Friends in youth ministry,

As our good friend Bob McCarty is fond of saying, the world of youth is changing, and it’s time we updated our maps. In my first youth contact meeting I used the image of the youth leader as Sherpa, guiding young people and adults along a path of growth. So when it came time to describe how we think about our own formation as youth ministry leaders, the idea of traversing terrain only seemed too appropriate. Each of the sessions below is based off of feedback from you as a community, either through the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Assessment or in feedback you have given in other areas. The Formation Team took these needs and created the opportunities below.

A note about the calendar: you are not meant to attempt to come to all of the trainings offered. These formation opportunities are what is being offered for the growth and benefit of you and your ministry team. Each minister and each community has their own needs and areas for development. I would ask that you prioritize Youth Contact and John Bosco Day as occasions for the youth ministry community to gather as a whole in support of one another.

Details

The locations for the formation are all almost all yet to be determined. Over the next couple months we’ll be working to finalize all of the details. This is more of a “save the date” card than the final picture. You can expect them to move around regionally to give people an opportunity to participate in person. We will be looking to stream all of these events so that you and your team can participate remotely.

Changes, alterations, etc

If there is any change you will be given as much notice as possible. Reasons for a change may include, but are not limited to:

* Weather
* No participant sign up
* Change in Archbishop/Bishop’s schedule that effects DYYAM

Changes will be announced through email and on the DYYAM facebook page.

Map Key

**Quick Climb**

Time: One session, 9:00am-12:00pm

Purpose: Provide an overview of a specific topic. Not meant to be comprehensive, it provides basic ideas for development and resources for further exploration.

**Trail Hike**

Time: 3 sessions done consecutively, each 6:30pm-9:30pm

Purpose: To go in depth on a subject area, stopping to examine in more detail the topic and its effect on adolescents. It takes a hands on approach and develops skills and abilities in that area.

**Base Camp**

Time: Saturday, 9:00am-3:00pm (includes lunch)

Purpose: Meant as a time for teams to gather and build community among themselves, develop skills for ministry, and learn from other youth ministers and teams.

**Youth Contact**

Time: 9:30am-3:00pm

Purpose: This day gathers all who are ministering to adolescents in various ways throughout the Archdiocese, including; scouting, sports, schools and parish youth ministry programs.

**Bosco Day**

Time: 9:30am-3:00pm

Purpose: Gathering for all professional youth ministry leaders to build friendship and fellowship among the youth ministry community.

**NYMO** (New Youth Ministers Orientation)

Time: 9:30am-3:30pm

Purpose: Anyone new (1-3 years) as a youth ministry leader within the Archdiocese of Baltimore to understand youth ministry within the context of the AoB.

**MAC (**Mid-Atlantic Congress)

Time: 8:30am-8:00pm

Purpose: Three day gathering for professionals and volunteers in ministry to gain training from nationally known professionals in multiple areas of ministry.

**NCYC** (National Catholic Youth Conference)

Time: All Day

Purpose: The National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis gathers over 20,000 young people from all over the United States in prayer, celebration, workshops and fun events meant to help the young church rejoice in our faith.

**Middle School Day**

Time: All Day

Purpose: To gather middle school students as a community of young disciples to build community, engage in their faith, and celebrate Mass.

**March for Life**

Time: All Day

Purpose: The March for Life in Washington, DC brings together all those who support the ethic of life from around the country to a day long demonstration in support of the right to life for the whole human family and all of creation.

**Maryland (MD) March for Life**

Time: 4:00pm-8:30pm

Purpose: Gathering in Annapolis, the Maryland March for Life allows Catholics to stand together in support of the fundamental right to life and dignity for every human being, from conception until natural death.

Schedule

**August**

Saturday, 19: Quick Climb (Pastoral)- Partnering with parents

Monday-Thursday, 28-31: New Youth Ministers Orientation

**September**

Monday, 11: Quick Climb- Theological Reflection (Spiritual)

Saturday, 23: Base Camp- Strong Foundations of Ministry

**October**

Archdiocesan Lay Ecclesial Ministry Day: To Be Determined

Saturday, 21: Youth Contact Meeting

Thursday, 26: Quick Climb - Balance as a minister (Human)

**November**

Thursday, November 2: Quick Climb - Theo. Since Vat II (Intellectual)

Monday-Wednesday, 6-8: Trail Hike- Multicultural (Pastoral)

Thursday-Sunday, 16-18: NCYC

**December**

Tuesday, 5: Quick Climb- Gender (Pastoral)

Monday-Wednesday, 11-13: Trail Hike (Human)- Healthy Sexuality

**January**

Wednesday, 10: Quick Climb - Spiritual Direction (Spiritual)

Friday, 19: March for Life

Wednesday, 31: Bosco Day

**February**

Monday, 5: Quick Climb - Friendship (Human)

Thursday-Saturday, 15-17: MAC- Catechetical Methods (Intellectual)

**March**

Wednesday, 7: Quick Climb - Theology for Youth Ministry (Intellectual)

Monday, 12: Maryland March for Life

Saturday, 17: Base Camp- Orientation for Mission

**April**

Saturday, 14: Quick Climb - Ministering to those with mental/physical health issues (Pastoral)

Monday-Wednesday, 23-25: Trail Hike- Prayer Practices (Spiritual)

**May**

Tuesday, 8: Quick Climb - Sabbath (Spiritual)

Saturday, 12: Middle School Day

Wednesday, 16: Eagle of the Cross

**June**

Monday, 5: Quick Climb (Human)- Dealing with Grief/sadness in ministry

**July**

Saturday-Saturday, 7- 14: HighLI

Wednesday, 11: Quick Climb - Scripture (Intellectual)