

Evangelists in Mentor Friendships with Young Adults Will Promote:

- Mutual respect for one another
- Mutual admiration for one another
- Mutual belief in one another
- Mutual belief that one can learn from the other
- Mutual authenticity (open, true, transparent, vulnerable, etc.)
- Mutual communication
- Mutual commitment
- Mutual respect for confidentiality

Special Roles for the Evangelist

- Be a role model
- Be an advocate
- Be a catalyst for development
- Be a confidant
- Be a promoter, supporter and encourager
- Be a challenger
- Be an adviser when appropriate
- Be a listener
- Be a teaching learner
- Be a spiritual companion
- Be an apostolic witness
- Be a pastoral presence
- Be a living sanctuary

Guidelines for Mentor Friendships That Become More Formal

- Mutually develop goals. Ideally, goals should be clearly written or communicated to assure agreement and long term clarity of purpose.
- Consider educational, social activities, discipleship formation, advocacy opportunities, ministry or church leadership, and other challenges as possible goals.
- Establish dates and frequency of contacts required to accomplish the goals of the relationship (This is a key to success and research shows that meeting together once a month is most beneficial).
- Agree to consistent and ongoing evaluation of the goals and modify them when necessary. Promote feedback and be open to feedback.
- If appropriate be accountable to others and share how you are doing. We are in this together and we can be more successful as we share with others our experience.
- Celebrate the end of the relationship.
- Laugh often! Be playful! Think creatively! Regularize times and ways to experience the Profound Presence of God.