

YCET - Youth Commission Evangelization Team 2025 Overview and Application Information

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:15

WHAT:

- A high school leadership team, commissioned to serve as peer ministers within the Diocese of Covington.
- Members give witness to the joy of the Gospel in their communities and assist the Church in Youth Ministry.
- Ministries include leading retreats, music, small groups, prayer services, service projects, and large group evangelization experiences to enhance parish, school, and community life.

WHO:

• A diverse group of high school students from diocesan parishes, schools, and homeschools, who seek to develop and use their spiritual gifts as missionary disciples among peers. Open to current Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors.

HOW:

- Potential members are to be nominated to apply by an adult mentor (e.g., teacher, priest, parent, coach, youth, or campus minister).
- After receiving a nomination, the nominee is invited to apply, interview, and discern commitment.
- Commitment is for one year and is renewable.

FORMATION:

• Under the direction of the YCET Directors, the team spends three months in training and formation, including a retreat and regular meetings, followed by one year of missionary service.

PERSONAL BENEFITS TO MEMBERS:

- Transformative Catholic community of peers that is joyful, faithful, and fun.
- Development of spiritual gifts, vocational awareness, and leadership skills.
- Leadership certificate and service hours.

DIRECTORS:

- Angie Poat, Diocesan Youth Minister
- Mark Johnson, YCET Co-Director & Youth Minister, St. Thomas Parish
- Hannah Ubelhor, YCET Co-Director & Youth Minister, Jesuit Spiritual Center

ADULT NOMINATIONS and STUDENT APPLICATIONS:

- Links are located on the Diocesan Youth Ministry web page, www.covdio.org/youth/.
- Adult Nomination deadline is Jan. 31, 2025. Student Application deadline is Feb. 28, 2025

QUESTIONS:

- Contact Mark Johnson (mjohnson@stthomasnky.org) or Hannah Ubelhor (Hannah.ubel@gmail.com)
- Contact Angie Poat, Diocesan Youth Minister (apoat@covdio.org)

"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus...I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy."

Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*