General Information

The Parish Youth Ministries (PYM) Committee provides quality programs, planned, facilitated, and nurtured by youth from around the Diocese of Virginia. The PYM Committee hosts three weekend events at Shrine Mont throughout the school year for youth of the diocese.

The PYM Committee is structured with a **Core Leadership Team** and **Weekend Facilitator Team**.

Members of Core Leadership must attend all planning and event weekends and commit to monthly virtual check-ins. They are also required to attend two weekend planning meetings over the course of the program year to dive deep into planning well programmed event weekends and grow in leadership skills.

Weekend Facilitators have more flexibility and commit to at least one event weekend. They are also welcome to join in the monthly virtual check-ins, and must attend an online orientation before their scheduled weekend. Weekend Facilitators arrive early to event weekends and, paired with Core Leadership, serve at weekends as small group leaders, musicians, and assistants to the program.

All PYM committee members need to be collaborative, open to new ideas, and willing to learn and use new skills including consensus decision making, active listening, conflict resolution, creative processing, and understanding group stages. PYM membership requires commitment, creativity and maturity.

Membership on the committee is open to anyone who has attended at least one PYM event. Youth are responsible for finding their own ride to meetings and events. The cost for the Core Leadership Team is $150 per semester, and the cost for the Weekend Facilitator Team is $75 per event weekend. *We do not want cost to be prohibitive of involvement in PYM, please contact Paris Ball for financial assistance.*

Committee members are occasionally asked or invited to attend other events, such as Annual Convention or Provincial meetings. Additional events are not mandatory but offer more opportunities to learn and grow in leadership in the diocese and wider Church.

Please list the contact information of your youth leader or priest to complete a recommendation. To be considered for the committee, a positive recommendation must accompany your application by June 1.

If you have any questions you can reach Sierra Gore, Adult Co-Chair for Program, at 1-800-DIOCESE ext. 1023 or via email at [sgore@thediocese.net](mailto:sgore@thediocese.net?subject=PYM%20Application)

Application

Name

Grade in 2019-20

Age

School

Gender

Church

Region

Contact Info - email, phone, address

Parent Info - name, email, phone

Youth Minister or Priest Info– name, email, phone

On the following page, please indicate whether you’re applying to be a Weekend Facilitator or on Core Leadership. Core Leadership must commit to all the dates listed, Weekend Facilitators commit to at least one event weekend and its accompanying online orientation.

**Core Leadership Dates**

In Person – Events

*(1pm Friday – 12pm Sunday)*

Event Weekend 1 – November 1-3, 2019

Event Weekend 2 – April 17-19, 2020

Event Weekend 3 – May 8-10, 2020

In Person - Planning

Fall Planning – September 13-15

*(7pm Friday – 11am Sunday)*

Spring Planning – March 13-14

*(1pm Friday – 3pm Saturday)*

Online Dates

*Monthly check-ins in the evening*

Sept 19, Nov 7, Dec 12, Jan 16, Feb 13, Mar 19

*Event Orientations*

October 17, April 9 and April 30

**Weekend Facilitator Dates**

*Choose at least one event weekend (3pm Friday – 12pm Sunday) and the accompanying evening online orientation. You can apply for up to three event weekends.*

Event Weekend 1 – November 1-3, 2019 (Online Orientation - October 17, 2019)

Event Weekend 2 – April 17-19, 2020 (Online Orientation - April 9, 2020)

Event Weekend 3 – May 8-10, 2020 (Online Orientation – April 30, 2020)

**Please circle which days are you available for a group interview. We will let you know which date you’re scheduled for promptly.**

May 25,10am – Virginia Theological Seminary (Sparrow Hall conference room)

May 26, 2pm – St. George’s, Fredericksburg (Faulkner Hall)

June 1, 10am – St. Stephen’s, Richmond (Room 1, upstairs)

June 2, 2pm – St. Mary’s, Goochland (Little St. Mary’s Parish Hall)

June 8, 10am – St. Stephen’s, Richmond (Room 1, upstairs)

June 9, 2pm – St. Mary’s, Goochland (Little St. Mary’s Parish Hall)

*If none, please contact Sierra, Adult Co-Chair,* [*sgore@thediocese.net*](mailto:sgore@thediocese.net) *or 1-800-DIOCESE ext. 1023.*

**Short Answer Questions***Please answer on a separate document.*

1. What does your involvement at church look like?
2. What about your church do you love? What do you wish was done differently?
3. What activities, groups, and clubs are you involved with outside of the church?
4. Why do you want to be on the committee?
5. What is your biggest question about PYM?
6. What PYM events have you attended? What was most memorable?
7. What role do you usually play in a group?
8. What are you hoping to learn?

**Recommendation**

*The form will be sent to your youth leader or priest directly.*

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