Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany
YOUTH COUNCIL

What is the DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL?
The **DYC** will consist of **youth representatives** (those entering Sophomore or Junior year of high school) from each of the Seven Vicariates and Cultural Apostolates of the Diocese. At least **2 representatives and maximum of 3, from each** (See map & list below) (**Adult Mentors will also be recruited to assist with the Council.**)

Purpose/Mission of the DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL:
- To inspire young people to embrace their faith.
- To advocate for teens across the Diocese and to help foster the personal growth of each young person in the Diocese.
- To assist the Diocese’s Coordinator of Youth Ministry in support of local parish/vicariate and/or Diocesan development, implementation and evaluation of youth related events/activities geared to the young people of the Albany Diocese.

**Each Vicariate to select their Youth Representative from applications submitted. Number of rep’s (max 3) should represent some diversity in gender, cultural background, catholic schools, &/or other considerations.**

Responsibilities of a DYC Representative:

* **Be a Disciple** – by growing in faith through prayer and conversation.
  to share faith with others through action, conversation and participation

* **Represent** - To represent the youth of their respective vicariate and parishes in their particular vicariate.

* **Live Catholic values**, in all aspects of life **(including social media)**

* **Participate** - To be active and involved in their own parish and vicariate activities **(to include attending mass)** as well as any Diocesan related youth events/programs; To attend all DYC meetings and planning sessions.

* **Advocate** - speak for the needs or concerns of young people within vicariate and diocese at any meeting, gathering or conversations.

* **Facilitate** - to communicate and collaborate with other DYC representatives, RCDA Youth Ministry staff, volunteers and others, professionally and efficiently.

* **Organize** - to assist as necessary or needed in vicariate/diocesan youth programs/events; in planning, implementation and evaluation.

Qualifications of who can be a Representative?
- Any young person (**who is in sophomore or junior year of high school**) and who will be able to serve for at least **two-years** . . .
- Must possess leadership gifts and be a positive Christian role model to peers.
- Must be able to speak to and lead groups of young people
- Must be informed of the needs, issues and gifts of the young people of their region
- Must be able to attend DYC meetings as scheduled & other leadership training sessions

For youth applications and other information contact
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