KTATCA (Key To All Those Crazy Acronyms) and Glossary

CCL – Couple to Couple League – National organization that is best known for teaching Natural Family Planning (NFP) to married couples.
CMD - Center for Ministry Development – a national organization that produces resources and training courses for Youth Ministry.
CRS - Catholic Relief Services – The Official International relief and development agency of the US Catholic Church. They serve the poor in 94 countries overseas.
CYO - Catholic Youth Organization – The old model from the 1930's of providing a social group for young Catholics who were attending public school.
CYM – Coordinator of Youth Ministry – This title should be used by the paid church staff that oversees the youth ministry program to clarify that they are not the "youth minister". Their job is to coordinate all of the other adults and volunteers who act as youth ministers.
DCCOSC – Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and Campfire – See chapter 4
DRE – Director of Religious Education – the paid parish staff member that oversees the parish religious education program up to and including Confirmation (ideally).
KOC - Knights of Columbus – A national organization of Catholic men that are well known for their service to parishes, and strong respect for life and patriotism.
Legion of Mary – A global association of Catholic laity who participate in the life of the parish through visitation to families or to the sick.
Life Teen – An international Catholic youth ministry organization that serves the Church by providing resources and training.
MRE – Minister of Religious Education – Another title for a DRE (see above)
NCCYM - National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry –NFCYM sponsors this conference for youth ministers in the Fall of the even numbered years. See Chapter 3.
NCCGSCF- National Catholic Council on Girl Scouts and Campfire
NCYC - National Catholic Youth Conference - NFCYM sponsors this national conference for young people in the Fall of the odd numbered years. See Chapter 3.
NCYAMA - National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association
NFCYM - National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry – A National organization that Dioceses can become a member of (by paying dues). This organization then works to promote Catholic youth ministry in the country by supporting the Diocesan Youth Ministry offices. The country is split up into 14 regions, and we are in region IV along with Baltimore, Richmond, Washington, Wheeling-Charleston, Wilmington, and the Military Archdiocese (every military base in the world!)
NFP – Natural Family Planning – The Church approved method of teaching couples how to monitor the times of the month when they are most likely to conceive a child.
NVJCYO - Northern Virginia Junior Catholic Youth Organization – the organization that runs the sports leagues for kids in 4th-8th grades in Arlington Diocese parishes. www.nvjcyo.org – see chapter 4
RTV - *Renewing the Vision* –The 1997 Bishops document that on Catholic Youth Ministry.
USCCB - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
WYD - World Youth Day – see introduction section
WoYa - Women's Youth Apostles– A sister community to the Youth Apostles Institute (see below).
Youth Apostles Institute - A community of single, married, and consecrated men (including priests), who share a common vision of working with young people to bring them closer to Christ. The community was canonically approved in the Arlington Diocese in 1979 and now has members in youth ministry and teaching positions throughout the Diocese and across the country. They helped to found a sister community for women interested in youth ministry…see WoYa (above). www.youthapostles.org
YTM – Youth for the Third Millenium – An organization sponsored by Regnum Christi and Legionnaires of Christ that is committed to teaching young people how to better evangelize others. www.ytm.org