

Youth Ministry Leadership Committee (YMLC)

This committee will assist the parish leaders in establishing and maintaining a healthy relationship with young people that accesses on a regular basis the needs of young people and generates a thoughtful response to those needs.

Role and Structure:

The Youth Ministry Leadership Committee works with the coordinator of youth ministry in implementing the parish's ministry to, with and for youth.

Specific Responsibilities Include:

- Providing vision, goals and directions for all aspects of youth ministry
- Developing goals and objectives for parish youth ministry
- Assuring ongoing assessment of youth and family needs and the development of recommendation for youth ministry programming
- Coordinating schedules and programs for youth ministry
- Monitoring program development and assessment
- Making recommendations for resources, budget and facility usage regarding youth ministry
- Assuring adequate recruitment, training and support for leadership in youth ministry
- Providing regular feedback to the parish staff and parish council regarding needs, recommendation and accomplishments of youth ministry
- Advocating for the needs of youth and families with youth within the parish and wider community
- Providing channels of communication between the youth ministry and families, parish staff parish councils or committees, and the diocesan CYM office
- Selecting needed programs, identifying resources, and recruiting program leaders

Membership:

The YMLC can have 8 to 15 members. Members should commit to two years of service and terms should be staggered. The committee should be comprised of the following people:

- Coordinator for Youth Ministry (or Primary Youth Ministry Contact)
- Representative from Parish Council or Christian Formation Committee
- Representative from Liturgy Committee
- Athletic Association President or delegate for parish athletic programs (note: the Athletic Association should be a subcommittee of this committee)
- Representative from boys and/or girls scouts
- Representative from the parish school and those who home school, if applicable
- Representative from confirmation pre-program
- Representative from the home school community
- Representative from the parish school of religious education
- Representative from among parents of high school and/or aged youth
- At least two youth from your parish, preferably high school aged youth

Relationship:

The Youth Ministry Leadership Committee should be represented at all Parish Council Meetings via a vi the Christian Formation Committee.