

February 12, 2019

Dear Youth Ministers:

I am writing to you in regards to the annual Archdiocesan Youth Leadership Celebration. This event is among the most important on our youth ministry calendar because it is the occasion when Archbishop Aymond recognizes the youth of our archdiocese for their leadership contributions. Please review this packet carefully and help us prepare this wonderful event by responding before the deadline. At a minimum, all parishes should nominate youth for the “Outstanding Parish Youth” recognition; the archdiocesan-wide awards are at your discretion. Our office relies on your support to ensure nominees are in attendance on April 7th, and that the dress code is appropriate Sunday church attire. Coat and tie is expected for young men, and something comparable is expected for young women.

Date/Time: Sunday, April 7, 2019
Time: 3:00 PM (prayer service and awards - no Mass; no reception)
Location: St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans

Outstanding Parish Youth: Parishes may recognize up to three young people (any combination of male and female in grades 8-12.) **You must notify your nominees that they must attend on April 7th since *all* nominees for this award receive the medal.**

St. Timothy Award: This is the highest recognition a Catholic young person can receive from the youth ministry community for participation and leadership. It is preferred to have only one nominee per parish for this archdiocesan-wide award. This is a competitive award; nominees are judged against the award criteria. Not all are recognized.

Matt Hill Award: Parishes may nominate one boy and/or one girl for this award, who demonstrates leadership in the CYO Athletic program. One young man and one young woman in the archdiocese are selected for the award.

Adult Service Awards: Parishes may submit names of adults who have served in parish youth ministry efforts for ***at least five years***, and in additional increments of five years thereafter (10, 15, etc.)

Please note that all nominations may be verified with the pastor of the nominating parish. If a youth minister is nominating a young person who is a child or relative, the pastor must sign the nomination form. We look forward to your submissions; please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Timmy McCaffery, Jr.
Director