

# Diocese of Albany Youth Ministry



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## **Description of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Programs / Events:**

Peer Retreat Team Training & Youth Ministry Team Training  
Youth Leadership Weekend- **Mission:Possible**  
National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)  
Diocesan Youth Ministry Team  
Diocesan Confirmation Retreats,  
Resource and support for Parish Youth Ministers & catechists

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### **Peer Retreat Team Training:**

*[contact Dave Stagliano to arrange a training]*

This Diocesan training will help develop a Parish/School retreat team and peer leaders for 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, vicariate or parish network] 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 for various ages/grades.

### **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 USCCB's vision for youth ministry – *Renewing the Vision*
- 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.



**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 information 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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### What is the Youth Leadership Weekend

The goal of the *Mission: Possible, Leadership Weekend* 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.

### **WHO Might ATTEND?**

The Weekend is for young people in their **freshman through Senior** year of high school, who are involved or preparing for a leadership role in their parish, school or community. Participants should 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 *Mission: Possible, Leadership Weekend* will offer an opportunity for Christian leadership development through a period of learning, prayer and community living. As well as assist in the development and plans for a Diocesan Youth event. The Coordinator of Youth Ministry and team of young people and adults will facilitate the activities and program. *This opportunity can be offered as a day for a local parish or vicariate group.*

#### Skills that will be learned :

- Being a Christian Leader
- Communication skills
- Group Dynamics
- Decision-making
- Planning and logistics



### National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) -

Diocese of Albany has attended these ;

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, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, – Indianapolis.

### *{next in November 2025- 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](http://www.nfcym.org)

### *NCYC 2023 – Diocesan group mass*



### Diocesan Youth Ministry Team- DYMT

To assist the Diocese's Associate Director 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. Contact Dave for info.

