



Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, AND HOW WE SERVE

Our Mission

The goal and mission of the Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry office is rooted in the mission of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Lexington. The YYACM office is committed to assisting parishes in the development of ministry to, with, by and for young people. The YYACM office serves youth, young adult and campus ministry leaders through training and formation opportunities, consultation and resource services.

Values:

- The mission of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Lexington
- The wisdom of collaborative leadership within the diocese
- The importance of fully catechized, trained and committed adult leaders

Goals:

In their 1997 document on Youth Ministry, *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*, the U.S. Catholic Bishops outline three interdependent and equally important goals to guide the Church's ministry with adolescents.

Goal 1: To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Goal 2: To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.

Goal 3: To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person (RTV 9-18).

Based on the mission, and values of the Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Office, we strive to meet these goals by:

- *Provide training and formation opportunities for youth ministry leaders to carry out effectively their role in educating and forming young people as Catholic Christians. Evangelizing and mentoring young people to live as disciples through service, ministry and leadership opportunities in the catholic way of life.*

Developing, calling forth, affirming and empowering the diverse gifts, talents and abilities of youth leaders in our diocese for effective leadership.



Our Programs

The Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry offers many programs serving our Diocese. We not only offer events for our Youth directly but support for our Youth ministers and volunteers as well.



- **Catholic Leadership Institute:**
 - The Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI) is a weeklong training program hosted by the Diocesan Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry each June. The main purpose is to teach young people the necessary skills for effective leadership with other youth and adults in their parish community, and beyond. This program has seen a great deal of success according to not only the parishes who utilize the youth that complete the training, but the youth themselves have had rave reviews of their time there. In fact it is the longest running program in the Diocesan Youth office funded by the annual appeal.
- **Totus Tuus**
 - Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Our week-long Parish Summer Catechetical Program and Summer Camps assist parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are already doing. The methodology, structure, content, and enthusiasm of Totus Tuus is concerned not only with teaching the faith, but also igniting the hearts of the team members and young people. The result has been the formation of

young adults who continue to dedicate themselves to the Church's mission of evangelization.

- **Diocesan Middle School and High School Retreats**
 - Aside from Confirmation Retreats this Office also holds a yearly retreats bringing together High School and Middle School students from across the diocese regardless of the school they attend
- **Faith on Tap Series**
 - Monthly events focused on bringing together Young Adults to discuss our faith, enjoy food, drinks, and socializing with other young Catholics
- **Diocesan Advent Mission**
 - Evangelization event focused on guiding our youth to become intentional disciples
- **Trips: NCYC and Holy Fire**
- **Hosting Special Events: Lexington Youth Rally, 177 Project, Rock with Faith**

- **Diocesan Youth Minister Professional Development Training**
 - Catechist training is a part of every Youth Ministers faith formation, and this Office makes sure we provide several opportunities for Youth ministers to learn more and grow in their work. Hosting monthly meetings for all YM's to gather and discuss best practices, workshops offered through the Catechist program, continuing education in partnership with the Catholic Schools Office, just to name a few.

