



Diocese of Gary's Youth Council

**Thank you all once again for an awesome meeting in October!
Here are notes from last month's meeting as well as some updates.**

Next meeting: Sunday, November 13, 1-3:00 PM

I am really excited for our next meeting. We will have a special guest! Cecilia Cicone will be joining us. Cecilia is the Digital Media Strategist for the Diocese of Gary. She will be sharing with us some insights about digital media use and the Church, brainstorm what we can do as a diocese and what you can do individually to use digital media to share your stories.

Don't forget to turn in your permission forms! Even if you are 18, your parents still need to complete a permission form for each meeting. Thank you!

Share your leadership skills!

The DYC has been invited to help with the upcoming "Christ Alive!" retreat for high school students. We will talk more about this at the meeting, but I would like you to start thinking about how you can help. You can sign up by emailing Vicky at vhathaway@dcgary.org, at our November meeting, or via the Flocknote email that was sent on 11/3/22.

Help with Hospitality: We are looking for teens to greet people when they arrive, show them around, be a friendly face for teens as they wait for things to start, and just generally help with hospitality.

Small Group Leader: We will have a few times during the retreat for small group discussion. If you would like to help with this, by asking questions, and making sure everyone gets a chance to talk, sign up for this one.

Speaking of Christ Alive...

Christ Alive: An Evening Retreat for High Schoolers
Saturday, November 19, 2022, 3:00 PM-Midnight
St. Michael the Archangel, Schererville

High Schoolers from Northwest Indiana are invited to an evening retreat on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at St. Michael the Archangel parish in Schererville and sponsored by the Diocese of Gary Office for Youth Ministry. Take some time to meet new people, learn a little bit about yourself, and celebrate the gift that is you! There will be Mass, speakers, small group discussions, candlelit Adoration, games, and more. Cost is \$20 and we will be collecting canned food items for a local food bank. We hope to see you there! **To register or find more information, go to garyoyya.org/ChristAlive**

Notes from last meeting

During our October meeting, we started talking about themes we wanted to focus our communication on. What topics were important to let other people know about. Here's what you came up with:

Themes:

The Realities Young People Face

- Struggles
 - Peer pressure
 - Pressure from adults
 - Mental health issues
 - Struggling to make their voice heard
 - Having a "natural wrestling with faith"
 - Political issues with the church
 - Society pressures
- Joys of being a young person!
- Solutions to struggles
 - Mental Health Resources
 - Allowing space for young people to wrestle with their faith and struggle—with caring adults and mentors to walk with them
 - Non-Judgmental encounters
- Young People and Parish Life: (how young people want to be part of it, how they enrich it)
- Mental health and young people
- The desire and call to make their voice heard: Being the Church of Now
- Experiences of Faith
 - "Natural wrestling with faith"
 - Showing how hard the youth of the Church are working in the militant Christ
 - How young people see the world and what we can learn from them
 - Share what's going on now in parishes

Other Formation Opportunity

Conference '22

November 11-12

St. Michael the Archangel

The Office of Worship and Office of Intercultural Ministry invite you to our upcoming **CONFERENCE '22 Training and Renewal for all Liturgical Ministers in the Diocese of Gary**, which will take place on Friday November 11th from 7pm to 9pm with Bishop McClory and Saturday November 12th from 8am to 2pm at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, located at 1 West Wilhelm Street, Schererville, IN 46375.

More information can be found at <https://dcgary.org/event/conference-22>