



# CYLA

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*Catholic Youth Leaders  
of the Archdiocese*



## PASTOR RECOMMENDATION FORM



**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK**  
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION  
*Youth Ministry*

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# About CYLA

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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)

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

- CYLA application and recommendations from the pastor and youth minister/adult youth leader are due by September 30, 2020. 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.

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

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

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you believe this applicant is a good candidate to represent your parish with the Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese? (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

I support \_\_\_\_\_'s interest in being a member of the Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese. 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 of NY.

I DO NOT support this candidate as member of the Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese.

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

**Please place this form in a sealed envelope and return to the candidate. The candidate must have his/her application, letter of intent and recommendations submitted to the Archdiocese no later than September 30, 2020.**