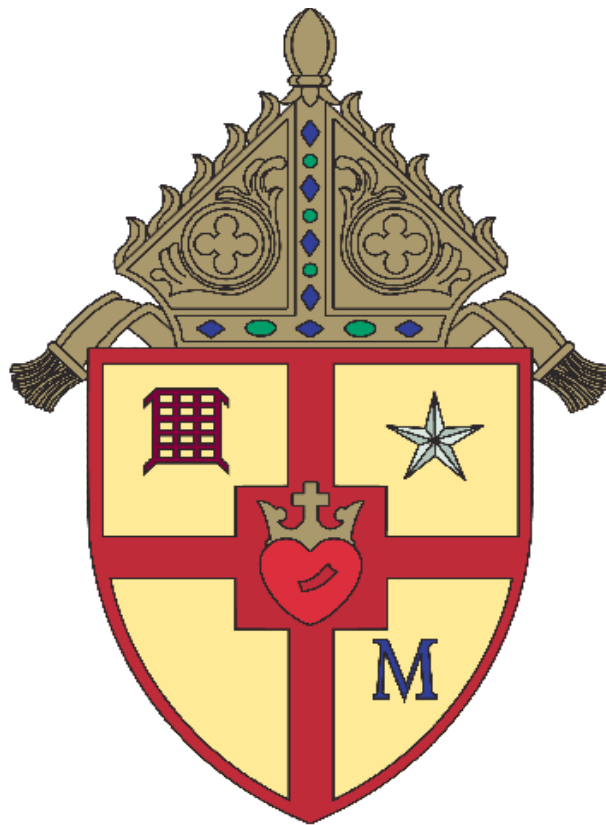


Diocesan Youth Council

Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.

1 Timothy 4:12



Diocese of Amarillo
Academic Year 2018-2019

Goals of the Diocesan Youth Council

- To assist in assuring active participation of youth in Diocesan events.
- To assist in interpreting the needs of youth and advocate for their concerns to the Diocesan Youth Office officials.
- To represent the youth of the Diocese in various capacities and to encourage the Diocese to attend to their needs.
- To further Christian growth through involvement in developing programs for youth. This shall be accomplished through observation, discussion, and action.

Meeting Schedule

All new council members will be required to participate in planning meetings, which are held three times during the year. The 2018 -2019 meetings are:

November 9, 2018 – 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

February 2019 – To Be scheduled by DYC

April 2019 – To Be scheduled by DYC

June 7-9, 2019 – Meeting at DCYC (no cost to DYC)

In addition to the council meetings, they will also have the responsibility of one additional committee to fulfill their duties and some may be called forth to serve on the Leadership Roles which calls for additional meetings.

Youth Council Members

While it is a given that all young people have potential, it is recognized that some special characteristics and talents would be helpful for prospective representatives. A youth council member should:

- Be nominated by a parish or Catholic high school's official who can attest to the nominee's leadership skills and level of commitment.
- Be in high school; sophomore, junior or senior for 2018 -2019 academic year.
- Be familiar with the vision of youth ministry and be an active participant in a parish youth ministry/high school program.
- Have the ability to listen to others and to report their concerns without judgment and be honest in communicating their own feelings.
- Be able to consider the whole Diocesan picture rather than the individual parish or school
- Be an individual who is able to take responsibility for his/her attendance and commitment to the areas assigned.

Adult Advisory Team

A select group of adults youth ministry leaders will be chosen to assist the Diocesan Director who has the responsibility for coordination, formation, and development of the Diocesan Youth Council. The advisory team assists with the ongoing training, development, chaperoning and mentoring of the youth council.

Duties of the Diocesan Youth Council

This body of representatives from parishes and Catholic High School is called to:

- Bring the youth of the Diocese together to gather the needs and concerns of their peers within the Diocese of Amarillo and gain input for the planning and implementation of the numerous Diocesan youth formation programs.
- Meet at least three times each year as a council to share information, plans, ideas, and to be mentored by key adults in the area of youth ministry.
- Participate in planning and implementing of programs designed for younger and older adolescents
- Maintain communication with youth of the Diocese in a variety of ways including articles written by youth to youth in the Diocesan Catholic West Texas Paper, through special mailings and publications, through personal efforts, and through special focus group sessions.
- Maintain communication with Diocesan officials through letters and personal meetings throughout the year.
- Maintain a high level of commitment and responsibility by holding each other accountable for their actions and follow through on assignments.

NOMINATION PROCESS

1. In nominating potential youth council members, please follow the following steps.
2. Check off as you complete each task.
3. Note that youth ministry leaders may not nominate their own son/daughter.

- Select young people that match the listed qualities of potential council members. Remember, no more than 2 youth may will be elected from one parish/school.
- Have an in-depth conversation (in person...not via e-mail or other social networking with the nominees about the council and the responsibilities it entails including:
 - Schedule Meetings
 - Other Weekend Meetings (If necessary)
 - Role and Responsibility of the Council (Committee Meetings)
 - Nomination does not guarantee membership on the council
- After meeting with the nominees, meet in person with their parents (not via e-mail or other social networking) to discuss the same information shared with the nominees
 - Include the parent's role in supporting the nominee through the entire process
 - Getting young people to meeting sites
- If both the parent and nominee agree to the nomination, complete the form on the back of the brochure.
- Make sure one of the parents signs the Nomination Form on the designated line.
- Write a one page letter of recommendation on each nominee. Remember, this letter should be written by the nominating adult, not the parent or young person. If you have more than one nominee, make sure each letter is separate and distinct from the other, Include the following in the letter:
 - Share nominee's involvement on the parish, deanery, school, and Diocesan levels
 - Share any experience the young person has had in the area of program planning
 - As concisely as possible, describe the nominee and tell why you feel he/she would make a good representative on the Diocesan Youth Council.
- Submit the Nomination Form, a Letter of Recommendation and a current picture of the nominee to the Office of Youth Ministry before November 9, 2018.

2018 - 2019

Diocesan Youth Council Nomination Form

Name of Nominee

Date of Birth

Street Address

Year In School (As of August, 2019)

City, State, and Zip Code

Nominating Parish or Catholic High School

Nominee's Cell Number

Parent/Guardain Name

Nominee's E-mail Address

Parent/Guardian Phone(s)

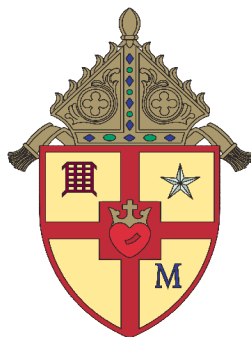
X
Signature of Parent/Guardian

X
Signature and Title of Person Nominating

Street Address

City, State, and Zip Code

Day Phone Number



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