



Diocese of Gary's Youth Council

Happy March!

Next meeting: Sunday, March 19, 1-3:00 PM

We will discern which "big ideas" we want to work on and start planning.

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!

Can't make it? Make sure you let Vicky know! Thanks!

Notes from Last Meeting

DYC met in February and discussed faith needs that young people have and ideas that they could work on to help meet those needs. Here are some ideas the DYC had:

What does it mean to be Catholic?

We could create weekly flyers that can be shared to other youths. The flyers could talk about information about the Catholic faith, how we live out our faith (give real life examples), discuss current Catholic events that are happening in the Church, what we value in the Church.

Catholic App

Teens want to be part of a community. We could create an app for teens to connect with the faith community. Create a space where people could stream Mass or other events, It could be a way to connect with other teens. We could fund the app through donations or selling swag.

Retreats

This is a two-part idea. The first is to give feedback to ministries about their retreats from a young person's perspective.

The other is to create smaller retreats that would make these experiences more affordable.

Another group suggested a retreat at Camp Lawrence led by teens.

Religion YouTube Videos

We could create YouTube videos where we share facts about religion and spirituality. We could make it funny by doing skits. We could also create resources to help youth groups use the videos in their ministry and give assignments/reflection questions to practice what we talk about in the video.

Bringing modern music to Church

We could encourage parishes to hire new musicians or educate current musicians on how young people respond to the liturgy. We could research and suggest different, approved music that could be used in Mass and encourage them to utilize technology to their advantage.

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Teen Led Adoration

We could do a diocesan adoration event just for teens. Teens would be in charge of the liturgy, including being altar servers, musicians, share a personal reflection. After adoration, we could allow the teens to debrief their experiences, and end the night with games and snacks.

Saint of the Day

Building off of the "Saint Spotlight" podcast, we could create daily reflections on saints that could be shared on social media. We could create videos and Instagram posts. We could also share other topics about the Catholic faith.

Eucharist Retreat

We could create a retreat that is centered around the Eucharist. We could go into Church teaching about what the Eucharist is, why is it important, how we can grow closer to the Eucharist. We could also have Adoration.

Connecting Faith and Everyday Life

Teens have questions like, "why is praying important?" and "how should I pray?" We could highlight someone in pop culture or other spaces and spotlight how they are living their spirituality.

Pray over and discern these ideas!
We will decide what our next steps are
at the meeting.

DYC ONLINE PERMISSION FORM

FOR MARCH 19, 2023

Diocese of Gary Office for Youth Ministry
Oficina de la Diócesis de Gary para el Ministerio de Jóvenes

For the March 19, 2023 DYC Meeting
Para la reunión del DYC del 19 de marzo de 2023

Parents/Guardians, go to: **<https://bit.ly/DYCMar23>**
Padres, diríjase a:



Complete the online permission form by March 17.
Completen el formulario de permiso en línea antes del 17 de marzo.

If you have any questions, please email Vicky at
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Si tiene alguna pregunta, envíe un correo electrónico Vicky en
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