

April 22, 2024

Dear Youth Leaders,

We are now accepting youth applications for the 2024-2025 Diocesan Youth Leadership. Diocesan Youth Leadership is a unique leadership opportunity that will empower you to become a more confident leader and witness to Christ at your school, in your parish, and throughout our diocese and beyond.

Thank you for your interest in applying to be a part of Diocesan Youth Leadership. Before submitting an application, however, please read through the expectations on the next page to make sure that you can fully say “yes” to this responsibility. It is important that we build a strong team where everyone can be present. Please also discuss this commitment with your parents or guardians. If you feel called to serve on this leadership team, please submit the following application form to John Pratt at the Office of Youth Ministry at jpratt@diocesefwsb.org. After our team of youth ministers reviews your application, we will notify you if you have been accepted to serve on the Diocesan Youth Leadership for 2023-2024. We are accepting applications through June 10, 2024. Online interviews will take place during the month of June. All accepted members of Diocesan Youth Leadership will be notified before June 30, 2023.

Diocesan Youth Leaders will help plan, lead, and participate in Diocesan events such as the:

- National Eucharistic Pilgrimage
- Diocesan Confirmation Retreats
- Posada w/ Bishop Rhoades
- March for Life Pilgrimage (January 22, 2025, to Indianapolis, IN)
- Beloved Daughters: A Retreat for Young Women

Additionally, Diocesan Youth Leaders will help provide a link between parish ministry and Diocesan initiatives. Diocesan Youth Leaders will represent the youth of the Diocese to bring their needs and concerns before youth ministry leaders from around the Diocese. Finally, Diocesan Youth Leaders will also be empowered to help create and lead ideas of their own.

The 2024-2025 Diocesan Youth leadership Team will kick-off the 2024-2025 year by participating in the Eucharistic Pilgrimage on Monday, July 8 from Waterloo to Auburn. You will participate in this historic and unprecedented cross-country Eucharistic Procession and following we will gather to thank our team from the past year, get to know our new team and start praying for the upcoming events of the year. If you are accepted to the DYL, we hope to see you at this Eucharistic Procession. May we do something beautiful for God and His Church through our collaboration, teamwork, and leadership development.

Sincerely,

John Pratt
Jocelyn Alcalá



Diocesan Youth Leadership Team Requirements 2024-2025

- Ability to attend all/almost all formation and planning meetings (see list below).
 - Ability to attend at least three of six Diocesan events for 2024-2025 (See bolded events below).
 - Willingness to arrive early and stay after events to help with set up and clean up.
 - Commitment to good communication: read and respond to all emails and group messages as they are sent, and let the adult leaders know if you have a conflict with a meeting as soon as you learn about it.
1. **Monday, July 8, 2024 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE: St. Michael Waterloo to Immaculate Conception, Auburn).**
 2. Thursday, July 25, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (online)
 3. Sunday, September 1, 2024 - 10:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Warsaw)
 4. Thursday, September 19, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (online)
 5. Friday, October 18, 2024 CONFIRMATION RETREAT
SET-UP in SOUTH BEND
 6. **Saturday, October 19, 2024 CONFIRMATION RETREAT IN SOUTH BEND**
 7. Saturday, November 9, 2024 - 10:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (in-person)
 8. Thursday, November 21, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (online)
 9. **Sunday, December 15, 2024 POSADA W/ BISHOP RHOADES (Fort Wayne)**
 10. Sunday, January 12, 2025 - 10:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Warsaw)
 11. **Wednesday, January 22, 2025
MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE**
 12. Thursday, February 6, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (online)
 13. Thursday, March 6, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (online)
 14. Friday in March (TBD) CONFIRMATION RETREAT SET-UP in FORT WAYNE
 15. **Saturday in March (TBD) CONFIRMATION RETREAT IN FORT WAYNE**
 15. Thursday, April 3, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (online)
 16. **Saturday, April 26, 2025 BELOVED DAUGHTERS RETREAT**
 17. Thursday, May 8, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (online)
- Willingness to work with others and complete any tasks assigned to you by your team.
 - Commitment to living a life in accord with the teachings of the Church and as a role model for one's peers.



2024-2025 Diocesan Youth Leadership Application Form

Student Name: _____ Graduation Year: 20____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Student E-mail: _____ Student Phone: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____ Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone: _____ School: _____ Parish: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please answer the following questions:

In your own words, describe your relationship with God.

In your opinion, what is the purpose of the Diocesan Youth Leadership?

Why do you want to be on the Diocesan Youth Leadership?

What special gifts and talents do you have that you could share with the Diocese?

