



DIOCESE OF
Jefferson City

Diocesan Youth Council Application

Application Deadline: April 5th

Diocesan Youth Council

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Its purposes are further explained as follows:

- To investigate, consider, and propose practical conclusions about those things that pertain to pastoral works of the diocese. (cf. c. 511)
- To serve as a channel for communication for youth from across the diocese
- To propose and promote youth activities and perspectives that might benefit from consideration by the Diocesan Bishop
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Membership

Qualifications to serve on the Council

A person must meet the following requirements:

- Be a Catholic in full communion with the Catholic Church
- Received all the sacraments of initiation and be an active steward of the parish
- Must be outstanding in firm faith, good morals, and prudence
- High school student at the time of their application and can commit to at least 1 term (2 years)
- (*preferred*) Active or previous leadership experience in their parish and/or institution

Expectations & Commitment to serve on the Council

A member of the council is required to commit to the following:

- Attend quarterly meetings in person at the chancery building in Jefferson City. Meetings are always on Saturdays
 - The first Diocesan Youth Council meeting will be May 11 from 9am-2:30pm. This will include a morning of recollection
- Attend a yearly leadership retreat with the Diocesan Youth Council
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Application Instructions

1. Complete the following application and return to the Youth Office via mail (*Youth Office, 2207 West Main St., Jefferson City, MO 65109*) or email (*mmertes@diojeffcity.org*) by April 5, 2024
 - If the space provided is not sufficient to answer the questions, you may use additional paper or type your answers
 - Parental consent is required on the application
2. Two letters of recommendation are required, one from your pastor and one from a youth leader (youth minister, DRE, coach, teacher, etc.)
 - Provide the attached information sheets about the letters of recommendation to your pastor and youth leader. You are responsible for making sure the letters are completed



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Name _____ Birthday _____

School _____ Grade _____ Gender _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Parish _____ T-shirt Size _____

Ethnicity _____

Please provide the date & location where you received the following sacraments:

Baptism _____

1st Communion _____

Confirmation _____

Please provide the names of those writing your letters of recommendations:

Pastor _____

Youth Leader _____

Describe church related activities you are involved in and how you are using your God given gifts/talents in these:

How do you practice your faith in your daily life? Please be specific

What other organizations or activities are you involved in?



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What do you believe are key issues the youth of our diocese face today?

Why are you interested in serving on the Diocesan Youth Council?

I have read the membership and expectations and understand the necessary commitment in serving on the Diocesan Youth Council.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Consent

My child's faith has taught me:

I plan to assist and/or support my child in completing his/her term on the Youth Advisory Council by:

I understand the importance of my child's involvement as a member of the Diocesan Youth Council and will support him/her in this endeavor. Furthermore, I understand that it is my responsibility to make travel arrangements for my child to and from meetings.

Name _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Signature _____



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Letter of Recommendation - Pastor

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Letter of Recommendation

To the best of your knowledge, please prepare a letter that shares how the applicant has been involved in the parish community, how you believe they would use the formation they receive to serve the Church, and explain why you would recommend them to this Council.

Please email your letter of recommendation to Mary Madelyn Mertes, mmertes@diojeffcity.org



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Letter of Recommendation - Youth Leader

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You have been asked by _____ to recommend him/her for the Diocesan Youth Council. As a leader in their life, we want to hear from you about their faith and leadership skills.

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