



Diocese of Gary Youth Council

The **Diocesan Youth Council (DYC)** is an advisory body to the Diocesan Office for Youth & Young Adults (OYYA). It is a group of High School teens who represent the parishes and Catholic high schools in the Catholic Diocese of Gary. The members of this body advise the Office in two ways. First, they act as a spokesperson for the needs of youth in their parishes and schools. Second, are an integral part of the planning and implementation of youth activities that encourage and support total youth ministry in the diocese.

Why should your parish or school send representatives to the DYC?

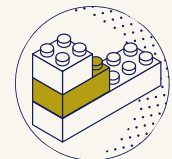
We Need to Hear Young Voices

First and foremost, DYC representatives share the stories of the lives of young people in their parish, schools, and communities. In order to best serve young people, we need to listen to them.



Young Leaders Need Formation, Too

Just like how adult leaders benefit from spiritual and leadership formation, our young leaders do, too. DYC meetings are centered around faith-filled leadership development so they can best go back and serve their parishes and schools.



Young People Have Amazing Gifts to Share

In addition to learning servant leadership skills, DYC representatives also work together on projects to share with the young Church in NWI, such as a podcast!



Parishes and Catholic High Schools are encouraged to send two high school aged representatives to serve on the DYC.

To learn more, submit a representative, or ask a question,
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