

## **DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL (DYC)** **APPLICATION PROCESS**

**DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL (DYC)** members represent the young Church of the Diocese of Reno. The purpose of the DYC is to:

- To represent the youth of the Diocese as servant leaders in various capacities and to encourage the Diocese to attend to their needs;
- To assist in interpreting the needs of youth and advocate for their concerns to the members of Diocesan leadership;
- To promote spiritual and personal growth of their peers by facilitating active participation of youth in Parish, Deanery and Diocesan events;
- To raise Catholic leaders in the Diocese through the DYC's involvement in the development of programs for youth; and
- To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and works in the faithful community of the People of God

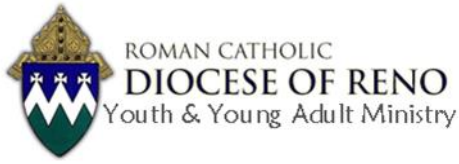
The members of the DYC strive to uphold high standards of Catholic behavior and values, and serve as models to their peers and the adult community. This effort strives to assist the youth of the Diocese in strengthening their faith and growing in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

DYC members are supported by the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry and their local adult youth leaders. Training and direction is provided by the Diocese and its representatives.

**DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL (DYC)** consists of current High School juniors and seniors. Ideally, each parish should have at least one representative, with a maximum of two from any specific parish. To offset the expense of meals, snacks and supplies there is a cost of \$100.00 per representative, additional fees will apply for the Leadership Training Retreat and the Diocesan Youth Rally. Scholarships are available and no student will be turned away due to financial constraint. Members commit to live the DYC Covenant and commit to service through May 2023.

### **Application Requirements and Procedures**

1. Diocesan Youth Council application and recommendations from the pastor, youth minister/adult youth leader and parent are **due by May 1, 2022**. No candidate can be elected without all the required recommendations.
2. All candidates must be actively involved in youth activities in their parish and participation in Diocesan youth programs is strongly encouraged.
3. Attendance at one of the Leadership Training Retreat, Diocesan Youth Council Meetings, as well as being committed to planning, implementing and attending youth events at the deanery and diocesan level is required.
4. Candidates must be able to provide his/her own transportation to and from events.
5. Candidates **MUST** be present at the Diocesan Youth Rally the year they are serving.



## Application Checklist

- Read through complete application
- Pray & Discern if this is what God is calling you to do now
- Read through and sign DYC Covenant and Absence Policy
- Fill out complete application
- Write letter of intent (250-500 words)
- Obtain 3 recommendations
  - Pastor
  - Parent/Guardian
  - Parish Youth Minister/Adult Leader
- Return application, letter of intent and recommendations in one envelope, or scan to PDF and submit to the following address **no later than May 1, 2022** to:
  - Diocese of Reno
  - Attn.: Christina Davis
  - 290 S. Arlington Ave Reno, NV 89501
  - or - [christinad@catholicreno.org](mailto:christinad@catholicreno.org)
- Look for an email the FIRST WEEK of MAY**

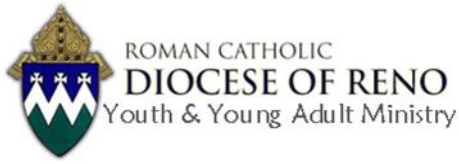
## Important DYC Dates for 2022-2023

- **BONUS Opp!** LA Youth Day Experience + March 17-19, 2022 (Application needed to attend)
- Orientation Meet & Greet (Reno Area) + May 21, 2022

*For those applying for outside of the Reno Area we may offer a separate Orientation*

- **BONUS Opp!** Summer Opportunities for Leadership Training + Multiple Dates/Events Offered
- DYC Retreat + August 20-21, 2022
- DYC Meeting + October TBA
- **BONUS Opp!** NCYC, National Catholic Youth Conference + November 10-13, 2022
- DYC Meeting + December TBA
- Diocesan Conference & Rise Up Young Church + January 6-7, 2023
- DYC Overnight Meeting + February TBA
- Diocesan Youth Rally & CatholicFest Weekend + March 3-5, 2023

***Details and Final Schedule will be given at May 21<sup>st</sup> Orientation***



## **DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL COVENANT**

### ***As a member of the Diocesan Youth Council, I will:***

Be honest, open and real- the person Christ wants me to be.

Respect others opinions, their property and their time.

Keep all personal discussions confidential.

Support the journey of others with Christ.

Offer service to my home community.

Be positive and participate enthusiastically.

I will never give up!

Attend Youth Council meetings and assigned events.

Support all Youth Council decisions reached through consensus.

Offer a suggestion/solution along with any complaint/criticism.

Follow the rules for each activity or event.

Remember that I am here to serve God and to serve others.

### **Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) Absence Policy:**

The DYC is a quintessential part of the success of Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Reno and of spreading the Gospel. For that reason, I am committed to attending all of the above DYC events. I am permitted one excused absence, only for serious events (e.g. a family emergency, SAT test that can't be scheduled at a different date, etc.) However, this one absence will not be taken lightly because as a part of the DYC, I have a crucial role and my absence would affect my fellow DYC members as well as the progress of the group. The event dates are mandatory and my unexcused absence from more than one meeting will result in removing myself from my position on DYC.

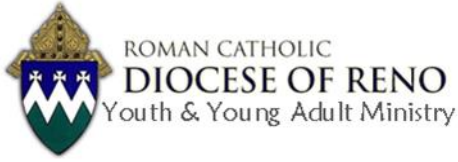
By signing and printing my name below, I understand the DYC Covenant and absence policy and will abide by them.

- There is also a \$100 cost related to your position on the DYC. Will your family need assistance?

Circle one: YES NO

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**APPLICATION FOR DIOCESANYOUTH COUNCIL (DYC)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE IN 2022 – 2023 SCHOOL YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ANY PARISH OR OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE LIST ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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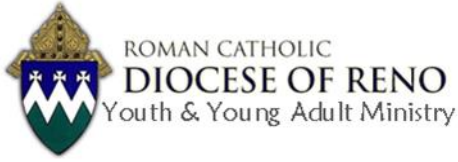
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Candidate, you must **write a letter of intent** (between 250-500 words) **stating your qualifications, your reasons why you would like to serve on the DYC and your understanding of the expectations.** In addition, please include a recommendation from your pastor, parent/guardian, and parish youth minister/adult leader. These need to be in sealed envelopes and returned in one envelope with this application.

I have read through the application in complete and understand the role and expectations of the DYC and I wish to be considered to serve as a DYC member representing my parish. I will take my commitment seriously and I fully understand the responsibilities of this position.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Please **return** this application, letter of intent and recommendations in one envelope, or scan to PDF and submit to the following address **no later than May 1, 2022** to: **Diocese of Reno, Christina Davis, 290 S. Arlington Ave Reno, NV 89501** or [christinad@catholicreno.org](mailto:christinad@catholicreno.org)



**YOUTH MINISTER/ADULT LEADER  
RECOMMENDATION FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL (DYC)**

NAME OF CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT LEADERSHIP QUALITIES DOES THE CANDIDATE POSSESS TO ENABLE HIM/HER TO FULFILL THE DUTIES OF A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL?

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WHAT SUPPORT CAN YOU GIVE THE CANDIDATE IF HE/SHE IS CHOSEN? \_\_\_\_\_

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AS THE YOUTH MINISTER/ ADULT YOUTH LEADER, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING GUIDANCE AND SUPERVISION TO THIS CANDIDATE IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS AND EVENTS. THIS INVOLVES HELPING WITH PLANNING, PUBLICITY, PROVIDING ADEQUATE CHAPERONE SUPERVISION, AND HANDLING OF PROJECT MONEY. ARE YOU WILLING TO ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY? \_\_\_\_\_

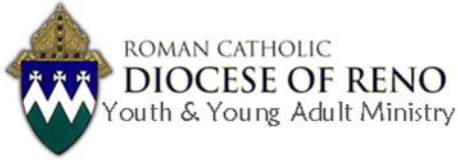
IS THIS CANDIDATE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN YOUR PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM? \_\_\_\_\_

I support \_\_\_\_\_'s candidacy as a Youth Council member. 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 Diocese .

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not support this candidate as a Youth Council member.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please place this in a **sealed envelope and return to the candidate**. The candidate must have his/her application, letter of intent and recommendations into the Diocese no later than **May 1, 2022**



**PARENT/GUARDIAN**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL (DYC)**

NAME OF CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (if different from candidate) \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT LEADERSHIP QUALITIES DOES THE CANDIDATE POSSESS TO ENABLE HIM/HER TO FULFILL THE DUTIES OF A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL?

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AS A YOUTH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, YOUR CHILD WILL BE ASKED TO COORDINATE, PLAN, ATTEND AND/OR ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING: • Diocesan Youth Rally • Youth Council Meetings/Mini-Retreats • Additional Opportunities as Presented in the Deanery or Diocese

DO YOU FEEL THAT PLANNING FOR AND ATTENDANCE AT THESE EVENTS IS POSSIBLE IN YOU AND YOUR CHILD'S SCHEDULE? \_\_\_\_\_

CAN YOU OR YOUR CHILD PROVIDE (OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS) TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THESE EVENTS? \_\_\_\_\_

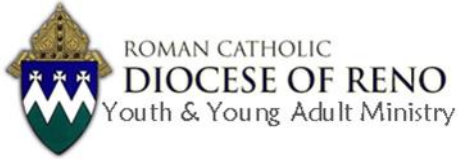
WHAT SUPPORT CAN YOU GIVE YOUR CHILD IF HE/SHE IS CHOSEN? \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read the job description and recommend my son/daughter for the position of Diocesan Youth Council Representative. I will support my son/daughter if he/she is chosen to serve on the Diocesan Youth Council.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**PASTOR RECOMMENDATION  
FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL (DYC)**

NAME OF CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I support \_\_\_\_\_'s candidacy as a Youth Council representative from our parish. I believe he/she has leadership potential and can be a role model for youth of our Diocese. Our parish will support and guide this candidate in their endeavors.

\_\_\_\_ I do not support this candidate as Youth Council representative.

PLEASE STATE THE REASON WHY YOU BELIEVE THIS APPLICANT IS A GOOD CANDIDATE TO REPRESENT YOUR PARISH ON THE DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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