

D I O C E S E
of NEW ULM

Catholic Pastoral Center

May 7, 2009

Dear Enthusiastic Youth:

I thank you for your interest in wanting to be a part of the Diocesan Youth Council.

The Purpose of the Diocesan Youth Council of the Diocese of New Ulm is to help spread the Gospel by:

- * Sharing Jesus' love, by growing in our faith, and sharing that faith with others.
- * Helping to develop an understanding of just how important the youth are in the Catholic Church today.
- * Being a uniting factor among the regions and parishes of the diocese.
- * Developing leadership that we can share with others.

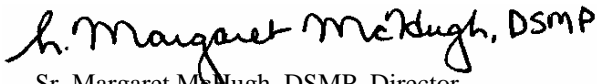
If you want to be a part of the above purpose and goals...and are in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade next fall, please apply.

- 1) The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) meetings are one Sunday afternoon each month during the year from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Center for Youth Ministry near Renville, Minnesota.
- 2) The DYC helps in planning events for the youth in the diocese. They advise and evaluate programs such as the Senior High Youth Rally and Junior High Festival for youth and NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference).
- 3) The DYC is responsible for setting up, cleaning up, and being involved in the Junior High Festival and Senior High Rally program days.
- 4) We have an annual orientation session over Labor Day and a weekend retreat together in January.
- 5) Members of the DYC are camp counselors at the diocesan summer camps.

In 2009-10 we will need **eight** new members for the Youth Council. Our goal is to have two youth for each of the six regions in the diocese. Even if there are no vacancies on the Council for your region at this time, there are three at large positions; so we encourage you to apply and to go through the process with us. Also, someone may not be able to continue being on the DYC during the year and at that time we may ask you to fill in the position or be involved in some other way in leadership for the diocese.

- If you are willing to take the challenge set before you, please fill out the enclosed form and have your parent do the same. **Return** these to the Diocesan Office no later than ~~May 4, 2009~~ - **CHANGED TO MAY 22**.
- **Selection Day To Be Determined**
The second most important date will either be **May 31, June 5, or June 6 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** **The youth need only attend one date and applicants will be contacted and given more specific information regarding times and places.** We ask that all youth that want to be considered for the Council meet at the Center for Youth Ministry near Renville along with the current Youth Council; Sr. Margaret McHugh, the Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry; and other young adult leaders. On that date we will go through a leadership process to pick the best leaders for our diocese. If for any reason you are not able to attend on this date, please inform me **SOON**. If you have any questions in regard to any of the enclosed information please call me, Sr. Margaret McHugh at 507-359-2966 or leave a message for me.
- I'm also asking that **one week before the selection date, that you call me to verify any final details.** (Mark it on your calendar today so you don't forget.)

Sincerely,



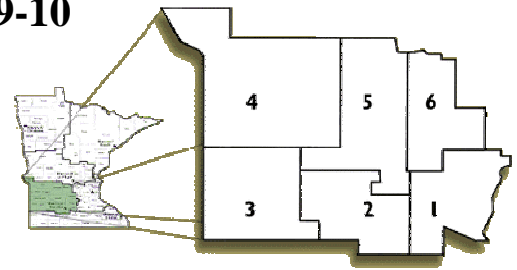
Sr. Margaret McHugh, DSMP, Director
Office of Youth Ministry



LISTING OF OPENINGS

FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL (DYC) 2009-10

Region 1	0 positions open
Region 2	1 position open
Region 3	1 position open
Region 4	0 positions open
Region 5	1 position open
Region 6	2 positions open
At Large	3 positions open



We have three at large members and they can be applicants from *any region*.

REGIONS OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

Region 1

Arlington, St. Mary
Gaylord, St. Michael
Green Isle, St. Brendan

Faxon Twp., St. John-Assumption
Henderson, St. Joseph
Jessenland, St. Thomas (oratory)

Holy Cross Area Faith Community

Lafayette, St. Gregory the Great
New Ulm, Cathedral
New Ulm, St. Mary
Searles, St. John the Baptist
West Newton Township, St. George

Nicollet, St. Paul
St. Peter, St. Peter

North Mankato, Holy Rosary

Region 2

Divine Mercy Area Faith Community

Comfrey, St. Paul
Leavenworth, Japanese Martyrs
Sleepy Eye, St. Mary

Vine and Branches Area Faith Community

Clements, St. Joseph (oratory)
Lamberton, St. Joseph
Morgan, St. Michael
Sanborn, St. Thomas (oratory)
Springfield, St. Raphael

Light of the World Area Faith Community

Lucan, Our Lady of Victory
Seaforth, St. Mary
Wabasso, St. Anne
Wanda, St. Mathias

Morton, St. John
Redwood Falls, St. Catherine

Region 3

Milroy, St. Michael
Tracy, St. Mary
Walnut Grove, St. Paul

Bread of Life Area Faith Community

Cottonwood, St. Mary
Green Valley, St. Clotilde
Marshall, Holy Redeemer

Good Teacher Area Faith Community

Ghent, St. Eloi
Minneota, St. Edward
Taunton, SS Cyril & Methodius
St. Leo, St. Leo
Canby, St. Peter

Lake Benton, St. Genevieve
Tyler, St. Dionysius
Ivanhoe, SS Peter & Paul
Wilno, St. John Cantius

Region 4

Holy Family Area Faith Community

Clara City, St. Clara
Granite Falls, St. Andrew
Montevideo, St. Joseph

Appleton, St. John
Dawson, St. James
Madison, St. Michael

Catholic Area Parishes

Benson, St. Francis
Clontarf, St. Malachy
Danvers, Visitation (oratory)
DeGraff, St. Bridget
Murdock, Sacred Heart

Nassau, St. James
Ortonville, St. John
Rosen, St. Joseph

Beardsley, St. Mary
Graceville, Holy Rosary

Region 5

Heart of Jesus Area Faith Community

Bird Island, St. Mary
Hector, St. John
Olivia, St. Aloysius
Renville, Holy Redeemer

Jesus, Our Living Waters Area Faith Community

Kandiyohi, St. Patrick
Lake Lillian, St. Thomas More
Spicer, Our Lady of the Lakes
Willmar, St. Mary

Area Catholic Parishes

Fairfax, St. Andrew
Franklin, Sacred Heart
Gibbon, St. Willibrord
Winthrop, St. Francis de Sales

Region 6

Darwin, St. John
Forest City, St. Gertrude

Good Shepherd Area Faith Community

Litchfield, St. Philip
Manannah, Our Lady

Glencoe, St. Pius X
Silver Lake, Holy Family

Hutchinson, St. Anastasia
Stewart, St. Boniface
Winsted, Holy Trinity

Watkins, St. Anthony

DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL (DYC)
Application Form
You must fill out in blue or black ink.

YOUTH FORM

Name _____ Grade **Fall 2008** _____

Parish, City _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____ Birthdate _____

~~Due May 4, 2009~~ **CHANGED TO MAY 22** to Office of Youth Ministry, 1400 6th St. N, New Ulm, MN 56073.

1. Tell us about yourself, including interests, activities, and family. *(Please do not use specific names here. Use mom, dad, brother, sister, etc.)*

2. Why do you wish to be a member of the Diocesan Youth Council?

3. What gifts and abilities would you bring to the DYC?

4. What do you see as some of your weaknesses?

5. In what activities have you already had a chance to use your leadership skills?

6. What extra curricular activities will you get involved in at your school during the year?

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YOUTH FORM

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7. Do you have a parish youth group (check response): Yes No I Don't Know

8. In what ways are you involved in your parish youth group?

9. The DYC has a monthly meeting lasting about 4 hours on a Sunday afternoon. We have committee work, regional events, planning Rally and Festival work included. How do you see that fitting into your life?

10. How do you see God at work in your life?

11. How do you live and express your faith beliefs?

12. What is one thing you would like to see happen for the youth of our diocese?

Please call Sr. Margaret McHugh, Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry, (507-359-2966) one week before the selection date of **May 31, June 5, or June 6 to verify any final details. (You need only attend one date, and applicants will be contacted and given more specific information regarding times and places. Please mark these dates on your calendar today so you don't forget.)**

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PARENT FORM

Your daughter/son is applying for selection to the Diocesan Youth Council. The Youth Council is made up of senior high students representing the six regions in our diocese. They meet one Sunday a month and bring concerns of youth in their region to the diocesan staff. Most importantly, they try to provide leadership within their own region by assisting parish youth groups, speaking to various groups upon request and their availability, and organizing regional youth activities as needed. (Some of this requires very little time, call if you have questions, 507-359-2966.) They also help put on the annual *DIOCESAN SENIOR HIGH RALLY* and the *JUNIOR HIGH FESTIVAL*. They will also be part of a retreat weekend. (Probably in November, January, or February.) They frequently participate in NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) every other year.

Please answer the questions below to help us in our selection process. The Selection Day is **(to be determined and will be either May 31, June 5, or June 6)** from 1:00–4:00 p.m. at the Center for Youth Ministry near Renville. Your son/daughter will be interviewed and selections will be made by **June 10** for the coming year. Deadline to return this form is ~~May 4, 2009~~ **CHANGED TO MAY 22** - to the Office of Youth Ministry, 1400 6th St. N, New Ulm, MN 56073. Thank you!!

As parents of _____, we approve his/her candidacy to the Diocesan Youth Council and will support him/her in these efforts to serve the Church if he/she is selected.

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City, State, Zip _____

Parent Signature _____

Please do not use your child's name—as we process these recommendations anonymously in the selection process. Thank you!

1. What are some of your son's/daughter's strengths?

2. What are some of his/her weaknesses?

3. How do you feel about your son/daughter becoming a member of the Diocesan Youth Council and being expected to give time each month to Council work?

4. To what extent would you support this commitment? (Emotional support, financial backing, use of car, or transporting them, etc.)

Your son or daughter will need to call Sr. Margaret McHugh at 507-359-2966 the week of the selection date for final details.