



CYLA

*Catholic Youth Leaders
of the Archdiocese*



YOUTH MINISTER / ADULT LEADER RECOMMENDATION FORM



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION
Youth Ministry

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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Name of candidate _____

Your name _____ Title / position _____

Parish / parish city / county _____

Mailing address _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

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? (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

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

Is this candidate an active participant in your parish youth ministry program? Yes No

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.