



# CYLA

*Catholic Youth Leaders  
of the Archdiocese*



## TEEN APPLICATION FORM



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK  
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

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# About

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The Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese (CYLA) is a team of youth in grades 9–12 from the various counties of the Archdiocese of New York, which comes together for ongoing faith and leadership formation as well as collaboration with the Office of Youth Ministry to meet the needs of and to empower young people in the Archdiocese of New York by:

- Assisting in interpreting the needs of youth and advocating for their concerns to the members of Archdiocesan leadership;
- Representing the youth of the archdiocese as servant leaders in various capacities;
- Drawing young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work in the faithful community of the People of God;
- Developing and forming the members of the team in leadership skills which will equip them to be servant leaders in their home parish ministries;
- Raising up Catholic leaders in the archdiocese through the team's involvement in the development of programs for youth; and
- Empowering its members to encourage the spiritual and personal growth of their peers by facilitating active participation of youth in archdiocesan events.

(Adapted from the USCCB document *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*, 1997)

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## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

- CYLA application and recommendations from the pastor and youth minister/adult youth leader are due by July 15, 2023. No candidate can be discerned without all the required recommendations.
- All candidates must have the parental consent form signed and included with their application.
- All candidates must be actively involved in youth activities in their parish or school.
- Attendance at the Leadership Training Retreat, CYLA Team Meetings, as well as being committed to planning, implementing and attending youth events at the deanery and diocesan level is required.
- Candidates **MUST** be present at New York Catholic Youth Day the year they are serving.

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Readthrough complete application.
- Pray and discern if this is what God is calling you to do now.
- Fill out complete application and letter of intent (250–500 words).
- Obtain recommendations:
  - Parent
  - Pastor
  - Parish Youth Minister / Adult Leader / School Campus Minister
- Obtain parental consent to join by including signed consent form.
- Return application, letter of intent, recommendations and parental consent in one envelope to the following address no later than July 15, 2023:

Christina Davis, Department of Youth Faith Formation  
1011 First Ave, 12<sup>th</sup> floor, New York, NY 10022

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## 2023–2024 TEEN APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Youth cellphone \_\_\_\_\_

Youth email \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Parish city / county \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in 2023–2024 school year \_\_\_\_\_ Current G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a letter of intent (between 250–500 words) stating:

- Your qualifications;
- Your reasons for wanting to serve in CYLA;
- Your understanding of CYLA expectations (see following page);
- Any parish and other leadership positions held;
- Activities in which you are currently involved.

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## CYLA TEAM AGREEMENT

Being a CYLA team member who holds a leadership position within the Archdiocese of New York is an exciting opportunity! However, it is important that you understand your responsibilities and commitment. Please read the following statements and sign below. Your signature indicates your full intent to abide by CYLA guidelines.

**As a CYLA Team member, I understand that I will be expected to:**

- Be a person of faith whose life gives witness to Gospel values in word, action, conduct, character, and attitude;
- Be an active participant in my parish;
- Be an active participant in my parish youth ministry or school campus ministry;
- Make a commitment to attend team meetings, and give notification if I am unable to attend;
- Be open to the process of leadership skill development, formation and training;
- Complete various tasks associated with event planning, including promoting events;
- Coordinate and encourage youth ministry efforts in parishes and schools;

**I have read through the application and understand the role and expectations of being part of CYLA and I wish to be considered to serve as a team member representing my parish, fully understanding the commitment and responsibilities of this position.**

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Have questions? Please contact [christina.davis@archny.org](mailto:christina.davis@archny.org)



# ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

**PARENT/GUARDIAN**

**RECOMMENDATION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE (CLYA)**

Name of candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from candidate) \_\_\_\_\_

What leadership qualities does he/she possess to enable him/her to fulfill the duties of a representative on the Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese (CYLA) Team? \_\_\_\_\_

As a CYLA representative, your child will be asked to coordinate, plan, attend and/or assist with the following:

- New York Catholic Youth Days;
- CYLA meetings, training and retreat;
- Additional Opportunities as presented in the region or in the archdiocese.

Do you feel that planning for and attendance at these events is possible in you and your child's schedule? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you or your child provide (or make arrangements) transportation to and from these events? \_\_\_\_\_

What support can you give your child if he/she is chosen? \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the job description and recommend my son/daughter for the position of Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese representative. I will support my son/daughter if he/she is chosen to serve.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please place this in a **sealed envelope and return to the candidate**. The candidate must have his/her application, letter of intent and recommendations into the Diocese no later than **July 15, 2023**.



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## PASTOR RECOMMENDATION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE (CYLA)

Name of candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

I support \_\_\_\_\_'s candidacy as a Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese (CYLA) representative from our parish. I believe he/she has leadership potential and can be a role model for youth of our archdiocese. Our parish will support and guide this candidate in their endeavors.

\_\_\_\_i do not support this candidate as a Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese representative.

Please state the reason why you believe this applicant is a good candidate to represent your parish on the Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese team.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

## YOUTH MINISTER/CAMPUS MINISTER /ADULT LEADER RECOMMENDATION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE (CYLA)

Name of candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

What leadership qualities does the candidate possess to enable him/her to fulfill the duties of a representative on the Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese (CYLA) Team?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What support can you give the candidate if he/she is chosen? \_\_\_\_\_

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As the youth minister/ campus minister /adult youth leader, you are responsible for helping to provide guidance and supervision to this candidate in the planning and implementation of projects and events. This may involve helping with planning, publicity, providing adequate chaperone supervision, and handling of project money. Are you willing to assume this responsibility? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this candidate an active participant in your parish, youth ministry, campus ministry or faith formation program? \_\_\_\_\_

I support \_\_\_\_\_'s candidacy as a CYLA member. I understand and accept my responsibilities in working with and supporting him/her at the parish level. I believe he/she has leadership potential and can be a role model for youth of the archdiocese.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not support this candidate as a CYLA member.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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