

**Youth Leadership Academy Application
Class of 2010-2011 (New Members)**

Information Section

Name:	
Parish Name:	Parish Town:
Address:	
Email:	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Parents' Names:	

Please make sure that you have the following completed to submit:

- Information Page
- Participant Agreement Page (signed and dated)
- Parental Agreement Page (signed and dated)
- Clergy Agreement Page
- Completed Questions (below)

All materials should be mailed to Kit Lonergan, Office of Youth Ministries, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111 no later than **SEPTEMBER 10, 2010**. If you have a question about any of the above materials, please email Kit at klonergan@diomass.org in advance of the deadline!

Questions:

- 1) How did you hear about YLA?
- 2) Why do you want to participate in YLA this year? What draws you to the program? What do you hope to gain from the program?
- 3) What fears or hesitations do you have about participating in YLA? What concerns do you have about the program? about your ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the program? What do you think will be the hardest part of the program for you?
- 4) What are some of the gifts/ talents/ strengths God has given you to use in your life and work?
- 5) What are some of the needs or concerns of your community/ parish/ town?
- 6) What is one of your goals for the YLA program this year?

Dates for YLA Meetings/ Events:

Kickoff Meeting for YLAers, Parents and Clergy: Sunday, October 3, 2010 3-6pm
(Diocesan Offices, 138 Tremont Street, Boston, MA)
Overnight #1: October 15-16, 2010—Location TBA (6pm - 2pm)
Overnight #2: December 3-4, 2010—Location TBA (6pm - 2pm)
Senior High Retreat: February 4-6, 2011—Barbara C Harris Camp, Greenfield, NH
Mission Trip Meeting: Sunday March 6, 2011—Location: Diocesan Offices
Overnight #3: April 1-2, 2011—Location TBA (6pm-2pm)
Overnight #4: May 6 - May 7, 2011—Location TBA (6pm - 2pm)
Mission Trip Meeting in June/ July: TBA
Mission Trip: 2nd week in August, 2010 (most likely)

YLA Participant Agreement 2010-2011

I, _____:

- will participate fully in all Youth Leadership Academy expectations and activities
- understand that I will be required to attend four overnights, two Sunday afternoon meetings, and the Diocesan Senior High Retreat. Our mission trip will be in August of 2011, dates TBD.
- understand that one absence from these activities is acceptable as long as I give Mark and Kit sufficient prior notice (more than two weeks), except in case of illness.
- understand that much of the work of the YLA Program will have to be done ON MY OWN, with the help of my parish leadership, mentor and parents. I will be in contact with Mark, Kit and any other YLA leader if I need help or guidance with my project in a timely manner (no phone calls the night before something is due!).
- will meet with my parish leadership on a regular basis (to be decided between the two of you), and with my vestry at least once during the year-long program to tell them about my project. I understand that it will often be my responsibility to initiate these meetings.
- will come prepared to all overnights if previous preparation is needed.
- will be in regular contact (twice monthly) with a mentor of my own choosing about my project, YLA concerns, fundraising for the mission trip, and anything else that may pop up!
- understand that I will have to do fundraising for the August mission trip, and even though I may not reach my goal, I promise to make all efforts necessary to come as close as I can! I will also ask for help in fundraising from my mentor, the YLA leaders and my parish leadership.
- understand that success in YLA does not mean finishing a project, making a massive change in my parish/ community or even fundraising the amount needed for the mission trip. Success in YLA means that I have worked hard to think creatively about the needs of my community, deepened my relationship with Christ and with my parish leadership and congregation, and used my leadership skills to bring different people together in relationship in order to strengthen our community/ parish/ town/ group thereby participating in building the kingdom of God, on earth as it is in heaven!

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Youth Leadership Academy
Clergy Agreement
2010-2011**

YLA Participant Name: _____

Clergy/ Parish Leadership Name: _____

Parish/ Parish Town: _____

I, _____, understand that my parishioner
_____ is a Youth Leadership Academy Participant for the year 2010-2011.

I understand that they will be initiating/ leading a parish-based project in this parish for their YLA leadership project. I agree to support them, brainstorm with them, meet with them on a regular basis (to be determined by the two of us), and encourage other parishioners to be involved with their projects. I also understand that fundraising for a mission trip is part of this program, and I will assist them, as I can, and with the support of the parish, with fundraising for their mission trip in August of 2011. The fundraising goal in previous years has been \$2100 per person.

I also understand that the above participant is an active member of this parish, and I will encourage them to use their various gifts, talents and strengths to enliven this part of Christ's body in the diocese.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

**Youth Leadership Academy
Parent Agreement
2010-2011**

YLA Participant Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

I, _____, understand that my child will participate in the Youth Leadership Academy Program for the year 2010-2011. I understand the time and effort commitment expectations that the leaders have set forth, and I have had a conversation with my child regarding their interest and commitment to the program. I will make every effort to have my child attend the required meetings and overnights, and understand that these will take place in parishes around the diocese.

I will support my child in their undertaking a parish project, and will assist them as needed for their fundraising in the winter/ spring for the mission trip.

Signed: _____

Date: _____