



Youth & Young Adult Ministry

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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.

***Contact Dave Stagliano at, 453-6610 or stagliad@rcda.org**

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Events, Programs and Activities:

- Peer Retreat Team Training & Youth Ministry Team Training
- Youth Leadership program - **Mission:Possible** (using CLI skills +)
- National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)
- Diocesan Youth Council *{to be initiated ?}*
- Diocesan Confirmation Retreats,
- Young Adult Ministry,
- Resource and support for Parish Youth Ministers & catechists

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Diocesan Young Adult Ministry -

- Many opportunities via Local parish or diocesan YA groups.
 - Capital Region Frassati
<https://www.facebook.com/CRFrassati>
 - Adirondack Catholic
<https://www.facebook.com/adkcatholic>
 - St. Pius X parish YA's
<https://www.facebook.com/stpiusxloudonvilleYAM>

Ongoing Diocesan YA gatherings-
 offered by Bishop's Evangelization Coord. and Young Adult Coordinator

- Pints with Priests
- Coffeehouses
- Discussion groups
- Bible studies
- Young Adult retreat(s) [virtual or in-person]

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, 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] - **Youth Leadership Training**

The goal of the *Mission: Possible, Leadership Training* 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?

A Day Long program 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. {approx.. 9am – 7pm, to include breaks, meals, snacks, activities + }

The *Mission: Possible, Leadership program* will offer an opportunity for Christian leadership development through a period of learning, prayer and community building.

The Coordinator of Youth Ministry and a team made up of youth ministers, young adults & teens will assist as staff.

This program may be offered to a parish youth ministry group or as a collaboration with several parishes within a vicariate or offered as a vicariate program.

An adaptation of all the components of the CLI program reconfigured to fit within a daylong offering. Using young adult and older teens as small group facilitators.

Can provide your own team of (YA / teen) facilitators or Diocesan Coord. YM will gather a team from past participants.

Skills that will be learned :

- Being a Christian Leader
- Communication skills
- Group Dynamics
- Decision-making
- Community building
- Planning and logistics
- Prayer experiences



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, 2017, 2019 – Indianapolis.

{November 2021- Indianapolis, IN; Ablaze / Enciende el Fuego}

A gathering of over 20,000 youth and adults celebrating ... **still t.b.d. ?** 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. 2016- San Jose, Ca ; 2018 - Tampa **{December 2020 ; New Orleans}cancelled**

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

Diocesan Youth Ministry Team- {to be revised as Diocesan Youth Council}

Mission of the DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL -

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.

To be initiated (?)

