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YOUTH AND CAMPUS MINISTRY INFORMATION

If you have any questions about DCYC, please don't hesitate to contact us!
We look forward to seeing you Jan 30 – Feb 1, 2026.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Who can attend DCYC?

A: DCYC may be attended by teens in the 9TH, 10TH, 11TH or 12TH grades, and the chaperones of those teens. DCYC is not for youth in middle school.

Q: What time does DCYC start and end?

A: DCYC starts at 7 p.m. on Friday and ends on Sunday at noon.

Q: What time does check-in start?

A: Check-in begins on Friday at 5 p.m. Early check-in option on Thursday by appointment only.

Q: What does registration include?

A: Registration includes a T-shirt, Friday snack, Saturday lunch and dinner, a water bottle and other materials.* DCYC registration does not include transportation or hotel accommodations (this is arranged by the parish youth minister or group leader). *not guaranteed for late registrations

Q: What if I need to change the names of my registered participants?

A: No problem! Just contact the Office of Youth and Campus Ministry by Jan. 19 at (512) 949-2464 and we'll be happy to help.

Q: I am a teen or the parent of a teen, how do I register for DCYC?

A: All student and chaperone registration for DCYC is through the parish youth ministry representative.

Q: When does registration start?

A: Starts: Sept. 1, 2025. Ends: Jan. 5, 2026
Registrations received after this date are subject to higher fee and are not guaranteed registration materials.

Q: What happens at DCYC?

A: DCYC is packed with activities such as sessions with our keynote speakers, musicians, workshops and a special seniors-only workshop with Bishop Garcia. Additionally, groups will also enjoy allotted free-time for group faith-sharing. DCYC also offers many sacramental opportunities such as reconciliation, adoration, daily Mass and Sunday Mass.

Q: Do adults need to attend the conference with the teens? How many chaperones does each parish need?

A: There should be at least one chaperone for every 10 high school participants. A minimum of two adult chaperones is required per parish, regardless of the number of participants. Chaperones for any event involving minors must be at least 21 years of age and include both male and female chaperones for a co-ed group. Please see the Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry for more information.

Q: Will there be vegetarian or gluten-free options for meals?

A: No, there will not be a vegetarian or gluten free option for meals. If you need one, your group leader will be responsible for providing it.

Q: What if my parish priest wants to help?

A: Great! We always need help from our diocesan priests at DCYC, especially with reconciliation. Have them contact the Office of Youth and Campus Ministry by calling (512) 949-2464. There is never a registration cost for a priest to attend DCYC with his parish.

Q: What if there are people in my group who have accessibility needs?

A: Please let Tressi Breecher know as soon as possible of any accessibility needs for your group. Tressi can be reached via email at tressi-breecher@austindiocese.org or by phone at (512) 949-2464.



REGISTRATION GUIDE

Registration is open through Jan. 5, 2026. Late registration will be offered Jan. 6-31, 2026; change requests made after January 19 may be subject to an increased registration fee. T-shirts are not guaranteed for late registrations. Due to limited seating, we cannot accept any group registrations at the door. After Jan. 19, please contact the YCM Office at (512) 949-2464 for registration availability.

STEP 1: FIND THE ONLINE REGISTRATION PAGE

The registration page is accessible from the YCM website (www.austindiocese.org/dcyc).

STEP 2: ENTERPARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

Please fill out all required fields at the top of the page for your group.

Once you have selected your parish, please enter the individual participants, beginning with the youth minister or lead chaperone. Please note you can only register 20 individuals at a time. Once you have completed the registration for the first 20 participants, you may register your remaining participants in separate transactions. **Please do not use ghost names.**

Please click "Submit" to ensure your registration is received. Please note that refunds will not be issued for unused registrations. Changes are welcome at no additional charge until Jan. 19, 2026.



STEP 3: PAYMENT

If you have chosen to pay by check, please make payable to Diocese of Austin and mail it to the address on Page 2 of this booklet, attention to "YCM-DCYC". Personal checks will not be accepted.

A link for credit card payments can be found at the bottom of the registration page. No refunds will be issued for unused registrations.

PRICING

\$90 PER PERSON (including chaperones)

Saturday lunch and dinner are included with the cost of registration.

REGISTRATION

Sept. 1, 2025 – Jan. 5, 2026
\$90/person
(including chaperones)

LATE REGISTRATION

Jan. 6-Jan 30, 2026
\$110/person
(including chaperones)

For assistance with registration, please contact Tressi Breecher at (512) 949-2464.



GIAN GAMBOA



Gian Gamboa is a Youth Conference MC, Speaker, and Worship Leader with one mission: to help young people develop a personal relationship with Jesus so they can become everything God created them to be. Having delivered over 1,000 talks nationwide,

he brings high energy and a whole lot of heart to every stage. Gian's dream is for every young person to fall in love with Christ. He loves giant burgers, 90's movies, and lives in Austin with his wife and three kids. Gian is the (self-proclaimed) #1 fan of Taco Bell.

ALI HOFFMAN



Ali Hoffman has a passion for Jesus, the Catholic Church, her family, and investing deeply in community. She served with NET Ministries for two years then, after graduating from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota with a degrees in Catholic

Studies and Family Studies, she moved back home to the great state of Texas where she was co-youth coordinator at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Carrollton for six years. She now travels the globe full time, preaching the Gospel and making disciples.

FR. RUFINO CORONA, TOR



Father Rufino Corona, TOR, is a campus minister at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he studied as an undergraduate. Shortly after his graduation from FUS, he entered the Third Order Regular of St. Francis and was ordained in 2020. Since his time in formation, he has taken any and every

opportunity to proclaim the good news of Christ's loving mercy and his desire to draw us closer to his Most Sacred Heart through the ministries of preaching and spiritual accompaniment. Basically, he considers himself to be a campus minister who wants to share Christ's heart with whoever will let him.

OSCAR RIVERA



Oscar Rivera was raised in the inner city of Waterbury, Connecticut, and was taught at an early age how to be a survivor. His method of avoiding the streets and its promises became the art of Hip Hop. Oscar's energy and passion for the faith makes his approach: inspirational and real-to-life.

Oscar is a Franciscan University Alumni (2010), and earned his Master of Arts in Theology with St. Leo University (2015). He takes his knowledge of the faith and inspires

the youth, and young adults of today's culture through his music, talks, retreats, and personal testimony. He brings a message of hope in times of despair, love during times of hate, and encourages all to faithfully follow God, no matter the obstacles. His life has been devoted to the New Evangelization of the Gospel and his upbeat contemporary approach to the good news has made the message easy to understand, follow, and relate to. Christianity is not boring, and Oscar does not intend to be either.



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SISTER ELFIE DEL ROSARIO, FMA

Sister Elfie Del Rosario, FMA, affectionately known as "The Happy Nun," is a Daughter of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco). Born in Nigeria and raised in the Philippines, she later moved to New Jersey, using her psychology degree to teach children with special needs. Sister Elfie joined the Salesian

Sisters in 2009 and now serves as the vocations director for the eastern U.S. province. Passionate about engaging with youth, she shares encouragement and brings them closer to Jesus and Mary — often with the help of her bubble machine, filled with her signature-scented solution. Learn more at www.happynun.com.



LAUREN MOORE



Lauren Moore is a wife and mother who seeks to inspire God's people through beautiful music that orients people to God. Lauren serves as cantor and vocalist for the National Eucharistic Congress. Alongside her husband Dave, Lauren founded the Catholic Music Initiative (CMI) and has sung and directed over a thousand recordings since the ministry's genesis. Lauren studied vocal performance at Texas A&M Corpus Christi and The

University of Texas at Austin. She has performed in many parts of the world, namely Germany and Austria. As a vocalist, Lauren has a variety of styles, but more recently she has enjoyed sacred chant. She arranges and records chant for CMI's partnership with the Hallow app. She currently serves as the Broadcast Mass cantor and leads nights of worship for various parishes in the area for the Diocese of Dallas.



DAVE MOORE



Dave Moore is a joy-filled disciple who seeks to honor God through his music, ministry, and family. A devoted singer-songwriter, producer, and liturgist, Dave puts the bride of Christ before his artistic ambitions. Dave serves as the Director of Music and Liturgy for the National Eucharistic Congress. Dave and his wife, Lauren, are the founders of Catholic Music Initiative, a non-profit apostolate that creates beautiful and singable music for Mass. Their work strives to build

a bridge between contemporary and traditional isles, while summoning engagement and enlivening the hearts of the faithful to enter into full union with God in the Mass. Dave's deepest desire is to see a unified church, where the Eucharistic Lord has primacy of place in the hearts of the faithful — rightly honored, adored, and worshiped. Dave resides in Dallas with his wife, Lauren, and their daughter.

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SCHEDULE

AUSTIN DCYC

2026

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
8:10 p.m.
9:05 p.m.
10:10 p.m.

Registration opens
Doors open
Welcome to DCYC!
Keynote address
Dismissal

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 a.m.

Doors open
• Name tag & T-shirt swap
• Priests' meeting
• DCYC musicians take the stage

8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:10 a.m.
12:10 p.m.
1:15 p.m.
2:30 p.m.

Morning mass
Keynote address
Workshops Round 1
Lunch Brazos Hall
Afternoon Keynote
Workshops Round 2
Senior Workshop with Bishop Garcia

3:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

Free time begins
Dinner Round 1:
Workshops Round 3: Men's and Women's (for those not at dinner)

5:45 p.m.

Dinner Round 2:
Workshops Round 3: Men's and Women's (for those not at dinner)

6:30 p.m.

Doors open
DCYC musicians take the stage

6:50 p.m.

Evening session
• Keynote address
• Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
• Announcements/dismissal/group prayer

10:00 p.m.

Waco Convention Center closes for the evening

This is a preliminary schedule for informational and promotional purposes only and is subject to change. The final schedule will be printed in the programs at DCYC.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:15 a.m.
8:20 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
9:50 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.

Doors open
DCYC musicians take the stage
Morning prayer & keynote address
Teaching mass parts
Mass
Dismissal

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

THE NECESSITIES

- Personal toiletries
- Comfortable, modest clothes
- Comfortable shoes and clean socks
- Light jacket — it may be a little chilly during the evenings.
- Pajamas
- Bible and rosary
- Appropriate clothes for Sunday Mass
- An open heart and mind!
- Clear bags

OPTIONAL

- A snack to share with your youth ministry friends
- A camera to photograph memories
- A journal for prayer times
- A book of prayers
- Spending money — there will be a number of vendors selling items such as T-shirts, rosaries, prayer books, etc.

NOT RECOMMENDED

- Cell phones may only be used when your youth minister authorizes it or as directed by conference leaders
- Valuable jewelry
- Large bags / non-clear backpacks
- Grumpy attitudes!



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PROPERTY NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
AC HOTEL WACO DOWNTOWN	600 Mary Ave. Waco, TX 76706	(254) 457-0562
ALOFT WACO BAYLOR	900 S 11th St, Waco, TX 76706	(254) 870-4644
CAMBRIA HOTEL WACO UNIVERSITY RIVERFRONT	110 S Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Building A, Waco, TX, 76704	(254) 347-5511
CAMP FIMFO WACO	1000 Chickadee Lane, Waco, Texas 76708	(254) 651-3697
CANDLEWOOD SUITES	2700 S New Rd, Waco, TX 76706	(254) 662-0520
COMFORT SUITES WACO SOUTH (BAYLOR)	2700 LaSalle Ave, Waco, TX 76706	(254) 537-0413
COMFORT SUITES NORTH	810 I-35 North, Waco, TX 76706	(254) 799-7272
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT	101 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701	(254) 752-8686
DAYS INN BY WYNDHAM	1504 IH-35 N, Waco, TX 76705	(254) 799-8585
ELEMENT WACO	2200 North Robinson Drive, Waco, Texas 76706	(254) 452-3111
EVEN HOTELS WACO - UNIVERSITY AREA	110 S. MLK Jr. Blvd, Bldg. B, Waco, TX, 76704	(254) 633.3836
HAMPTON INN & SUITES WACO SOUTH	2501 Marketplace Dr, Waco, TX 76711	(254) 662-9500
HILTON GARDEN INN	5800 Legend Lake Pkwy, Waco, TX 76712	(254) 633-4233
HILTON WACO UNIVERSITY PARKS	113 S Univ Pks Dr, Waco, TX 76701	(254) 754-8484
HOLIDAY INN EXP. & SUITES WACO SOUTH	5701 Legend Lake Pkwy, Waco, TX 76712	(254) 732-1028
HOTEL 1928	701 Washington Avenue, Waco, Texas 76701	(254) 342-3911
HOTEL HERRINGBONE	319 S 4th St, Waco, TX 76701	(310) 910-7320
HOME 2 SUITES	2500 Bagby Ave., Waco, TX 76706	(254) 752-4400
HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON	5620 Legendlake Parkway, Waco, TX 76712	(254) 644-4663
HOTEL INDIGO WACO BAYLOR	211 Clay Ave, Waco, TX 76706	(254) 754-7000
HYATT PLACE - SOUTH	5400 Bagby Ave, Waco, TX 76711	(254) 313-0800
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM WACO	1911 S. 10th St, Waco, TX 76704	(254) 756-2929
PIVOVAR HOTEL	320 S 8th Street, Waco, TX 76701	(254) 224-6271
QUALITY INN AND SUITES	2410 S. New Road, Waco, TX 76711	(254) 296-0550
RESIDENCE INN	501 S. University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701	(254) 714-1386
RESIDENCE INN WACO SOUTH	2424 Marketplace Dr, Waco, TX 76711	(254) 294-4586
SLEEP INN & SUITES SOUTH WACO	209 Enterprise Blvd, Hewitt, TX 76643	(254) 420-3200
SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT	115 S Jack Kultgen Expy, Waco, TX 76706	(254) 262-8151
STAYAPT SUITES WACO	2340 Creekview Dr., Waco, TX 76711	(254) 342-2112
SUPER 8 UNIVERSITY	1320 Jack Kultgen Fwy, Waco, TX 76706	(254) 754-1023
TOWNPLACE SUITES WACO SOUTH	5621 Legend Lake Pkwy, Waco, TX 76712	(254) 420-3000
TRU BY HILTON WACO SOUTH	2408 Marketplce Dr, Waco, TX 76711	(254) 294-4888
WOOD SPRINGS SUITES	705 N. IH-35, Waco, TX 76705	(254) 799-4900

DCYC TIPS



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 1** Begin promoting DCYC to your parish
- Sept. 1** Registration opens
- Jan. 5** Registration closes
- Jan. 5** Scholarship requests close
- Jan. 19** Last date to make changes to registration

DON'T FORGET

- Consent forms for participants (youth & adult) / keep a copy for you and the original for check-in
- EIM verification for all chaperones
- Check your chaperones' EIM status
- Driver Exemption Form
- There will be three online chaperone meetings leading up to DCYC, which will address any questions or concerns regarding the event

TO TURN IN AT DCYC REGISTRATION TABLE

- EIM Verification Form for chaperones
- Youth and adult consent forms in a simple 3-ring binder
- Digital copies will be accepted. Please contact Tressi Breecher for additional information

OTHER REMINDERS

Parish deadline for registration should be two weeks prior to DCYC registration deadline, in order to submit registrations to the diocese on time.

Refund Policy: No refunds will be issued for canceled or unused registrations. However, you may swap people out (let us know by Jan. 19, otherwise at the door).

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AT THE PARISH LEVEL

- Promote DCYC to your teens and their parents early; Dec. 1 is too late
- Use postcards, stickers and fliers sent out by diocesan Youth Ministry Office to promote the event
- Set a deadline for student registration at your parish (Dec. 10 is suggested)
- Consult the Diocese of Austin EIM policies
- Registration includes: T-shirt, entrance to conference, materials, snack, Saturday lunch and dinner, and water bottle. * See Page 5 for pricing. (Friday dinner, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, hotel accommodations, and transportation are the responsibility of the parish leader)



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**"O sing to
the Lord a
new song, for
he has done
MARVELOUS
THINGS"**

PSALM 98:1

