



## ▶ **What will my child do all week?**

Each day includes the following:

- ✦ Large group session on leadership skills
- ✦ Small Group session on dimensions of leadership
- ✦ Planning Session for them to practice the skills they are learning
- ✦ Prayer and opportunities for spiritual growth
- ✦ Free time and social time

## ▶ **Who will be working with my child?**

- ✦ The CLI program is directed by Kathy Goller (Director, Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry) and Patty Bubar Spear (Pastoral Associate, St. Joseph University Parish.)
- ✦ Eight trained youth ministry leaders also staff the program.
- ✦ Fr. Walter Szczesny, Diocesan Vocations Director, will serve as our Spiritual Director for the week.

## ▶ **Will Mass be part of the week?**

Yes! Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Every CLIER will have an opportunity at least once during the week to help in the planning of the liturgy.

## ▶ **What will my child learn about living in community?**

CLIERs will live together in community for the week. They will learn that the needs of the group often have to come before the needs of the individual.

## ▶ **The following pages describe the leadership skills and dimensions that are covered each day of the program.**



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## ▶ **Sunday, June 26th**

### **Leadership Styles**

- † CLIers will examine Jesus' style of leadership and begin to discuss what it means to be a servant leader.
- † CLIers experience various styles of leadership (democratic, directive, and participating) and learn how to be a servant leader by understanding the strengths and weaknesses of each style. They will learn that the best style of leadership depends on the situation, the needs of the group, the time available, and other factors.
- † CLIers will be introduced to the distinct task and maintenance functions that empower an effective group. The participants will also understand their own strengths and weaknesses in each of these areas.
- † CLIers will learn that servant leadership means that the best style of leadership depends on the situation.

### **Christian Ministry**

- † CLIers will explore how they can use their gifts within the Church to change the world.
- † CLIers will explore their personal mission as a Christian.
- † CLIers will understand how they have been called to ministry with others.

## ▶ **Monday, June 27th**

### **Communication Skills**

- † CLIers will learn to listen and pay attention to others as Jesus did when He listened to those he served.
- † CLIers will experience the advantages and disadvantages of one-way and two-way communication.
- † CLIers will learn that they need to listen using eye contact, posture, and body language in effective communication.
- † CLIers will be taught to use effective, personal "I-messages" in confrontation and conversation.
- † CLIers will learn to serve others by using active listening skills.



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## Community

- † CLIers will participate in a simulation experience that will explore issues of community and illustrate how leaders and their groups are "the body of Christ."
- † CLIers will learn about Christian community, and recognize the need to use the gifts of all of the members of their group.

## ▶ **Tuesday, June 28th**

### Planning Skills

- † CLIers will learn how to use their listening and communication skills to help groups to plan an event.
- † CLIers will practice using the planning process by planning a "back-home" event.
- † As servant leaders, CLIers will be taught that planning should be based on the needs of the group and not the wants of the leader or the group.

### Christian Values

- † CLIers will explore their personal values.
- † CLIers will come to understand the how Jesus' values affect their lives.

## ▶ **Wednesday, June 29th**

### Group Dynamics

- † CLIers will learn the different roles and functions that participants have in a group.
- † CLIers will practice how to serve a group by using task and maintenance skills to empower others.
- † CLIers will learn the four components of effective meetings, viz., facilitator, recorder, agenda, and shared information.
- † CLIers will explore the challenge of serving a group by imitating Jesus' example of sacrificing love.



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## Prayer

- † CLIers will be introduced to various forms of prayer, as well as the meaning of prayer for Christian leaders.
- † CLIers will be reminded that a Christian leader must develop a strong prayer life that connects them to God and to others.

## ▶ **Thursday, June 30th**

### Decision Making

- † CLIers will learn various forms of decision making, including consensus.
- † CLIers will experience consensus decision-making.

### Affirmation

- † CLIers will learn the importance of affirming the gifts that they see in others.
- † CLIers will have an opportunity to both receive and give affirmation.
- † CLIers will be encouraged to follow the example of Jesus who recognized the gifts of others.

## ▶ **What about June 25th and July 1st?**

Both days have specific prayers and activities for orientation and conclusion.

## ▶ **What can my child do after CLI?**

- † Discuss with your child ways they would like to use their skills. Ask them to identify activities they are interested in becoming more involved.
- † Help your child seek out ways they can be involved and help with the leadership in the parish, school and community.
- † Encourage your child to write an article about the experience for the parish bulletin/school newsletter.
- † Have your child meet with leaders in your community (parish staff/council or teachers/school administrators.)
- † Encourage your child to stay connected with diocesan activities through the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Find us on Facebook at Diocese of Buffalo Youth & Young Adult Ministry and visit our website at [www.dobyouth.org](http://www.dobyouth.org).



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