



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

December 21, 2018

Dear Brother Priest,

Youth ministry and the religious formation of our adolescents remain a priority as part of the mission of the Church of Galveston-Houston. The Archdiocesan Youth Council is one of the many programs in which the Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization invests in order to faithfully respond to the spiritual needs of our youth.

As in past summers, I commission a select number of teenagers during the Archdiocesan Youth Conference in July to serve on the Archdiocesan Youth Council. This Council was established in 1994 with the following Goals in mind:

- To represent the youth of the Archdiocese and to articulate and advocate for their particular needs and concerns to the members of Archdiocesan leadership;
- To promote spiritual and personal growth of their peers by facilitating active participation of youth on Archdiocesan events;
- To raise Catholic leaders in the Archdiocese through the Council's involvement in the development of special programs for youth; and
- To help draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and works in the faithful community of the People of God.

As we continue the important task of cultivating the virtues associated with leadership in our youth, it is my strong preference that each parish nominates at least one teen to serve for the 2019-2020 school year. All youth ministry leaders have received the enclosed nomination packet, which should be completed and submitted to the Office of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization by February 15, 2019. Please discuss the nomination of candidates to the Archdiocesan Youth Council with your youth ministry leader.

If you have any question as to the nomination and discernment process, please contact Mr. Randy Adams, Associate Director of Adolescent Catechesis and Evangelization, at (713) 741-8723 or radams@archgh.org. While thanking you for your support and participation, I take this opportunity to assure you of my prayerful best wishes in the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

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