

Olivia Buisson, Youth Coordinator

Born in New York City, Olivia was raised by her French immigrant parents in Weston, Connecticut. After high school, Olivia moved to Toronto for studies in Digital Enterprise Management, and Professional Writing and Communication at the University of Toronto. There, she took part in the student Catholic Club's Faith Studies and began to grow more in her relationship with God.

Upon graduation, and as the COVID pandemic struck, Olivia returned home and worked at her local church, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, as an Administrative Assistant to lend a helping hand during difficult times. There, she assisted Father Jeff, the former pastor of St. Francis, and became closer to her fellow colleagues. She began working with the Youth Minister as a volunteer for parish youth groups, and loved it! After eight months of working at the church, Olivia decided it was time to pursue something more closely related to her undergraduate degree. Soon after, she began working for a global marketing communications agency in which she, unfortunately, found very little fulfillment. She remembered the better days of youth group, and submitted her interest in becoming the Youth Coordinator of St. Matthew Church to her former boss, Father Jeff.

Olivia has always loved working with youth. Every summer, she and her family visit relatives and friends in France where she is a volunteer supervisor at a children's Catholic retreat, and as a camp counselor for international students learning to speak French. There, she has also taken courses within a program designed for childcare workers, and has received her BAFA Childcare Aptitude Certificate. She remembers these summers as being some of the best moments of her life, and can't wait for her time as Youth Coordinator to resemble more and more those summer days she so cherished. She hopes to make as much of a positive impact on the kids at St. Matthew Church as other children/young adults have made on her in the past. Please join us in welcoming Olivia to our St. Matthew Parish Family!