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Youth Leadership Forums

An extension of the Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese (CYLA) to provide additional opportunities for the voices, gifts, and talents of the young Church of the Archdiocese of New York.

Mission

To bring together young people across the archdiocese to listen, form, empower and engage as young leaders of the Church today.

<p>FORUM 1: Youth as Advocates & Vision Date: Sat., September 23, 2023 Time: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM Location: Fordham University</p>	<p>This session will focus on listening to the young Church to hear their needs. We will also discuss the role of being an advocate and agent of change. Youth will immediately take action as an advocate in giving context, direction and content for youth day speakers, determining workshop topics, additional speakers, and determining the flow of NYCYP.</p>
<p>FORUM 2: Youth as Protagonist and Leaders Date: Sun., November 12, 2023 Time: 11:30 AM – 6:00 PM Location: TBA</p>	<p>This session will focus on what it means to be a protagonist, building on the context of a change agent, youth will learn practical leadership skills that can be used both in the parish and in everyday life. Youth using their own experience, knowledge, and leadership skills will work on a plan for the environment, hospitality (welcoming and engaging peers), activities and social media for NYCYP.</p>
<p>FORUM 3: Youth as Witnesses and Testimony Date: Sat., January 27, 2024 Time: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM Location: TBA</p>	<p>This session will focus on evangelization (sharing the Good News) and expressing our story to bring others to know Jesus. Youth will learn and practice communication skills and how to write and give a testimony of their faith. Youth will work on ways to animate the faith to peers at NYCYP, work with keynote speakers on finalizing key points and messages for their talks, and plan to invite young people to experience NYCYP.</p>
<p>FORUM 4: Celebrating Faith and Discernment Date: Sat., March 9, 2024 Time: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM Location: TBA</p>	<p>We will focus on celebrating and living out our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. Youth will learn more about what it means to live as a disciple, create a personal discipleship plan and learn about discernment. Youth will also take on planning the Liturgies and prayer components for NYCYP. In addition, youth will do an in-depth review of NYCYP 24, and complete a discernment for CYLA 2024-25 and NYCYP 25.</p>

ADULT LEADERS: Please take into prayer and discernment ways you would like to participate in these opportunities with young people.

- **Join CYLA as an adult mentor;** this would require the most time. As a mentor, you would work with our CYLA youth team to guide them this year as leaders.
- **Join the CYLA adult team;** this is the team that will help facilitate the CYLA Youth Leadership Forums. Each one has a specific theme, as outlined above. As a facilitator you will help plan and implement one (or more) of the sessions. This would require a couple of hours before the Youth Leadership Forum and a commitment to the day.
- **Bring a group of youth leaders** to one (or more) of the Youth Leadership Forums. This would require organizing a group, bringing them for the day, and participating alongside them.