

Campus, Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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Diocesan Youth Ministry Team (cont.)

The **DYMT** will be made up of teen representatives from each Vicariate of the Diocese: Please submit any names for consideration to Dave Stagliano. They should be young people who may have attended CLI or would like to pursue a leadership role in parish/vicariate or diocese youth activities. Adult participation is also encouraged.

Diocesan Confirmation Retreats: The Youth Ministry office may host a Fall or Spring Confirmation retreat at various sites around the Diocese, as needed. This retreat is offered for parishes that would like to host a retreat for their Confirmation group and to make available a retreat experience for others who may not be able to attend their parishes retreat. (contact David for info. or to schedule a retreat)

Resource and support for Parish youth ministers & catechists

One of the goals of the Coordinator of Youth/Young Adult Ministry is to connect with those working in the parishes. To be available for consultation and assistance with planning, preparing or carrying out a comprehensive youth ministry plan. This might include how to use any of the above mentioned areas.

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Young Adult Ministry - A means of connecting young adult Catholics in the Diocese of Albany through direct service opportunities and to put faith into action.

Any parish with a Young Adult committee should contact Dave Stagliano with any contacts in order to promote these opportunities.

YA ministry gatherings are an informal atmosphere for young adult Catholics to come together to network and share faith experiences. Usually with a speaker and food and beverages. (gatherings are promoted via Albany Young Adult facebook group and via YA email listing). YA's can email Dave to be added to email list for communications..

College Campus Ministry: to assist the Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry in servicing the College campuses of the Diocese of Albany and the University of Albany, Newman Catholic Association. By coordinating UAlbany liturgies, service & spiritual experiences as well as convening diocesan Campus Ministers and coordinating diocesan campus ministry retreats or other related activities as needed.

Description of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Events, Programs and Activities:

Peer Retreat Team Training & Youth Ministry Team Training
Christian Leadership Institute (*CLI*); Service Action Learning Team (*SALT*)
National Catholic Youth Conference (*NCYC*)
Diocesan Youth Ministry Team (*DYMT*)
Diocesan Confirmation Retreats, Young Adult Ministry,
College Campus Ministry – University of Albany & other diocesan campuses
Resource and support for Parish Youth Ministers & catechists

Peer Retreat Team Training: [contact Dave Stagliano to arrange a training]

This Diocesan training will help develop a Parish retreat team and peer leaders for Diocesan retreats. The training includes: Community building, leading small groups, preparing and giving talks, planning and presenting a retreat, prayer experiences, team and individual responsibilities. [this can be arranged for a parish, deanery or cluster group] A team typically involves several adult leaders and 8 to 10 peer leaders, depending on retreat participant numbers and type of retreat. Some parishes train a large number of peer leaders to assist with different types of retreats.

Youth Ministry Team Training : [contact Dave Stagliano to arrange a training]

Objectives: As a result of this training session, participants will be able to:

- Express their vision and goals for ministry with youth
- Assess their ministry with youth and identify areas of need within their parish community using the Bishops' plan for youth ministry
- Identify personal gifts and strengths
- Articulate God's presence in their lives
- Describe the charisms youth bring to the table
- Identify the elements needed to form an effective Youth Ministry Team (adults & teens) to make a difference in their communities.

What is Christian Leadership Institute - C.L.I. ?

The goal of the Christian Leadership Institute is to foster the leadership potential of each individual. These not only occur through the learning of technical skills but together with our call as disciples of Jesus to be a voice for the voiceless, hope for the hopeless and light for all people. *(held last week of June at Pyramid Life Center)*

CLI - WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Institute is designed for young people in their **Sophomore through Senior** year of high school (minimum age of 15) who are now involved or preparing for a leadership role in their parish, school or community. A max of Four youth per parish may attend. * Participants **MUST** be mature, focused, and able to take direction as well as contribute to the group learning, knowledgeable about their faith and willing to grow in their understanding of the role their faith plays in daily life and decisions.

The Institute offers an opportunity for Christian leadership development through an intensive period of learning, prayer and community living. The Coordinator of Youth Ministry and a trained team of youth ministers, young adults & teens from the Diocese staff CLI.

CLI Workshops offered :

- Christian Leadership
- Communication skills
- Group Dynamics
- Decision-making

The week also includes daily spiritual direction and several liturgies



What is the Service Action Learning Team (S.A.L.T.) -

The Diocese of Albany’s Service Action Learning Team (S.A.L.T.) is a locally organized immersion experience for high school youth. Young people will explore many of the important social justice issues that confront our community including poverty, racism, unemployment and homelessness. Each day is filled with hands-on service opportunities. The goal of **SALT** is to give young people the knowledge and experiences needed to make a difference in their local and global communities.

S.A.L.T. (cont.)

What will we do? Mornings and afternoons will be spent with the participants Working at a service site in small work groups and will rotate between a variety of service opportunities. We will gather in the evening for prayer, reflection, a social justice teaching and the opportunity to share in a social event or activity. This program will be one that will offer an intense experience of discipleship that will challenge you.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) -

A biennial event for Catholic teens held every **‘odd numbered’** year. Past conferences have been in, 2001- Indianapolis; 2003- Houston; 2005- Atlanta; 2007- Columbus, OH; 2009- Kansas City, MO.; 2011, 2013, 2015 – Indianapolis. **{November 2017- Indianapolis, IN}**

A gathering of over 20,000 youth and adults celebrating their Catholic faith. Check the- National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry website for video and information. www.nfcym.org

National Conference of Catholic Youth Ministers (NCCYM)-

A biennial conference for adult Youth Ministers held every **‘even numbered’** year. Conferences have been in, 2004- Denver; 2006- Las Vegas, 2008- Cleveland, 2010- New Orleans, 2012- Orlando; 2014 – San Antonio TX. **{December 2016 – San Jose, CA}**

Thousands of youth ministers gather to learn, share and affirm one another in their ministry.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Team-

Mission of the DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM - DYMT

To assist the Diocese’s Coordinator of Youth Ministry in the creation, development, implementation and evaluation of Diocesan events/activities offered to Jr. High & High School youth of the Albany Diocese.

