

## **Mission Statement**

The mission and purpose of the Diocesan Youth Council is to gather high school youth, representing parishes within each of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's two regional vicariates, Catholic High Schools, and special ministries, for formation in discipleship, preparation for the apostolate, and an informed discussion and consultation with the Diocesan bishop and his pastoral staff.

The Cross below symbolizes the faith we share with the smaller crosses signifying the four corners of the Diocese of Pittsburgh we represent.



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## **Discipleship Apostleship Leadership**

**Retreat**—*July*  
Villa Maria

**Training**—*October*  
OLMC Camp & Retreat Center

**In-service**—*January*  
Martina Center

**Forum**—*March*  
Diocesan Pastoral Center

**St. Timothy Awards**—*May*  
Diocesan Pastoral Center

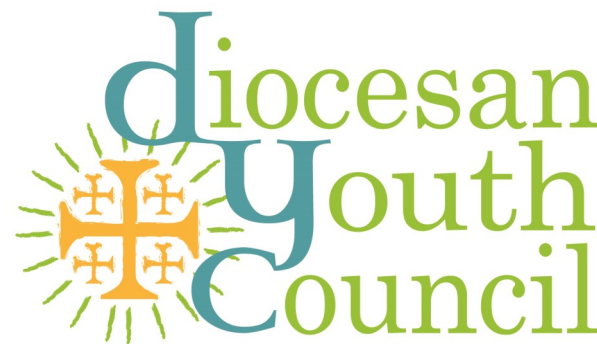


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“Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12-16



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The **VISION** for the DYC is centered on section #47 of Pope John Paul II's Post Apostolic Exhortation, *Ecclesia in America*. In this document, Blessed John Paul II stated that, "young people are a great force in society and for evangelization" and that the "formation process for young people must be constant and active, capable of helping them find their place in the Church and in the world." The Holy Father further reminded us that all "young Christians, trained to have a mature missionary consciousness, must become apostles to their contemporaries."

### **Retreat**

The weekend retreat, held at Villa Maria, is an exploration of Christian discipleship in light of the annual theme. We will discover what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ with the intention of calling forth and affirming disciples in preparation for ministry. The days will include community building, scripture study, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, small groups, prayer, and recreation.

### **Training**

The 1-day experience, held at OLMC Camp & Retreat Center, is designed to form a community of disciples, equipping them with the tools needed to be young apostles/missionaries sent forth in Christ. The day includes presentations, small groups, mission opportunities, and prayer.

### **In-service**

The overnight in-service, held at the Martina Center and includes prayer, guest speakers/lectures, round table discussions, witness talks, and small groups focused on and in preparation for the Forum with the bishop.

### **St. Timothy Awards**

A national award given annually to twelve (12) high school youth throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The student must be a junior or senior and should exemplify the purpose of our Catholic youth programs by showing particular zeal in the improvement of their own youth ministry program, high school ministry team, or youth work in general within the Diocese. The nominee must be a practicing Catholic and exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works, and Christian leadership.

### **Forum with the Bishop**

The forum is held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center and will include prayer, presentations on our annual theme, and conversation with the bishop.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

A one (1) year renewable term is open to high school *sophomores* and *juniors* for no more than two (2) years total. An annual application process opens in March and closes in May to ensure that all eligible youth may be considered.

- **Parishes**—twelve (12) members from each Vicariate (North/South).
- **Schools**—one (1) member from each Catholic High School.
- **Special Ministries**—two (2) members from Catholic Scouting (Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts)
- **Animators**—members serving at least one (1) year on the DYC may be invited to apply for this peer leadership role.

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