



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.**
{application to be sent out }

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
- * Complete and submit the application and necessary recommendation/references

For youth applications and other information contact
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