



Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Diocese of Columbus
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Dear Diocesan Student,

Greetings from the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYYAM)! Receiving this packet means that someone in your parish or Catholic high school believes you exemplify Christian leadership in your parish or Catholic high school and are an excellent candidate for the Diocesan Youth Council (DYC).

The OYYAM is looking for young people like you to serve on the DYC. The DYC is a group of **sophomores, juniors and seniors** who will serve in advisory and assistive capacities for the OYYAM beginning July 2016 through July 2017. At the end of the term, those DYC who are not graduating and wish to serve a second term may reapply. Students from all over the 12 deaneries which comprise our 23 county diocese (including representatives from the 11 diocesan Catholic high schools) will be selected to serve and represent the young church at the diocesan level.

DYC representatives make a commitment to assist the staff of the OYYAM with programs like the Bosco Bash (an annual Junior High youth rally which draws 500+ young people); the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (an biennial youth conference which draws young people from across our diocese); "A Journey Toward Peace: A Walking Stations of the Cross" (a diocesan-wide Good Friday service incorporating social justice themes and the traditional Stations prayer); and various other meetings that may come up. Most importantly, the DYC is an essential connection between the OYYAM and the young people of the Columbus Diocese.

As with any extracurricular activity, there is a cost requirement for all DYC members. This includes the overnight training retreat that will take place on July 22- 24, 2016, the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference, the Bosco Bash, and all meeting expenses. Cost break-down is explained further in this packet. If assistance is need, please contact the OYYAM.

Attached are all the details which tell you more about the DYC , what the time commitment is, and what the OYYAM will expect from individual representatives. Please take a minute to review the information and see if this is something that might interest you. If so, please complete the application and get the two required recommendations and return them to us at the OYYAM **by June 24, 2016.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the OYYAM. We look forward to the possibility of working with you as we build the youth ministry programs of our diocese.

In Christ,

Mike Hall
OYYAM Director

Sean M. Robinson
OYYAM Program Coordinator

Program Description
DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL (DYC)
A Leadership and Advisory Group of the
Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) assists the leadership of the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry in carrying out its mission by working to plan and lead those diocesan programs geared specifically to youth. Council members serve as youth representatives of their schools and parishes of their deanery.

OVERVIEW:

The DYC is a gathering of teens that is inclusive of cultural, economic, social, and geographical diversities. DYC representatives commit themselves for a period of twelve (12) months to work together on behalf of and for the good of all young people throughout the diocese.

The DYC seeks to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person while drawing them into responsible participation into the life, mission and work of the diocesan faith community.

The DYC seeks to create a community of young leaders in the diocese composed of young Catholic men and women who are serious about faith, who have an interest in or talent for leadership, and who desire to grow in their relationship with God.

The DYC seeks to interpret the needs and views of young people and to advocate for their concerns.

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS: While it is given that all young people have potential, it is recognized that some special characteristics and talents would be helpful for prospective council representatives. A DYC representative should:

- be a person of faith whose life gives witness to Gospel Values in word, action, conduct, character, and attitude
- be a person of vision
- be an active member of a diocesan parish community
- be familiar with the vision of youth ministry and be an active participant in a parish youth ministry or school campus ministry
- have experience working with adults on projects in a parish or high school campus ministry
- have experience planning and organizing youth ministry activities
- be willing to freely serve others by sharing gifts, talents, and abilities
- be open to the process of leadership skill development and training
- be in their sophomore or junior year during the 2016-2017 academic year**

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES: DYC members are required to pay a total of \$180 to participate on the Council for the 2016-2017 year. This amount is based upon the actual costs listed below for DYC meeting materials and required events. If assistance is needed, please contact the OYYAM.

- Training Retreat (overnight lodging, all meals, and retreat resources). Estimated cost is \$135.00
- Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (Registration of \$75, includes T-shirt and meals)
- Bosco Bash (Registration of \$25.00, includes T-shirt and dinner)
- Food and other expenses for eight (8) meetings throughout the year

Do not let the inability to pay the fee keep you from applying. We will work with you on it.

TIME REQUIREMENTS: A serious commitment to the vision and tasks of the council are essential to ensure the success of the DYC work. Therefore, council members are expected to:

- attend all regular council meetings (held monthly on Saturday's and Sunday's)
- understand that he/she **cannot miss more than 2 meetings**; after two missed meetings the member's status will be reviewed. Dates for 2016/17: Sundays (1pm-4pm)— Aug. 21, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Mar. 12, Apr. 2, May 7.
- attend task planning and other meetings as needed
- attend DYC/OYYAM sponsored events (i.e. Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference on November 12-13, Bosco Bash on Feb. 11 and Walking Stations of the Cross on Apr 14, etc.)
- attend the entire mandatory **DYC Training Retreat on July 22-24, 2016.**

COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES: DYC representatives will be expected to:

- work with other council members to plan diocesan youth ministry events (i.e. Bosco Bash, Walking Stations, Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference etc.)
- represent the parishes, schools, and youth in their deanery
- complete various tasks associated with event planning
- participate in all meetings and mandatory retreat
- lead meetings, small groups, and activities on occasion
- advise the OYYAM on youth related matters
- speak on behalf of youth and youth ministry

BENEFITS: As a result of their association with the DYC, council representatives will:

- experience ongoing leadership development in youth ministry
- develop new friendships with youth and adults across the diocese
- work closely with adults and youth who share their faith through enablement
- develop leadership, planning and communication skills
- have FUN living out your Catholic faith walk with other teens!

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT: July 2016-July 2017, renewal optional

TRAINING PROVIDED:

- DYC Training Retreat on July 22-24, 2016 (overnight)**
- Ongoing training in leadership skill development

ACCOUNTABILITY: Representatives of the DYC will be working with and are accountable to Mike Hall (Director) and Sean Robinson (Youth and Young Adult Ministry Program Coordinator) of the Diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (OYYAM).

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Students may apply directly or parish Pastors, Youth Ministers, Catholic High School Principals and Campus Ministers may nominate students who will be a **sophomore or junior** during the 2016-2017 academic year and fit the qualifications set by the OYYAM and forward to such students a formal application.
2. Students submit a completed application along with **two references to the OYYAM. At least one of these adult references must be completed by your parish pastor, priest, deacon, youth minister, DRE, or high school campus minister.**
APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 24, 2016
3. The Director and Program Coordinator of the OYYAM will assign the submitted applications to their respective geographical deanery.
4. The Director and Program Coordinator will review the particular applications and references and choose candidates from each of the 12 diocesan deaneries and one representative from each of the 11 diocesan high schools to serve on the DYC.
5. All students who submitted an application will be interviewed over the phone and informed of the final decision of the OYYAM by July 8, 2016.

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OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION

Before mailing this application, please be sure that you have completed all the requirements of the application process. Use a separate sheet of paper if you need additional writing space. To be considered for a position on the Diocesan Youth council, you must:

- ✓ Be a high-school sophomore or junior beginning August 2016
- ✓ Complete and submit this application
- ✓ Have two adults (excluding family members) who know you well each submit a recommendation form. **At least one of these adult references must be completed by your parish pastor, priest, deacon, youth minister, DRE, or high school campus minister.** (As a courtesy, be sure to provide stamped envelopes to your references.)

APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE POST-MARKED BY JUNE 24, 2016

Mail application materials to: OYYAM, DYC Application, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

School: _____ Parish: _____

Grade: _____ Graduation Year: _____ Birth Date: _____

Cell Phone Number (Optional information) _____

Can you receive text messages? _____ yes _____ no

List all leadership positions you have held at your parish:

Position	Parish	Year

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What do you see as your leadership weaknesses?

Tell us about the activities, teams, work, you are involved in:

PLEASE RANK EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF INTEREST FROM 1-6 THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE IF ASKED TO SERVE ON THE DYC FOR 2015-16

1 = I would really enjoy..... 6 = I could tolerate.

___ **Peer Ministry:** Learning about and participating in peer mentorship opportunities, giving witness talks, etc.

___ **Public Relations:** hospitality, speaking in front of groups, connecting with people, etc.

___ **Community Building:** social ideas, food, mixers, design ways to strengthen relationships, etc.

___ **Art & Environment:** creating atmospheres based on themes, use of art materials, incorporating multi-cultural dimensions to our faith, etc.

___ **Technology:** finding ways to incorporate audio/visual elements into events, work with computers, etc.

(Student signature)

(Pastor's signature)

For OYYAM Office Use

Date Received: / /

Notification Sent: / /

DYC STUDENT & PARENT COVENANT

Being a DYC member who holds a leadership position within the Diocese of Columbus is an exciting thing! However, it is important that you understand up front your potential responsibilities, and we encourage you to prayerfully and honestly think about whether or not you will actually be able to fulfill them. Please read the following elements to your “contract,” and then both your parents and you must sign below. These signatures indicate your full intent to abide by the DYC guidelines.

As a potential DYC member, I understand that I will be expected to:

- Be a person of faith whose life gives witness to Gospel Values in word, action, conduct, character, and attitude
- Become familiar with the vision of youth ministry and be an active participant in a parish youth ministry or school campus ministry
- Represent the parishes, schools, and youth in my deanery
- Make a commitment to attend the council’s monthly meetings (Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons- see “Time Requirements” under “Program Description” for dates). Absence of more than 2 meetings merits possible removal from the council
- Be responsible for transportation to and from all DYC-related events
- Join committees within the DYC as needed to help plan and organize events (i.e. the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference, Bosco Bash, Walking Stations of the Cross, etc.)
- Be in attendance at DYC/OYYAM sponsored events.
- Be open to the process of leadership skill development and training
- Attend the entire mandatory DYC Training Retreat on July 22-24, 2016 (overnight)
- Lead meetings, small groups, and activities on occasion
- Lend assistance to parish/school youth retreats
- Advise the OYYAM on youth-related matters
- Speak on behalf of youth and youth ministry
- Complete various tasks associated with event planning

Are you willing and able to establish this contract as a priority so as to make the commitment of time and self necessary to maintain your position with the DYC?

Student Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Your son/daughter is applying for a position on the Diocesan Youth Council for the 12-month programming period of July 2016 – July 2017. Your signature below indicates that you have read the **Program Description** sheet and will encourage and assist in holding your son/daughter accountable to these expectations.

Parent Signature

Date

**DIOCESAN OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION**

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY June 24, 2016.
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197 E. Gay St., Columbus, OH 43215
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION!

Applicant Name:	
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Please rate this student in the following area according to the following scale:
1=poor 2=fair 3=good 4=excellent

Person of Faith	1	2	3	4
Self-confidence	1	2	3	4
Follow-through on tasks	1	2	3	4
Respects Confidentially	1	2	3	4
Efficiency and Organization	1	2	3	4
Effective Communicator	1	2	3	4
Works well with others	1	2	3	4
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How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?

Why do you believe this applicant should be selected to be a vicariate representative to the DYC? What is your assessment of this student's leadership ability or potential?

What areas of weakness can you identify that this student might work on developing through the DYC?

Other comments or concerns:

Signature _____

Date _____

Please print name _____

Phone _____

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