

# 2016-17 Diocesan Youth Council (DYC)

## Application Instructions

### So, You're Thinking About Joining the DYC!:

First of all, thank you! Thank you for your interest in the ministry of DYC. There is a long legacy of youth leadership in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and every young person who feels called to continue this good work deserves the gratitude of their community.

That said, the DYC is charged with nurturing the faith development of young people and welcoming them into the church. That's a big responsibility! But no one can extend a radical welcome as well as DYC can. The DYC application is done through an online form. To continue discerning this ministry, and preparing your application, the following information is provided for you to read **before starting** your application!

### Talk to Your Parents/Guardians    Prepare Your Essays

Discuss your ability to faithfully attend the scheduled 2016-2017 DYC events and their availability to support you in this ministry. Ask about their connection with the church as young people.

Applicants are asked to respond to seven questions. See the questions:

<http://goo.gl/eLOuzD>

### Talk to Your Parish Priest

Discuss your commitment to the life and ministry of your parish, and how participation in the DYC's activities will not interfere with your attendance and active participation in parish life. Commit to a specific set of responsibilities within your congregation. Ask if they will meet with your two times over the academic year (October to May).

### You Need To Know:

- Your e-mail address
- Cell phone number
- Parish and deanery name
- Parent/guardian name
- Parent/guardian email
- Home phone number

### Calendar of Required DYC Events 2016-2017:

- **Kickoff Retreat:** September 9-11, 2016 at BCH
- **Diocesan Convention:** November 5, 2016 (Mansfield, MA)
- **Planning Retreat Overnights** (must attend 2 of 3)
  - #1: October 15-16, 2016 (for Middle School Retreat)
  - #2: January 21-22, 2017 (for High School Retreat)
  - #3: March 4-5, 2017 (for PreConfirmation Retreats)
- **Diocesan Retreats at BCH** (must attend 3 of 4)
  - Middle School: November 18-20, 2016
  - High School: February 3-5, 2017
  - PreConfirmation Retreat #1: March 17-18, 2017
  - PreConfirmation Retreat #2: April 7-8, 2017
- **Deanery Assembly Meetings** (about 2 per year)
- **Senior Send Off:** May 6-7, 2017 (optional but encouraged)

Complete Your Application At: <https://goo.gl/Ayhf9F>

**2016-2017 DYC  
APPLICATION  
DUE:**

**AUGUST 18,  
2016 by 5:00  
P.M.**

### About the Diocesan Youth Council (DYC):

Since 1998, DYC members have helped shape the Church into a nurturing environment for young people and their spiritual growth. In addition to representing youth at Diocesan Convention, DYC members offer a ministry of hospitality and service, planning and leading diocesan youth events. Members are 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who feel called to offer a radical welcome to young people of all backgrounds through shared faith inquiry and journeying.

### QUESTIONS?

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