



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Holy Trinity Life Teen invites your teen(s) to attend the Diocesan Youth Conference on **February 9th-11th, 2024** at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, VA. The Diocesan Youth Conference, known as "DYC", is a weekend that blends dynamic spiritual talks/reflections with entertainment in the company of teens from all over the Diocese. What differentiates DYC from other events we attend is how remarkably powerful it is to gather on a Diocesan level. Our teens join roughly 1,000 youth from all across the Diocese of Richmond, as well as the majority of our seminarians who are studying and discerning to become the future priests of our Diocese. It's a great way to see that we are not alone in our Catholic faith journey, even on a local level!

What are some highlights of the Diocesan Youth Conference?

- **Sacraments.** Mass will be celebrated on both Saturday and Sunday with all attendees. In addition, opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. We will get to celebrate Mass with Bishop Knestout!
- **Breakout Sessions.** There will be 2 rounds of breakout sessions for adults and teens focused on a variety of topics – there is something for everyone!
- **Rise Against Hunger.** Saturday afternoon includes a meal-packing service project event with Rise Against Hunger, giving teens a way to put their Catholic faith into action during the conference. These meals are sent to our brothers and sisters in need in the international community.
- **Saturday Afternoon Activities.** From afternoon men's and women's sessions to new free time options like a rock wall and vendors, Saturday afternoon will be full of fun and entertainment.

What is the lodging situation?

The Diocese of Richmond coordinates hotel accommodations. Teens will stay in a hotel room of 4 youth of the same gender. Our adult Core team members will be placed in adults-only rooms in the same hallway. I will turn in a rooming list to the Diocese of Richmond once everyone has registered. Note that our Holy Trinity teens will be rooming with each other.

What are the costs?

Early Bird Cost: \$160 if registered by November 30th. \$210 if registered between December 1st and the final deadline, Sunday, January 7th. This covers transportation, hotel, food, DYC t-shirt and Conference cost. Please make all checks payable to: Holy Trinity Catholic Church. If you would prefer a payment schedule or need financial assistance for this trip, please inquire as scholarships are available. As always, we will ensure that no teen is denied this spiritual opportunity because of money.

Transportation to and from Busch Gardens will be provided by Life Teen volunteers.

If you have any questions, please reach me at a.hostetter@trinitynorfolk.org.

In Christ,

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