

TO: CYM's, DRE's Youth/Campus Ministry Contact Persons
FROM: DYLC 2020 Steering Committee
DATE: December 2019
RE: Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp 2020 Registration

DYLC 2020 APPLICATION DETAILS

Enclosed is the application packet for the Diocesan Youth Leadership Camp (DYLC) for 2020. You will find the application form, medical release form, covenant form, scholarship form, permission form, and adult recommendation form. Please make the appropriate number of copies for your parish. Important information is as follows:

- **Camp will be June 21-26, 2020 at Bethany House, DeWitt, MI**
- **Camp registration will be limited to 96 participants.**
- **The cost for camp this year will be \$380.00 for early registration (before March 18, 2020 and \$400.00 for late registration after March 18, 2020). \$50.00 Deposit is non-refundable.**
- **Scholarships are available - See the Scholarship Form.**
- **Registration deadline and deposit deadline is April 20, 2020. All will be contacted by May 1, 2020 of acceptance to DYLC.**
- **No refunds after May 1, replacements only.**

Please stress to your youth, this is an application process, *please do not make any promises or assume any person is accepted until you hear from the committee*. Please prioritize the application forms, from your parish when they are submitted. We recommend that parishes subsidize a portion of this fee to make it affordable for the families of participants.

We encourage you to invite the young people you feel will be the future leaders in your parish. These young people should:

- Be active in your parish (participants should have attended at least one retreat experience)
- Possess potential leadership skills
- Be able to contribute and process small group situations.
- **Is currently in High School.** (So upcoming Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors and those graduating)

Please note that, in the past, we have had more applicants than available positions. Therefore, it is critical that:

- *You meet the application deadline and have all of the forms filled out in their entirety.* Incomplete forms will be returned to the CYM and not accepted **until** returned completed. These applications will decide which youth receive the limited spaces.
- *Please check your youth's applications to make sure all questions are answered and that their answers are thoughtful and complete.* The quality of applications is the first consideration in accepting young people to leadership camp.

Camp teaches critical leadership skills youth need to serve as leaders in their parish groups in addition to providing a significant faith experience. Many other camps provide a significant faith experience but do not necessarily focus on the leadership component as much as DYLC. The focus of DYLC is creating Missionary Disciples, so we equip the disciples you send with the tools and skills needed to go and make more disciples. It is appropriate to determine that not all teens are ready to attend DYLC.

We would especially encourage parishes who have sent no or few youth, in the past, to take advantage of this opportunity. Remember, you will need to support and empower the youth upon their return. DYLC is built upon the notion that there is a parish contact person within each parish. **Your presence on parish contact day, (Thursday, June 25) is an important foundation for that support and empowerment.** Additionally, the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry is available, to your parish, for adult training and formation in Youth Ministry.

In many parishes the students already know about DYLC, so in those parishes it should not be overly difficult to recruit applicants. Please stress to students, applications should be carefully and completely filled out and are not complete until all necessary forms and deposits are received. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Your teen applicants could be put on the waiting list because of incomplete forms. **We will NOT be taking applications over the phone or by fax.** Having forms completed establishes a commitment by the youth, their families and their parish. **Remaining balances for DYLC must be paid by June 1 or the spot for that participant may be forfeited. You should receive an invoice from the Diocese of Lansing by May 15.**

Send completed application forms, parent permission/medical information forms, a \$50 non-refundable deposit, covenant form, and the signed parish contact day form to: **Margaret Grima, Diocese of Lansing, 228 N. Walnut, Lansing, MI 48933.** Thank you for your support and prayers!