

# 2019-2020 DIOCESAN YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP TEAM OVERVIEW

## PURPOSE/MISSION

- Foster the spiritual growth of the young people that are involved on the team
- Equip members with the tools to return to their parishes to assist with evangelization and discipleship efforts, particularly to the youth ministry efforts of the parish through peer ministry and service
- Provide opportunities of Christian leadership within Diocesan Youth Ministry events and programs

## COMPOSITION

- The Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team is comprised of up to two (2) youth from each parish from across the diocese.
- Members are high school youth (grades 9-12).

## SELECTION

- Adult youth ministry coordinators from parishes and schools appoint two (2) youth to represent their parishes. This takes place in late spring (April – June).
- Applications will be reviewed. Individuals will be accepted by the end of June.

## QUALITIES/ABILITIES SOUGHT

- High school student
- Person of faith: witness to Catholic Christian lifestyle
- Active in local (parish/school/civic) youth ministry efforts
- Leadership ability/potential
- Willingness to work, speak their opinions, spend time (during meetings and between meetings) on assigned tasks and communicate progress and problems

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Cost for the year is **\$125/person**

**Note. Discipleship Team should not be a substitute for the young person's involvement in parish/school ministry activities. Rather, the goal of the team should be for participants to be more involved in parish/school activities and draw others into participation as well.**

# 2019-2020 Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team Appointment Process

We are now accepting appointments for the Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team. Please follow the steps below to appoint youth.

- STEP 1**                    **APPOINT TWO YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES**  
Each parish/school may appoint two High School youth to be on the Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team. These individuals **should be committed to their Catholic faith and exemplify leadership qualities.**
- STEP 2**                    **COMPLETE PARISH APPOINTMENT PACKET** (Completed by Adult Leader and Pastor)  
Fill out and sign the appointment form and Priest Recommendation Form and return to the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office by **Friday, June 14.**
- STEP 3**                    **COMPLETE MEMBER APPLICATION PACKET** (completed by the youth)  
Give the appointee(s) the MEMBER PACKET to complete and return to the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office.  
\*Note: This packet includes the Discipleship Team application, liability forms, and commitment forms by **Friday, June 14.**
- STEP 4**                    **ACCEPTANCE**  
After applications have been reviewed, individuals will be contacted regarding their acceptance onto the team. The program will begin with a retreat on **August 17-18.** All members are required to attend the retreat. Release forms and any other paperwork as well as the cost of **\$125/participant** are due at the retreat.