

Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP AWARD

The mission for the **YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP AWARD** is to affirm and recognize youth who commit themselves to living as a disciple of Christ and offer service to their parish, vicariate, or diocesan ministry.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP AWARD CRITERIA:

Each parish is invited to present the Youth Discipleship Award to two young people (preferably one male and one female but not mandatory) who respond to the call to discipleship through service or ministry to their parish, vicariate, or diocesan community.

The nominee:

1. Participates in either the parish youth ministry program or religious education program for a minimum of two consecutive years (7th grade up);
2. Engages in parish activities which contribute to overall faith formation of young people;
3. Lives as a disciple of Christ, setting a positive example for other youth;
4. Witnesses to their faith by exhibiting Catholic morals and integrity;
5. Demonstrates Gospel values through service to others;
6. Exhibits Christian leadership in parish, school, and/or community settings;
7. Gives notable Christian witness to his/her peers;
8. Shares their gifts with the greater parish community by serving in ministry roles such as liturgical ministry, assisting with religious education classes, or working with social concerns (food bank, clothing drive and the like).

We ask that any parish who has youth in their parish community who meet the criteria for the **YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP AWARD**, submit

- an individual application for each nominee to the Office of Youth Ministry (*application attached*)
- approximately 6-8 photos of each candidate engaged in ministry — one picture may be a portrait. *Digital photos greatly preferred.*

All youth receiving this award should be present at the Youth Rally in order to receive his/her recognition.

In order to have the awards ready by Youth Rally 2018, please submit the completed forms for your nominees to the Office of Youth Ministry NO LATER THAN:

May 5, 2018

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Print Clearly Or Type.

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

PARISH: _____

Birth date: _____ Grade (completed June 2018): _____

Nominator's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

1. For how long has the nominee participated in parish religious education, Confirmation, and youth ministry programs?

2. Describe ways the nominee lives as a disciple of Christ, exhibiting Catholic morals and integrity, and setting an example for his/her peers.

3. Explain how the nominee has engaged in service to others.

4. In what ways has the nominee shared his/her gifts and talents with the faith community.

5. Describe how the nominee exhibits Christian leadership.

I hereby affirm the nomination of _____ as worthy of this recognition.

(Pastor's Signature)

Date

(Nominator's Signature)

Date

SEND THIS NOMINATION FORM WITH

- † A STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION OF THE YOUTH'S PARTICIPATION IN THE YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM OR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM BY THE PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN (TO BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION).

- † APPROXIMATELY 6-8 PHOTOS OF EACH CANDIDATE ENGAGED IN MINISTRY AND PARISH ACTIVITIES ONLY, ONE PICTURE MAY BE A PORTRAIT.

TO: **2018 YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP AWARD**
 OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY
 1280 MED PARK DRIVE
 LAS CRUCES, NM 88005-3239

Must submit **NO LATER THAN May 5, 2018**

FOR OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY USE ONLY:

The above named nominee meets the requirements for the YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP AWARD.

For further information call Alex Barraza, Pastoral Center **575-523-**

