

YNIA



YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

SUMMER 2019

Helping Youth Encounter Christ Through a Catholic Experience of Service, Community, and Faith

ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Your youth will meet Christ in those in need, in each other, and in engaging liturgies, adoration, and morning and evening prayer. As they grow deeper in their relationship with Christ through their service, they discover the connection between Scripture and service, between Catholic social teaching and living as disciples of Jesus Christ.



ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL SERVICE

Young neighbors work with children, do manual labor, or work at agencies which feed, clothe, and provide resources to the most vulnerable. Work is age-appropriate but challenging. Youth work in community gardens, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, new immigrant support centers, day camps, and senior centers. In some sites, they build, paint, and repair homes.

GROW IN FAITH

Through interactive evening experiences, YNIA helps youth discover the connections between their Catholic faith and justice, and between Scripture and the service they are doing. YNIA evenings are filled with learning, reflection, and fun! During the week, youth and their leaders plan for ways to continue to serve and grow in faith back home.



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SALT & Light

MATTHEW 5:13-16

2019

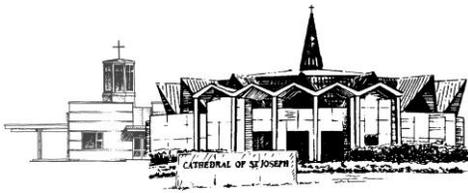
THEME

Our 2019 theme for YNIA comes from the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus challenges us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. In his time on earth, salt was often used to ignite a flame. We are called to ignite hope in those we serve. During a YNIA week, we are also called to be light and bring light to those whose lives have too much darkness due to poverty, hunger, and need.



“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?...You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden...Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

(Matt 5:13-16)



The Diocese of Jefferson City
Office of Youth Ministry and Religious Education

February, 2019

Greetings Colleagues in Christ,

The Office of Youth Ministry and Religious Education is pleased to announce a new opportunity for teens in your parish to put their faith in action. On **July 6-12**, we will take a group of 10 teens to Chicago, IL to participate in *Young Neighbors in Action*, a week-long Catholic service program run by the Center for Ministry Development.

Young Neighbors is more than just a week of doing service. It is a mission experience which engages youth in exploring the call to work for justice while serving those in need. This 7-day trip provides participants with a mix of direct service, opportunities for learning and dialogue, cross-cultural sharing, community building, prayer and liturgy, and fun. Young Neighbors helps participants learn how poverty and a lack of respect for human dignity impact the lives of real people. All of this is done through the lens of Catholic social teaching.

Enclosed you will find more information about the program. Please review it and share it with prospective teens from your parish community. Completed applications and payments must be submitted by **Wednesday, May 1**. Applicants will be accepted on a first-come-first served basis until the trip is full. Don't hesitate to contact my office should you have any questions.

Young people today long for the opportunity to put their faith into practice and make a difference in the world. We know nothing evangelizes the heart more than an authentic encounter with Christ through an authentic encounter with those in need. Thank you for considering this incredible opportunity and we look forward to an amazing experience!

Sincerely,

Mr. John DeLaporte
Director of Youth Ministry and Rel. Ed

Mrs. Kris Hartman
Diocesan Events Coordinator

Trip at a Glance

Dates: July 6 - 12

- **June:** Pre-departure meeting for participants and parents. Exact day/time to be determined.
- **July 6** – Orientation and teambuilding in Jefferson City. Overnight in Jefferson City.
- **July 7-12** Travel to Chicago and begin YNIA
- **July 12: Depart Chicago and return** to Jefferson City in the evening

Cost: \$200 per person

The cost includes registration, transportation, lodging and meals while in Chicago. All other meals while traveling or any other personal expenses are covered by the participant (estimate approximately \$75-\$90 for personal spending). Participants are encouraged to raise money on their own and approach their parish communities for financial support. **Checks can be made payable to the Diocese of Jefferson City.**

Applicant Requirements

- Young men and women ages 14-18 years old who have completed 8th grade prior to taking part in the program..
- Mature, faithful, active teens. Open to new experiences and people. Flexible. Willing to work hard!
- Completed registration form, payment, and approval from your parish priests (see attached)

Travel and Accommodations

Our group will travel by 15 passenger van to Mt. Carmel High School located at 6410 S Dante Ave, Chicago, IL. All participants (including adults) sleep in the school classrooms with 10-15 participants sharing sleeping space on a carpeted or uncarpeted floor. Participants are advised to bring SINGLE-size air mattresses or foam pads for more comfortable sleeping, as well as pillows, linens/sleeping bags and towels for personal use. Showers are located on-site.

Deadlines and Next Steps

1. Completed applications and payments must be submitted by **Wednesday, May 1**. Applicants will be accepted on a first-come-first served basis until the trip is full.

Young Neighbors in Action Registration Packet 2019



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Young Neighbors in Action



A Catholic Mission Experience

Young Neighbors in Action is more than just a week of doing service. It is a mission experience which engages youth in exploring the call to work for justice while serving those in need. The Center for Ministry Development offers unique ways to experience service and mission the ***Young Neighbors*** way!

This six-day trip provides your team with a mix of direct service, opportunities for learning and dialogue, cross-cultural sharing, community building, prayer and liturgy, and fun.

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Young Neighbors in Action wants your team to live the Gospel. Each day is carefully crafted to include ways for young people to experience new directions in our Church – from direct service to environmental concerns, from advocacy to global solidarity. Helping young people embrace their Catholic identity is a priority. The Church is alive in the **world** and our hope is for young people to find their passion and contribute in creative ways to make the world a better place for all of God's people.



“This evening the Lord once more asks you to be in the forefront of serving others. He wants to make of you a concrete response to the needs and sufferings of humanity. He wants you to be signs of his merciful love for our time!”

Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2016



Young Neighbors in Action

Program Schedule

Sunday

1:00-2:00 pm	Arrival
2:45	Adult Meeting
3:45	Community Building /Welcome & Program Orientation
5:45	Dinner
7:00	Team Introductions; Program Orientation
8:30	Evening Prayer
9:00	Team Time
9:30	Social Time
11:00	Lights Out

Monday through Thursday

6:30 am	Wake Up Call
7:15	Breakfast
8:00	Morning Prayer and Daily Challenge
8:30	Leave for worksites
3:30/4:00 pm	Return from Work Sites, Recreation, Relaxation, Clean Up, Snacks Adult Leader Check-In with Program Director
5:45	Site Sharing/Dinner
6:45	Adult Meeting
7:30	Evening Program & Prayer
9:30	Team Time (touch base/planning/prep/etc. as needed) Social Time
10:45	Bed Time Prep
11:00	Lights Out

Special Events

Wednesday Night: Recreation
Thursday Night: Celebration of Culture

Friday

6:30 am	Wake Up Call
7:15	Breakfast,
8:00	Morning Prayer & Program
10:30	Packing & Clean Up
11:00	Celebration of Eucharist
Noon	Departure

About Sightseeing:

Days at Young Neighbors are full, and there is no time for sightseeing during the program. If your group is planning to do some sightseeing, make plans to do that before or after your Young Neighbors event.

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How will we serve?

No two *Young Neighbors* sites are exactly alike. Although programming is similar at each site, the program location, work opportunities, and the communities with whom we interact guarantee that each event is a unique experience. Below are the three basic types of service in which a *Young Neighbors* team might participate.

Clean-up, paint, fix-up, construction, and repair

Examples: doing yard work for ill, elderly, or financially challenged individuals or families; landscaping, planting, weeding at shelters or in community gardens; providing neighborhood clean-up or graffiti removal; doing minor home repairs; scraping and painting; helping with renovation or construction projects through Habitat for Humanity and similar groups

Regular involvement in children's and family programming

Examples: helping with summer tutorial and recreational programs; assisting with day camp or daycare programs for infants, toddlers, young children, and pre-teens; helping out at children's and/or family centers; serving as aides for migrant Head Start programs; working with developmentally disabled children, youth, or young adults; organizing arts and crafts and/or Vacation Bible School programs; working at orphanages and children's homes

Providing direct assistance to those in need

Examples: cooking and serving meals in soup kitchens and shelters; working with food banks and clothing shops, Catholic Charities, and St. Vincent de Paul; helping in homeless shelters or family abuse centers, Catholic Worker Houses, and AIDS hospices

While almost every site offers the chance to both meet people and work on a concrete task, how these pieces balance out differs from one site to the next. Although the three types of work sound quite distinct, worksites often end up offering a combination of these different kinds of work.

Teams that **come together** to *Young Neighbors* also **work together** during the week. Participants are usually assigned to a single worksite for the entire week. Large teams may be divided up and sent to two or more job sites. Teams have the opportunity to express their work preferences from a list sent out in advance of the service week.

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM & LIABILITY WAIVER
Office of Youth Ministry | Diocese of Jefferson City

Youth Participant's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____
Address _____ **City/State/Zip** _____
Home Phone: _____ **Male Female (please circle)**
Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____ **Work Phone:** _____
Other number where Parent/Guardian can be reached during event: _____
Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Parish: _____ **Email:** _____

CONSENT & LIABILITY WAIVER

Important! To be filled out by the Parent/Guardian for youth under 18 years of age and individuals age 18 or older who are in high school. Individuals age 18 or older and still in high school must also complete and submit an ADULT MEDICAL RELEASE AND LIABILITY WAIVER as well.

I, as parent or guardian of my child, do hereby agree to allow my child to participate in the event/activity:

Event & Location: _____

Date & Time: _____

Method of Transportation: _____

I acknowledge receipt of the attached information sheet describing the planned event/activity.

I acknowledge that _____ is providing transportation to and from the event/activity. I acknowledge and assume the risk of this transportation for my child. My child must comply with the Parish's rules and procedures. In consideration of the Parish allowing my child to participate in the event/activity, I also waive any claims against, and **RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY**, the Diocese of Jefferson City, the Parish and any of its and/or their religious, employees, volunteers, agents and representatives from any liability, claims, demands and causes of action and claims arising out of or relating to any loss, damage or injury sustained in connection with or arising out of my child's participation in the event/activity, including transporting my child to and from the event/activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

YOUTH PARTICIPANT: In signing the line below I agree to abide by any/all policies established for this event/activity. Should I not be able to maintain the guidelines and expectations of the adults and my peers, I understand that there will be consequences for my actions, including being removed from the activity and being sent home at my parent/guardian's expense.

Youth Participant's Signature

Date

VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

I understand and consent that photographs/video recordings/audio recordings of my child may be taken, produced and may be used in publications, websites or other materials produced from time to time by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, the Diocese of Jefferson City and parishes of the Diocese of Jefferson City (collectively "Diocese"). I also understand that my child will not be identified, without specific written consent. In consideration of the Parish allowing my child to participate in the event/activity, I grant to the Diocese the right to publish, reproduce and display photographic images/video recordings/audio recordings of my child for use in all media, electronic or otherwise, in connection with publications, web pages and/or social media of the Diocese. I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, lease, copyright, exhibition, broadcast and/or any distribution of said photographs/video recordings/audio recordings without limitation for any purpose whatsoever; and I further waive all rights to any compensation for my child's appearance or participation in the photographs/video recordings/audio recordings. I hereby expressly assign to the Diocese, all the rights, title and interest in, and to all photographs/video recordings/audio recordings made by such in which my child appears and/or his/her voice is used in and in connection with the video recording of this event. I understand and acknowledge that the Diocese has no control over the use of photographs/video recordings/audio recordings taken by media that may be covering the event in which my child participates.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Medical Matters

I hereby warrant to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child.

Emergency Medical Treatment

In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital/clinic for emergency medical or surgical treatment. **I understand and acknowledge that I am responsible for payment in full of any medical care or associated services provided to my child.** To assist with possible coordination of care, my child's doctor's information is provided below:

Family Doctor _____

Phone _____

Medications

_____ I hereby **Grant Permission** for my child to be given the following provided medications. My child will bring all such medications, well labeled. [NOTE: Any/all prescription medications must be in original pharmacy container with young person's name on the prescription label. Non-prescription/over-the-counter medications must be in original container with young person's name on the container.] (*Please initial*)

Names of medications and concise directions for seeing that the child takes such medications, including dosage and frequency are as follows:

Medication: _____ Dosage: _____ Administer: _____

Medical Conditions Information: (Diocesan personnel will take reasonable care to see that the following information will be held in confidence.)

My child:

- Is allergic to the following medications _____
- Has had an episode of the following or has been diagnosed with: Seizures Asthma Diabetic
- Has had allergic reactions to the following (foods, dyes, latex, etc.) _____
- Has had a medical surgery within the last six months? Yes No Still under doctor's care? Yes No
- Has a medically prescribed diet (*please explain*) _____
- Has the following physical limitations _____
- Immunizations current and up to date? Yes No Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization _____
- You should also be aware of these special medical conditions of my child: _____

I fully understand the foregoing statements and sign this Parental/Guardian Consent Form, Liability Waiver & Medical Consent knowingly, freely, and willingly.

Parent/Guardian Signature (*must sign for any participant under 18 and/or 18 or older & in high school*)

Date

YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION

PASTOR APPROVAL FORM SUBMIT WITH APPLICATION

PASTOR NAME: _____

PARISH AND TOWN: _____

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

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Applicants to the program ought to be mature, responsible, and participants in their parish community. Therefore, we are asking each applicant to submit approval from their parish priest (or pastoral associate) testifying on their behalf. Please sign this form and return it to the applicant. It will be submitted with the rest of their application. Feel free attach any additional comments regarding the applicant along with this form.

Thank you for your consideration.

I offer my approval for this applicant to participate in the Young Disciples in Action program. I can attest to their maturity, character, and involvement in my parish community and have confidence that they will be a strong candidate for this program.

Signature

Date