



Youth Leadership Team

2025-2026

Forming young Catholic leaders through friendship, faith, and service.

The Youth Leadership Team is designed to help high school teens grow as leaders within the Church. In this virtue-based program which looks to Jesus Christ as the perfect model of leadership, teens will study, discuss, and practice greater intimacy with Christ, the beauty of the teachings of the Catholic faith, how to effectively share the faith, and virtue-based servant leadership.

The mission of this program is for each participant to deepen their faith life, become confident in the gifts and talents that God has given them, and be able to express their faith in a way that they are role models for all young people.

ATTENTION TEENS AND PARENTS. PLEASE READ THROUGH THE ENTIRE APPLICATION TO NOTE CHANGES MADE FROM LAST YEAR.

PARTICIPATION IN AND COMPLETION OF ALL SESSIONS IN THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL BE SELECTED TO STAFF SPECIFIC EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY.

Please send application and forms to the following:

In-Person/Mail-

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Diocese of Victoria
1505 E. Mesquite Lane
Victoria, TX 77901

Email-

Lydia Whitten, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
lwhitten@victoriadiocese.org
(361) 573-0828 ex 2232
Cell: (for emergencies) 331-253-7882

Meeting Information:

Please RSVP at least 1 week prior. Lydia will send out reminder emails.

Date: (2nd Sunday of the Month)	Time:	Location:
July 18-20, 2025	Arrive at SRC at 2pm on Friday, depart 2pm Sunday	YLT Retreat, Spiritual Renewal Center (SRC)- 718 Gussie Schmidt Rd, Victoria, TX 77905
August	No meeting	
September 14th	1-4pm	Chancery-1505 E. Mesquite Ln., Victoria, TX 77901
October 12th	1-4pm	Chancery
November 9th	1-4pm	Chancery
December 14 th	Arrive at Morada at 1pm. Depart at 4pm.	Service Project- Christmas Caroling at Morada- 9606 Zac Lentz Pkwy, Victoria, TX 77904
January 11th	1-4pm	Chancery
February 8th	1-4pm	Chancery
March 15th	1-4pm	Chancery
April	No meeting	
May 10th *Only for those staffing camp	1-4pm	Chancery
June 11-19, 2026	TBD	SRC

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Please note the following:

- Only 40 team members will be accepted. Returning YLT are not guaranteed a spot.
- The following forms need to be completed along with the application in order to be considered.
- All forms are due by Monday, July 7th. Please note, Lydia will be leading the Rocky Mountain High Retreat and will be out of touch from June 28th-July 7th.
 - [Social Media Release](#)
 - [Youth Permission and Medical Release](#) (This will apply to all YLT activities and locations for the year listed in the calendar).
- PLEASE include email on the Social Media and Technology Release form as that is our primary means of communication for YLT.
- In order to be fully present to each other and engage more meaningfully in activities and discussions, teens will not have their phones during the YLT Retreat in July. Additionally, they will be strongly encouraged to refrain from cell phone use during our sessions. Should you need to contact your teen for an emergency please call Lydia's cell (331-253-7882).

YLT Retreat-July 18th-20th

All YLT team members are invited to a weekend retreat to kickstart the year. Attached to your YLT acceptance email you will receive further details about the retreat (i.e. what to bring, expectations etc.). ***We highly encourage teens to attend as it is the official start to the training year*** and we go over some important topics in Christian leadership. It's also a great time to come together to play, sing, pray, learn more about your unique charisms, and bond as a team. There is no cost to attend.

Parish Plug-In – or – Family Plug-In Project Expectations:

YLT members will be able to choose to complete either one Parish Plug-In Project or three Family Plug-In Projects before Tuesday, March 31st, 2026. These are required to be considered for staffing opportunities and future YLT involvement. More information about these projects can be found on the YLT webpage.

****Application and needed forms can be found on our website:**

<https://www.victoriadiocese.org/youth-leadership-training>. If you need a copy mailed to you or printed, please contact Lydia as soon as possible.**

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Youth Leadership Application 2025-2026

Name: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Parish/City: _____

Age/Grade: _____

Mailing Address: _____

This entire application, Youth Permission and Medical Release Form, and Social Media and Technology Release form must be filled out completely for participant to be considered for

YLT.

Upon completion, return to your parish youth director, DRE, or parish priest for them to complete by signing on the last page of this application, and return it to the youth office.

All forms must be returned to the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry prior to attending any Youth Leadership Training sessions.

Please tell us a little about yourself.

Why do you want to be a part of the team?

Do you have any leadership experience? If so, please list past experience:

Please list any volunteer work you have done in the past:

What gifts and talents do you have that will benefit the YLT Team? Please be specific.

In what ministry in your parish are you currently involved, if any? (Altar Serving, Lector, Usher, Other)

Describe your dream job and why you chose it?

Ask your parents and/or teachers what words they would use to describe you. List them below.

If you could spend a day doing anything you love, what would it be?

If you could create your own perfect school subject, what would it be and why?

Please rate your skills: (1 being weak, 5 being strong)

Relates well with others:

1 2 3 4 5

Honest and open with others:

1 2 3 4 5

Sense of confidence in self:

1 2 3 4 5

Well developed faith life:

1 2 3 4 5

Open to new learning:

1 2 3 4 5

Reliable:

1 2 3 4 5

Able to take criticism:

1 2 3 4 5

Able to work as part of a team:

1 2 3 4 5

Able to work under the direction of another: **Able to take initiative and complete projects:**

1 2 3 4 5

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To be filled out by parish priest, youth minister, or DRE:

Additional comments: _____

My signature is indication of my recommendation for this person to be part of the youth leadership program:

Signature: _____

Title: _____