



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION
Youth Ministry

The Office of Youth Ministry supports schools, parishes and Church leaders in their mission to prepare youth and young adults to hear and respond to the call of Jesus Christ. We offer training, formation, networking, support, consulting, and events for youth ages 13-21. Below is a list of our programs and services.

For Teens

New York Catholic Youth Day

Day-long gathering for Catholic teens from around the Archdiocese, with music, speakers, workshops, Mass and the opportunity to participate in a large-scale group service project.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

The Office of Youth Ministry organizes a delegation from the archdiocese for a pilgrimage to this bi-annual event hosted by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in Indiana. Tens of thousands of teens from all over come together for an amazing experience of the larger church, to encounter Christ and each other.

Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese (C.Y.L.A.)

Members of C.Y.L.A. share their experiences with the Office of Youth Ministry to help plan existing events, offer perspectives on new events and programs. Members of the youth team also take on tangible responsibilities and roles in planning and running youth events in the archdiocese.

For Parishes

Parish and cluster-based processes

Processes for establishing youth ministry from the ground up or building upon what is already present in a parish or cluster.

Consulting, Training, and Resources

Available to work with the parish clergy and staff to provide these services as needed. Emphasis is focused on helping the community to understand that youth ministry goes beyond simply programming and is in its most essential form any means of handing on the faith and Catholic discipling of young people.



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Comprehensive Team Development

Resources and accompaniment for recruiting, forming, and training teams of adults in ministry to, with and by teens.

For Youth Ministry Coordinators & Adult Team Members

Youth Ministry Network Meetings

Gatherings of youth ministers to build relationships, share best practices, and discuss relevant topics in the world of youth ministry with other professionals in the field.

Regional Youth Ministry Networks

Organized by our regional coordinators, these networks offer local support, opportunities for prayer, resource sharing, and collaboration on events and programming.

Workshops and Seminars

Covering foundational aspects of youth ministry as well as hot topics and continuing formation for experienced youth ministers.

National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM)

Bi-annual event hosted by the National Federation for Youth Ministry. The Office of Youth Ministry provides information to youth ministers in the archdiocese and gathers those at the event for community building and reflection. NCCYM offers workshops, seminars, and trainings from national speakers and professionals in the field of youth ministry.

Life Teen JP II Initiative

In collaboration with Lifeteen, this initiative offers accepted parishes a year of Lifeteen or Edge membership, free training for a priest and an adult leader, registration for 5 teens and a chaperone to attend a Life Teen Camp or Life Teen Sponsored Steubenville Youth Conference.