had to learn to connect
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with the same technology that at times
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we say that distracts them but we have
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been encouraged by Pope Francis to
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invest in communication every time it
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must be well used made to bear fruit we
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have had to use creative ways in order
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for us to go about our youth ministry
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with the teens now in order to do this
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here are the Lady of Lourdes
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we are meeting weekly with our teams
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virtually this is done through a youth
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night or through small group gatherings
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with our other leaders with this we wish
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our teens to continue to feel at home to

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feel connected with each other even
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during these times of isolation we've
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also resorted to calling families and
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following up with their needs
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also our core members meet weekly to
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pray with each other this and many more
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things are being planned since this type
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of ministry will have to continue for
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several more months now I will have to
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admit I had to adjust to this change but
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I've learned to be comfortable and
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vulnerable in a platform where I needed
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to develop new communication skills but
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I would also admit that when God places
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a desire and mission in your heart he
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will provide opportunities and resources
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this has been a time of trust and I'm
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very happy to say that teams are
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responding this is the time to be
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fearless to be yourself to be vulnerable
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to connect with each other in the same
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condition we're finding and a
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experience and during this pandemic and
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thanks to technology we have been able

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to connect in that way

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now our teams are not alone and they

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must know that they need to know that

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they're not alone that their emotions

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are important that their needs are

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important to us they have a family who

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cares and reaches out to them and that

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is the church family