



# YOUTH Co-leadership Protagonism Initiative

## Empowering Young Leaders for Mission-Driven Change

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### WHAT IS YCOPI?

**Youth Co-leadership Protagonism Initiative (YCOPI)** is a transformative initiative equipping youth to lead **Youth Mission Initiatives (YMI)** in their parishes. Grounded in our partner, [Goodfaith](#)'s ministry model and the Gospel call to service, YCOPI fosters leadership, spiritual formation, and intergenerational collaboration through structured learning, mentorship, and real-world application.

### OUR MISSION

To form youth and adults in missionary discipleship, empowering young leaders to be agents of change within their faith communities.

### CORE OBJECTIVES

- Equip youth to design and lead YMIs in their communities.
- Empower adults with the skills of accompaniment.
- Deepen skills and spirituality through leadership training and discernment.
- Strengthen parishes through youth-led service and intergenerational engagement.

### PROGRAM TIMELINE

#### Phase 1: DISCOVERY (Oct–Dec 2025)

- *Virtual Orientation and Introductions* (Sep 11)
- *In-person Discernment and Discovery* (Oct 11)
- *Virtual NCYC Prep & In-person Pilgrimage* (Nov 6 & Nov 20–23)
- *Baptismal Call to Action Post-NCYC Reflection* (Dec 4)

#### Phase 2: FORMATION (Jan–Jun 2026)

- *Deep Dive Weekend Retreat* (Jan 16–18)
- *Community, Learning, and Planning* Zoom (Feb 12)
- *Service Immersion Experiences* (Mar 21 & May 9)
- Prepping for the “*Pastor Pitch*” (Apr 9)
- *Glorify Mass and Commissioning Celebration* with Archbishop Pérez (Jun 20)
- *Goodfaith Weeklong Immersion Experience* (Jul 2026)

#### Phase 3: MISSION (Aug 2026–May 2027)

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- Quarterly check-ins
- *End of Cohort Gathering and Invitation* (May 2027)

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

**Youth Delegates** (Grades 9–11 in 2025–2026 school year)

Characteristics: Spiritual, passionate, team player, compassionate, available.

### Adult Accompaniers

Characteristics: Supportive, creative, empowering, spiritual, flexible, compassionate, *not parish staff*.

### KEY EXPERIENCES & COSTS

\*Participants should plan to cover at least a portion of this cost. Pending additional funding, the Office for Ministry with Youth (OMY) will work to subsidize costs as much as possible.

- NCYC (Nov 2025): \$880 youth / \$1,085 adult
  - Scholarships are available for youth but must be submitted by August 11.
- Deep Dive Retreat (Jan 2026): \$195
- Immersion Week (Jul 2026): ~\$650

### TESTIMONIALS

“I feel like I have become closer to God because of YCOPI.” – Rosario, Youth Delegate

“I realized I was an important part of getting youth involved.” – Emily, Youth Delegate

“They’re open to so much more.” – Sandy, Adult Accompanier

### HOW TO REGISTER

- Complete the [YCOPI Sign Up Form](#)
- Parishes may nominate 1 to 3 youth. Youth can then select their adult accompanier(s).

For more information, visit: [phillyOMY.org YCOPI page](https://phillyOMY.org/YCOPI-page). A YCOPI Parish Info Packet is available with further details.

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