

FVCYMA Youth Advisory Board

Mission and Goals for the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) under the FVCYMA:

1. Provide an opportunity for youth leaders in the Fox Valley area to continue to grow in their spiritual life and to continue to develop leadership skills.
2. Provide an opportunity for support, affirmation and empowerment within their peer ministry.
3. To enhance our current FVCYMA programming with ideas, planning, insight and organization especially in the area of service, evangelization and social justice.

Logistics:

1. Each parish that is a part of FVCYMA will have an opportunity to have youth on the YAB.
 - a. Youth Leaders can continue to join YAB as they are identified within the parishes
 - b. There will be no more than 4 leaders per parish at this point. This may need to change as the YAB grows and develops. Each leader will be on for a 2 year term (unless they are current seniors). Each youth should fill out a Youth Advisory Board profile and sign a covenant.
2. The YAB will meet monthly to begin with Youth Ministers rotating as advisors. The agenda will be set by the youth but guided by the Youth Ministers.
3. Youth Ministers should have all YAB participants fill out the attached (or similar application forms)
4. A FVCYMA sub-committee will oversee the YAB. Current members are Anna Donnermeyer, Carolyn Coutu, Erin Cencula and Celia McKee. If you are interested in being a member, please contact Celia.
5. Parishes that have youth leaders on the YAB must be willing to be involved in the various projects of the YAB- included but not limited to chaperoning, hosting and advising at the meetings.

Diocesan Youth Advisory Board

Frank Mercantile suggested that all GB Area districts be encouraged to start their own YAB. This way, when the Diocese is ready to begin a Diocesan YAB, there will be youth leaders from all areas of the diocese willing and able to participate.

Rich Curran will need to forward this information on to the GB Area districts.

First YAB Meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2008 from noon to 2:00 at STM. For those that wish, they are invited to attend Mass at 11:00 at STM. Please let Carolyn Coutu (carolyn@stmccath.org, 739-8172) know if you will be having youth attend the meeting by January 11, 2008.

Potential first project will be a Food Fast during Lent.