

Ministry Services

Parish Consulting

Youth Department staff will meet with your parish to help you begin or strengthen your ministry with adolescents. We will help you evaluate current efforts, assess needs, set goals, recruit leaders and design effective strategies.

Training by Request

If the junior or senior high youth ministry leaders and/or catechists in your parish (or cluster, region or vicariate) need training, we will design the program and bring it to you!

Peer Ministry Retreats for Youth

Book a retreat for young people in your parish, vicariate or cluster! Choose from a menu of retreat topics and members of our diocesan retreat team will come to you.

Retreat Ministry Resources

Find resources and ideas for retreats on our web site and in our mailings, or call for help and advice when designing retreats.

Mailings full of Resources!

We send periodic mailings (full of great information and resources!) to every pastor, catechetical leader and youth ministry leader. Contact us to get on the mailing list!

Web Site / E-Bulletins

Keep up-to-date on youth ministry news by visiting our web site and subscribing to the helpful and informative bi-weekly e-bulletins.

"On Call" Resource

We are always here to answer your youth ministry questions and provide resources!

Support for Parish Programming

The Youth Department supports and encourages parish ministry programming, especially collaborative projects that involve multiple parishes. (examples: multi-parish junior high gathering, multi-parish senior high sports leagues, etc.)

Camp Turner

Summer Camp

Resident summer camp with week-long sessions throughout summer for boys and girls ages 8-15.

Winter Camp

Three-day camping experience after Christmas for boys and girls ages 8-15.

Camp Turner Rentals

Rent this all-season conference center for parish gatherings, family gatherings, retreats & more!

Catholic Scouting

Religious Emblems

Scouting is youth ministry! Catholic scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire) can grow in faith by working on religious recognition programs. There are different programs for each scouting program and for each age level.

Youth Department staff can be a resource for Girl Scout and Camp Fire leaders who are directing religious emblem programs.

Partners in Ministry

The Youth Department regularly collaborates with:

- ◆ Office of Lifelong Faith Formation
- ◆ Office of Parish Life
- ◆ Office of Cultural Diversity
- ◆ Vocations Office
- ◆ Office of Pro-Life Activities
- ◆ Catholic Charities
- ◆ Catholic Committee on Scouting
- ◆ Christ the King Seminary
- ◆ Parishes, clusters and vicariates within the Diocese of Buffalo

Through the Youth Department, the Diocese of Buffalo is an affiliated member of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry www.nfcym.org

The Youth Department regularly networks with Region II, an association of the New York State (Arch)Diocesan Youth Ministry offices.

Youth Department



Diocese of Buffalo

Strengthening comprehensive and effective ministry with youth and young adults in Catholic faith communities in the Diocese of Buffalo

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The Youth Department serves all parishes within the Diocese of Buffalo. We are also a resource for the Catholic high schools within the diocese. We provide service and support to the following groups of people:

- ◆ Pastors
- ◆ Parish Staffs
- ◆ Parish Councils
- ◆ Youth Ministry Leaders
- ◆ Catechetical Leaders
- ◆ Catechists
- ◆ Scout Leaders
- ◆ School Principals
- ◆ High School Campus Ministers
- ◆ Junior and Senior High Youth

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Programs for Youth

Conferences

Diocesan Youth Convention

Weekend conference in February for senior high youth and adult chaperones. Liturgy, Reconciliation, keynote speakers, breakouts, award presentations & dance.

Lights for the World

One day event in September for senior high youth and chaperones. Liturgy, prayer, keynote speaker, and breakouts.

National Catholic Youth Conference

Held every two years, participants from Western New York join thousands of youth from around the country at NCYC.

DaBounce

An evening urban Catholic youth rally held each spring. Speakers, local talent showcase, prayer and a dance.

Leadership

Christian Leadership Institute

Week-long youth leadership training program held at the end of June.

Diocesan Youth Board

Youth Board members assist the Youth Department in planning youth ministry activities for the diocese. Each parish may nominate one young person for the Board.

Diocesan Youth Retreat Team

Youth who want to share their faith can apply for this team that facilitates peer retreats throughout the year.

Service and Justice

Young Christians at Work

Five-day program in which youth serve in the community, learn about social justice and pray the liturgies of Holy Week.

Bishop McNulty Award Dinner Dance

Dinner, award presentations (for youth and adults who support youth ministry) & a dance!

Retreats

Senior High Retreats

One day retreats in fall and spring for youth in grades 9-12.

Junior High Retreat

One day retreat in the spring for youth in grades 6-8.

Celebrating Diversity: Multicultural Retreat

One day retreat in November for senior high youth from all cultures.

Urban Confirmation Retreat

Overnight retreat for youth from city parishes who are preparing for Confirmation.

Recreational Activities

Midsummer Charity Ball

Semi-formal dance in August; proceeds support Youth Department Scholarship Fund.

Buffalo Bisons Games

Parish groups purchase discount tickets and enjoy the game! All ages welcome!

Buffalo Sabres Games

Parish groups purchase discount tickets and enjoy the game! All ages welcome!

Programs for Youth Ministry Leaders

Youth Ministry Leadership Training

Four levels of training and a variety of topics give you the tools you need to provide the very best ministry possible for God's young people.

Training Workshops

Workshops and seminars by national speakers on youth ministry topics are offered periodically.

Colleagues in Youth Ministry

Networking, faith-sharing and peer support for adults in youth ministry. Three groups currently meet: Evening (meets monthly), Southern Tier (meets quarterly), and Daytime (meets biannually).

Retreat Ministry Training

Trains youth and adults to design effective retreat models and facilitate peer ministry retreats at your parish or high school.

Youth Ministers' Retreat

Take time to renew your relationship with God at this biennial retreat.

National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM)

Held every two years, this weekend conference gathers thousands of youth ministry leaders for great speakers, inspiring prayer and liturgy, informative resources, and helpful networking.

A complete listing of formation opportunities for adults in youth ministry, "Youth Ministry Leader's Guide," is published each year.

Young Adult Ministry

iSERVE

Year-long program for young adults that fosters a deeper understanding of one's gifts and the leadership skills needed to serve the Catholic Church of the new millennium.

Catholic Adult Network

The Catholic Adults Network (CANET) is a Catholic fellowship organization for people ages 21 and up. There are many ongoing activities, including service, Bible studies, and socials! www.catholicadultnetwork.org

Resources and Consulting

Looking to begin or strengthen your parish's ministry with young adults? We can provide resources, consultations, and helpful advice!