

Diocesan Youth Board

Job Description

Purpose:

By empowering teenagers to be advocates for the young Church, the Diocesan Youth Board seeks to draw young people into responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Church. The Diocesan Youth Board works to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person in the Diocese.

Qualifications:

- Each young person should be a person of faith, with a dedication to their peers and their Church.
- Enthusiasm for youth ministry ! The Diocesan Youth Board requires a commitment of time and energy, along with a desire to grow and learn throughout the year.
- The abilities to communicate clearly and work cooperatively in a group are necessary for the success of the Board.
- Attendance at the Christian Leadership Institute, Youth Board Meetings and Overnights.

Roles & Responsibilities:

REPRESENTATIVE

- To officially represent the youth of the Diocese.
- To represent the Board at athletic competitions, fundraisers, and other activities sponsored for and conducted by parish youth groups.
- Board members are expected to live by Catholic values in all aspects of their lives.

PARTICIPANT

- To become part of a faith-filled group that works effectively together
- To serve as a liaison to the parish community and participate in programs sponsored by the Diocesan Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.
- To encourage others in the Diocese to participate in Diocesan, Vicariate and parish activities.

ADVOCATE

- To speak for the needs of young people, especially young people from minority groups, special concerns, and rural communities with the staff of the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.
- To encourage young people to live their Catholic values by communicating through personal contact, the Western New York Catholic newspaper, and special mailings.

FACILITATOR

- To help the youth of the Diocese to exchange information and learn from each other on a regular basis.
- To share information, plans, ideas and concerns among parishes and between parishes and the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.
- To establish consistent, regular communication with parish youth and/or adult leaders in your community.
- To report about activities in your community at each Diocesan Youth Board Meeting.

ORGANIZER

- To plan and implement activities of the Diocesan Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.
- To assist in planning and implementing activities among parishes or vicariates and coordinate those plans with the Diocesan Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.
- To coordinate any activities and meetings in your vicariate.



Diocesan Youth Board Application 2011-2012

Submit to the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministry by April 29, 2011.

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Birth Date _____
Parish _____ School _____ Current Grade _____
Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Basic Qualifications:

___ Mandatory attendance is required for the following:

- Applicant/Parent Meeting: May 6:30-8pm
- Christian Leadership Institute. June 25 – July 2011 (if you have not already attended)
- Youth Board Overnights and meetings - August 5-6, 2011
October 15, 2011
January 6-7, 2012
March 10, 2012

Application Guidelines:

___ Submit (2) letters of recommendation – one from an adult and one from a peer that have worked with you in a youth ministry setting.

___ Please submit a short answer for each of the following:

1. How long have you been involved in your parish youth ministry program?
2. List any parish leadership roles that you have held:
3. List your participation in Diocesan activities:
4. List your involvement in community organizations/community service:
5. List your extracurricular school activities and the time commitment for each:
6. Do you have a part-time job? ___Yes ___No How many hours per week? _____
If you currently do not have a job, do you plan to get one during the next year? ___Yes ___No

7. There is a considerable time commitment needed to fulfill the duties of the Diocesan Youth Board. Please comment on your ability to create the time needed to serve on the Diocesan Youth Board.

8. Please express how being a part of a parish youth group and participating in Diocesan activities has affected your personal and spiritual growth:

9. What personal gifts and talents will help you to be a valuable member of the Diocesan Youth Board?

10. How do you hope to personally benefit from your involvement with the Diocesan Youth Board?

Required signatures:

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parish Youth Director _____ Date _____

Applicant _____ Date _____

4. What special skills/talents does this young person possess that will help him/her fulfill the duties of the Diocesan Youth Board?

5. What challenges/struggles/weaknesses will this young person have to face as a member of the Diocesan Youth Board?

6. Please check one:

I highly recommend this applicant.

I recommend this applicant.

I recommend this applicant with reservation. Comments:

Signature _____ Date _____