



DALLAS
CATHOLIC
YOUTH
CONFERENCE

"A" TEAM APPLICATION

Due Date: September 17, 2018

Diocese of Dallas
Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries
www.dcycdallas.com


Join The DCYC “A” Team

“Acoustics”

Music Team

Plays primarily for Friday and Saturday Masses


Provides gathering music in the hallways on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, as well as music in the hallways for participants on Saturday during transition periods.



“Animators”

Drama/Skit Team


Serves primarily in a pre-production (filmed) capacity with some on-site items still to be determined. This role will serve primarily to tell a story through short films shown on the Main Stage during DCYC 2019. This team will work to execute a dramatic and thought-provoking story in line with the theme of DCYC 2019 – “The Way”.



“Activators”

Spoken Word

Serves primarily as Breakout Introduction presenters/room moderators during the DCYC Workshops. Some Activators may serve as Lectors for the various DCYC Liturgies.
Friday Hospitality - Greeters





DALLAS CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Letter from DCYC Conference Director

Welcome to the beginning of an amazing journey. We are excited to announce the opening of applications for the DCYC “A” Team. The “A” Team offers three areas of involvement including the following groups: Acoustics (Music), Animators (Skit/Drama), and Activators (Spoken Word). This provides an opportunity for more young people to be involved in DCYC, and we are looking forward to your participation. These areas have various levels/types of commitment during DCYC proper and also vary in practice times leading up to the event. We encourage you to reflect upon your schedule and the areas in which you can commit before completing the application.

Beyond a commitment to the *Dallas Catholic Youth Conference* and the Diocese of Dallas, an “A” Team member must realize his or her commitment to the Roman Catholic Church and to God. It is for this reason that each “A” Team Youth is expected to be in good standing with the Catholic Church by attending Mass each Sunday and remaining active in his or her parish’s youth ministry. Moreover, each “A” Team member is expected to live his or her life in a manner befitting that of an authentic Catholic, conducting oneself *outside* of parish life with morality and integrity.

Take some time and prayerfully discern where God may be calling you to share your gifts and talents at DCYC 2019. Review the following information and let us know which areas interest you.

Blessings,

Anne E. Keough
DCYC Conference Director

Who We Are - A Vision for the DCYC “A” Team

An “A” Team member is a young person (who will be a sophomore, junior, or senior during the 2018/2019 school year) who exemplifies leadership qualities and a desire to lead their peers into a fuller experience of DCYC. Youth must be open to participate in selective areas of DCYC ministry which include acting, song, and oral proclamations.

An “A” Team Member is required to attend **all** of the preparation formation days with the expectation that they are able to be present for them in their entirety. In order to be eligible to be an Acoustic, Animator, or Activator, the applicant *must* have participated in the parish youth ministry offered by his or her respective parish and attended DCYC previously. If the applicant’s parish does not offer formal youth ministry formation events, he or she should have actively participated in the life of the parish in some formal manner. Furthermore, because each “A” Team member will serve not only as a leader during the conference proper, but also as a spiritual example for his or her fellow “A” Team Members, he or she is expected to participate in Sunday Mass each week and display a longing for continued spiritual growth and development.

“A” Team Roles/Job Descriptions:

ACOUSTICS (MUSIC TEAM)

Members of this team will serve as vocalists and instrumentalists to provide music in accordance with the vision and plans discerned by the DCYC Leadership Team. The role of the Acoustics is to work with the Acoustics Coordinator to learn music to be played and sung during specific times at the conference. Details regarding the role of the Acoustic Team will evolve as DCYC preparations unfold each year (ex: Friday Liturgy, Saturday AM Liturgy, Hallway Hospitality Music – similar to what the group did in 2018 for gathering periods and hallway transitions, etc.).

ANIMATOR (DRAMA/SKIT TEAM)

As a member of this year’s Animator Team you would serve primarily in a pre-production (filmed) capacity with some on-site items still to be determined. This role will serve primarily to tell a story through short films shown on the Main Stage during DCYC 2019. This team will work to execute a dramatic and thought-provoking story in line with the theme of DCYC 2019 – “The Way”.

ACTIVATORS (SPOKEN WORD/SPEAKING PARTS)

The role of an Activator is to serve as the Emcee for their assigned Breakout Sessions (DCYC Workshops). This role will introduce the various workshops and moderate the closing instructions/announcements. Some Activators will be discerned to serve as Lectors for the various Liturgies that take place during DCYC. In addition, all Activators will serve as hospitality greeters on Friday of DCYC.

Details/Dates of Importance for the “A” Team (Application Deadline / Formation Requiring Attendance)

APPLICATION:

DUE DATE → SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

“A” Team Applications can either be hand delivered, mailed, or emailed by noon on **September 17, 2018**. Address information is noted at the end of the application. Applications mailed must be postmarked by September 17 in order to be accepted. For all applications mailed or emailed, please send an email to akeough@cathdal.org to confirm receipt of the application.

Becoming a Dallas Catholic Youth Conference “A” Team Member brings with it many blessings, but also requires a significant amount of dedication. An “A” Team Member is required to commit to serving for the entire duration of the D.C.Y.C. “A” Team formation process, which will include all team preparation formation days prior to the conference in February noted below.

FORMATION DAYS: Attendance Mandatory

ACOUSTICS AND ACTIVATORS FORMATION DAY: OCTOBER 27, 2018

Arrival Time: 9:30 am / **Departure Time:** 12:30 pm

Location: St. Michael the Archangel, Grand Prairie, Mazaika Hall
2910 Corn Valley Road
Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Items To Bring With You:

- Please bring your calendar in order to assist the "A" Team group leaders in planning future meeting and practice dates.

ANIMATORS FORMATION DAY: November 3, 2018

Arrival Time: 9:30 am / **Departure Time:** 12:30 pm

Location: To be determined

Items To Bring With You:

- Please bring your calendar in order to assist the "A" Team group leaders in planning future meeting and practice dates.

ADDITIONAL DATES / FALL 2018 & WINTER 2019:

"A" Team practice dates will be determined by the various team leads. "A" Team members will be asked to attend these additional gatherings according to team assignment. Youth availability will be gleaned at the Formation Days noted for each and practice locations and dates determined by the individual teams.

ACOUSTICS: Plan on an additional 7-10 rehearsals. First practice will be late September/early October 2018 and remaining dates are to be determined following the Acoustic Formation Day on **October 27, 2018** with practice dates becoming more frequent closer to DCYC.

ANIMATORS: Plan on 3-5 additional practice dates (September 2018, November 2018, December 2018 (filming), January 2019, and February 2019 (filming). Specific dates and locations to be determined following the Animator Formation Day on **November 3, 2018**.

ACTIVATORS: Plan on 3-5 additional practice dates (September 2018, October 2018, January 2019, and February 2019) (Additional dates will be based on progress.) Specific dates and locations to be determined following the Activator Formation Day on **October 27, 2018**.

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to the Formation Day for your assigned role and the additional team practice days outlined above, all "A" Team members should plan to practice with their teams at some point the weekend prior to DCYC. You will do this as separate groups. The entire team will receive an email prior to DCYC with arrival instructions.

DCYC PROPER:

Below are notes to keep in mind about DCYC Friday arrival / DCYC Registration

FRIDAY, February 15, 2019 Dress Rehearsal for all "A" Team members

- **Arrival Time:** 1:00 pm. If you have conflicts with this arrival time, please communicate this to your "A" Team Group Leader at least one month prior to this rehearsal date. Lunch is not provided.
- **Location:** Embassy Suites/Frisco Convention Center
- "A" Team members should bring their luggage at this time. Luggage will be stored for you until your parish group arrives and you are able to check into your assigned hotel room. You will stay with your parish groups not with your "A" Team groups.
- Dinner will be provided for "A" Team members.
- "A" Team members should plan to arrive at DCYC on the afternoon of **Friday, February 16** and remain until the afternoon of **Sunday, February 17, 2019**.

COST: The only cost would be the registration for DCYC itself. "A" Team members are asked to register for the conference through their parish DCYC group leader by

the designated due date. All additional "A" Team expenses are covered by the Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries - Diocese of Dallas

"A" Team members will also receive an "A" Team t-shirt, Friday dinner prior to DCYC beginning, and special "A" Team snacks on site.

DCYC "A" Team Application

Application Form Note: No application will be considered complete without all required information and signatures. The **youth applicant** will note their preference of role and the "A" Team Leaders will discern the best placement. Roles will be assigned on a space available basis. There is no guarantee that all first choices will be granted, but we will seek to honor your first choice when possible.

Completed Application must be received no later than

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Male Female Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Grade (as of 2018 -2019): _____

T-Shirt Size: SM / Med / Large / X-Large / XX-Large (**Note: Adult Sizes**)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

School: _____

Parish: _____

Name of Parish Coordinator or Youth Ministry Director/Coordinator:

Is this your first time applying? (*Circle one*) Yes/No

How many times have you attended DCYC? _____

Do you attend Mass regularly? (*Circle one*) Yes/No

What ministries are you currently involved in, if any?

Ministerial Information

Instructions: Please check any and all that apply to you.

Singer: _____Soprano _____Alto _____Tenor _____Bass

Cantor Lector Actor/Theatre

Instrumentalist: _____(Type of Instrument)

All participants will be required to participate in a primary area of ministry. Please prioritize the following to indicate your top choice of ministry for DCYC noting #1 being your first preference and #3 being your least preferred.

Please note that you will only be involved in one of the three ministries:

_____Acoustics _____Animator _____Activator

Animator Note: *If you would like to be considered for an **Animator** Position on the “A” Team, we ask that along with your written application (answers to questions below in addition to the preceding information), each Animator applicant is required to submit a 2-3 minute video that conveys why he or she is applying to be an animator. The video should offer insight into the personality of the applicant, and can include humor, theatricality, and any other appropriate talent that the applicant believes the DCYC Leadership Committee should be aware of before making their decision.*

Please place your videos on a DVD or uploadonline to your favorite video hosting site with an access link emailed to us. Ensure your privacy settings are set to limit viewing access to the appropriate viewers. If you are unsure about setting up privacy settings, please send a DVD.

See the information below for submittal instructions.

Review the questions below and answer each to the best of your ability. Please type your responses and turn in with your application. (REQUIRED)

1. Why are you applying to be an “A” Team Member for the *Dallas Catholic Youth Conference*?
2. Describe the role your faith plays in your life. How will you be a witness of your faith / how will your faith be seen through the *Dallas Catholic Youth Conference* preparation process and conference weekend?
3. Serving as a leader amongst peers can often be a difficult undertaking. Most especially at the *Dallas Catholic Youth Conference*, an “A” Team Youth must be able to serve selflessly in a manner befitting that of a Catholic Christian. How will you accomplish this tremendous task?

Please also offer any final thoughts or insights that you believe should be considered along with your application to become an “A” Team Member for the 2019 Dallas Catholic Youth Conference.

By signing the line below, you agree to the aforementioned terms noted in this application and agree to the commitment of the selected “A” Team areas, understanding that if the above conditions are not met, your role as an “A” Team Member for DCYC, should you be chosen, may be terminated at any time per the direction of the DCYC Conference Director in consultation with your “A” Team Group Leader.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Youth Minister: _____ Date: _____

If you are unable to obtain your Youth Ministers signature, you can ask them to email Anne E. Keough. This will serve as their signature above.

Applications can be submitted electronically via e-mail to Anne E. Keough akeough@cathdal.org, in person, by fax, or by regular mail to the address below no later than **SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 (postmarked on or before September 17th.) All emailed applications must be submitted by a parent/legal guardian or a parent/legal guardian must be Cc'd on the email. (Fax Number 214-379-3255) / (Office Number 214-379-2855)**

***Catholic Diocese of Dallas
Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministries
Attention: Anne E. Keough
P.O. Box 190507
3725 Blackburn
Dallas, TX 75219***

Communicating with DCYC Youth “A” Team Members

(Please turn this REQUIRED form in with your application.)

Name of “A” Team Applicant: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parish: _____

Parent E-mail (s): _____

Parent Phone (s): _____

I give permission for the DCYC Conference Director, DCYC Project Manager, and subsequent “A” Team Leaders to communicate with my child, in the following methods, **as checked below.**

 | Youth E-mail: _____

 | Youth Phone: _____

 | Social Media: _____

 | Other: _____

X _____ (parent signature)

Date: _____

Youth Applicant Name (printed): _____

I give permission for the DCYC Conference Director, DCYC Project Manager, and subsequent “A” Team Leaders to communicate with me via the methods checked above – approved by my parent/guardian.

X _____ (youth signature)

Date: _____

NOTE:

Parents and Youth Ministers will be copied on all communications with youth.