

D I O C E S E
of NEW ULM

Catholic Pastoral Center

1421 6th Street North
New Ulm, MN 56073

March 22, 2018

Dear DYC Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in joining the Diocesan Youth Council! As a Catholic young person who desires to serve Jesus Christ and His Church, you stand out amongst the rest of your peers. May your zeal inspire the Church to greater faithfulness.

The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) exists to give youth of the Diocese of New Ulm an opportunity to grow deeper in their love of Jesus Christ and His Church by providing opportunities for fellowship, intellectual growth, spiritual growth, and human development.

As a member of the DYC, you should be prepared to attend monthly meetings, one retreat (in the winter), and at least one Cor Iesu, as well as pray at least 15 minutes per day, go to Confession monthly, and read the book that the rest of the group is reading. Meetings are typically held at St. Aloysius Church in Olivia, so it is important that you have a way to get to these meetings. There are legitimate excuses for not attending meetings and events, but attendance is very important. Also keep in mind that there may be additional meetings outside of these.

As much fun as the members of the DYC have (oh, they could tell you stories...), it does come with its challenges. Therefore, it is important to note that the DYC is not for everyone. An interview process will be conducted during the summer to select new members for the DYC, ensuring that candidates are *spiritually and emotionally mature for their age* and want to be on the DYC *for the right reasons*.

In the pages below, you will find three applications: one for yourself, another for a parent/guardian, and another for a “parish leader” (a priest, youth mentor, DRE, or other prominent parish personnel, *but not someone you are related to*). Please note that all of these are also available online at www.dnu.org/diocesan-youth-council . All applications are due by **June 4, 2018** and may be emailed to klosleben@dnu.org or mailed to the address above with “ATTN: Kevin Losleben.” **Upon reviewing your application, you can expect an email from me either inviting you to set up an interview date or to apply next year.**

Thank you for your interest in joining the DYC. May God’s will be done!

In Christ through Mary,



Kevin Losleben
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Diocese of New Ulm

Diocesan Youth Council

Youth Application

Please fill this out and return by June 4, 2018.

Name: _____ Grade (in Fall 2018): _____

Parish, City/Town: _____ D.O.B.: ___/___/___

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____

1) Tell us about yourself (interests, family, favorite musician, likes and dislikes, etc.).

2) How did you hear about the DYC? Did someone refer you or encourage you to apply? If so, who? Do you know anyone who is on or was on the DYC?

3) Why do you want to be a part of the DYC?

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Parent Portion

Please fill this out and return by June 4, 2018. This may be mailed along with the "Youth Application." See mailing details of the DYC in the opening letter at the beginning of this application. Mailing address: ATTN Kevin Losleben, 1421 S 6th St., New Ulm, MN 56073

PLEASE NOTE: Although there are spots available on the DYC, not everyone is admitted. Each applicant is interviewed and evaluated based on their responses, paying particular attention to their motives for applying and their maturity. We also consider the opinion of an outside reference (priest, youth ministry coordinator, or parish catechetical leader).

Parents' names: _____
(if single parent or guardian, please specify)

E-mail: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____

Parent signature: _____

Person(s) answering the following questions: _____ Father _____ Mother

1) What are some of your child's strengths?

2) What are some of your child's weaknesses?

3) Do you see there being a major conflict with your child attending the required meetings for the DYC (see letter at beginning of application) either because of transportation or some other issue?

4) Will you support the decision of the interview team whether your child is accepted to the DYC or not?

Diocesan Youth Council *Parish Leader Reference Form*

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To Whom It May Concern,

You are receiving this form because someone you know is interested in joining the Diocesan Youth Council (DYC). This person will submit an application, which also has a portion for their parents to fill out. Upon reviewing this application, as well as your reference, the DYC applicant will either be invited to an interview day or asked to apply again next year.

The DYC exists to provide youth of the Diocese of New Ulm an opportunity to grow deeper in their love of Jesus Christ and His Church by providing opportunities for fellowship, intellectual growth, spiritual growth, and human development. As someone who knows this person well, your input is crucial in determining whether the DYC is for the applicant.

Because the DYC is particularly geared toward those who want to “go deeper” in their faith, it is important that they are spiritually and emotionally mature for their age. In other words, they are not applying for the DYC as a way to build their résumé or a way to find friends who will listen to them and make them feel wanted. While the DYC does provide those things, it does not primarily exist for those reasons.

Know that your answers will only be shared with the adult leaders (three people) of the DYC. This is a confidential form, so please be honest. You can fill this form out online at www.dnu.org/diocesan-youth-council or you can e-mail this form to klosleben@dnu.org or mail it to: “ATTN: Kevin Losleben, 1421 6th St. N, New Ulm, MN 56073.” It is due **June 4, 2018**.

Thank you for all you do for the youth of our diocese and may God bless you.

In Christ through Mary,



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