

Youth

**"The Church needs you,
your enthusiasm, your creativity and the
joy that is so characteristic of you."**

-Pope Francis

All youth participating in their parish youth programs (9th-12th grade) are invited to be a part of the CYC Board for 2018-2019. The CYC Board will assist with planning and advising OYYAM events, such as Junior High Rally, CYC Kickball Tournament, SonLight, and CYC Convention. In addition, you will assist with local youth ministry efforts in local parishes.

We meet five times throughout the year (including CYC Convention) in the various deaneries of the Diocese of Helena, whereupon we will receive consistent Catholic discipleship formation and parish leadership development. Are you interested yet?

EXPECTATIONS

Parish first, then CYC Board.

All CYC Board members are expected to be active in their local parish, especially in youth ministry. At the LEAST, that means you go to Mass every weekend. CYC Board members are supposed to be leaders in their parish and set the example for their peers, which means you should also have a regular prayer life, read scripture, and participate in the life of the parish, especially youth ministry efforts.

Those who do not attend regular parish liturgy or participate regularly in their parish faith formation programs will be dismissed from CYC Board. Remember, the purpose of CYC Board is to help enrich both parish and diocesan youth ministry efforts.

Attend every CYC Board meeting.

CYC Board members are expected to be at every meeting and CYC Convention. Other events are highly encouraged for all and mandatory for those who volunteer for a leadership role in the event. We will work with you and your family's schedule, because we realize that you juggle multiple priorities, including jobs, athletics, extra-curricular activities, college searching, and family life.

Nevertheless, this important work - the work of serving and leading the young Church - demands commitment, sacrifice, and dedication. Look at your calendar BEFORE you commit to CYC Board. If more than one Board meeting conflicts with another priority that you and your family deem more important, then you should strongly consider focusing your leadership gifts on your local parish. In other words, if you can't make 4 out of 5 meetings, then you should not commit to CYC Board.

Discipleship.

*"Lukewarm Christians are those who want to build a church to their own specifications,
but it is not the Church of Jesus." -Pope Francis*

CYC Board members must be grounded in the practices of the faith, including regularly participating in the Sacraments and a disciplined prayer life that includes reading scripture (like, daily!).

NEW THIS YEAR: We encourage prayerful reflection for every Board member on what the Lord is doing in their life. This starts at registration when every youth is expected to write a brief (300-500 words) essay about why s/he wants to participate on CYC Board this year. You will need to submit this with your registration.

All CYC Board members will be asked to keep a journal throughout the year, bringing it to every Mass - not just at Board events. If something doesn't happen at Mass worth writing down, then participants weren't fully engaged. After Mass, take some time to write in your journal. This is a challenge to be faithful participants in your local parish community and to be "full and active" in the source and summit of our faith. You are called to meet this challenge head-on, being a witness to your faith!