

Catholic Diocese of Youngstown Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

2016 Diocesan Youth Convention (DYC'16)

PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

Dear Mom/Dad/Legal Guardian – Thank you for taking the time to consider allowing your high school aged son(s) or daughter(s) to participate in the 2016 Diocesan Youth Convention. Please be sure to review the event brochure, Code of Conduct and the Youth Registration/Medical Release Form carefully. This information sheet will try to answer some questions that may have come to your mind:

WHEN will the DYC'16 take place? Sunday, November 6, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. Please check with your parish/school group leader to find out about transportation to/from the site.

WHERE will DYC'16 take place? St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Canton, Ohio. We will be utilizing the Church, parish rooms and the school throughout the day. General Sessions will take place in the main Church. Casual, but appropriate attire should be worn by all participants.

WHY should my teenager participate? This one day event incorporates learning, service, prayer and fun for our high school teens while giving them the opportunity to meet hundreds of other Catholic teens. The DYC often helps “kick-start” or enhance the parish/school youth ministry efforts as the shared experience in a faith-filled setting usually increases the teens enthusiasm for God and Church.

HOW do I register my teen? Complete the Youth Registration/Medical Release Form and submit with payment to your parish/school group leader. PLEASE be complete, taking note of the places where the teen signs and where you sign for permissions and wishes for medical care. Also, be sure to ask the Group Leader about possible fundraising activities or pre-event meetings.

WHO do I contact in case of an emergency that day? Please get the cell phone number of your parish/school group leader and chaperones as we may not hear the parish phones during the event.

After DYC'16 has taken place, your teen may come home excited to tell you about the speakers heard, songs sang, activities completed or new friends met. Listen as patiently as possible and encourage the enthusiasm. Even if the focus is on new friends, affirm that he/she met other Catholics who share the faith!

If your teen does not freely share these things, you may want to casually ask:

- What did the keynote speaker have to say?
- What workshops did you attend? What did you think of them?
- I understand there were a lot of different activities stations – what kinds of things did you do?
- How did you like celebrating Mass with Bishop Murry?

If you have any questions or concerns that have not yet been answered, please be sure to note that on the bottom of page two of the registration form, or to ask your Parish/School Group Leader.



We look forward to spending the DYC day with your child,
2016 Youngstown Diocesan Youth Convention planning team
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