



Christ leads. We accompany.

National Catholic Youth Ministry Awards

What Is the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award?

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry National Awards strive to recognize innovative gifts that empower, equip, and accompany young people as they navigate the path of growing into missionary discipleship. There are four award categories that endeavor to acknowledge dioceses, apostolates, individuals, organizations, parishes, and families. Nominations must reflect innovative approaches that embrace acompañamiento. Nominations must show evidence of inclusion of the diverse faithful and the gifts of the young church. Each nomination must identify exceptional approaches of outreach methods that serve to bridge the gap between the Church and young people including those who are so often overlooked, (i.e., socio-economic, culturally diverse, varying languages, special needs, and geographical realities).

Complete Nomination Form and two letters of recommendation must Be emailed to Darius Villalobos at Dariusv@nfcym.org by April 15, 2020 to Qualify

Please note that Board Members and Awards Ad Hoc Committee Members cannot provide letters of recommendation or nominate awardees.

Award Categories

All awards are for those who have been engaged in ministry of this type for at least five years.

The Saint Katharine Drexel Pathway Award

(This refers to the path in the NFCYM logo)

The Saint Katharine Drexel Pathway Award recognizes diocesan level initiatives that develop innovative pathways, which embrace the Gospel and the mission of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

For diocesan innovators who:

- Inspire others by their efforts to support and strengthen those whom Christ leads.
- Collaborate at the diocesan level to illuminate the path of Christ in ministry outreach with young people.
- Advocate a comprehensive approach to ministry with young people.
- Promote cooperative engagement with one or more diocese(s) that foster the values of the NFCYM in the above-mentioned areas.

The Saint John Bosco Accompaniment Award

(This refers to accompanying those on the NFCYM logo path)

The Saint John Bosco Accompaniment Award recognizes an individual, apostolate, or organization on the national or regional level that promotes innovative accompaniment, which embraces the Gospel and the mission of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

For an individual, apostolate, or organization that:

- Inspires others through their efforts to support and strengthen the faithful accompanying young people.
- Collaborates with others at the national/regional level to illuminate the necessity of accompaniment in ministry outreach with young people.
- Advocates a comprehensive approach of ministry with young people
- Promotes the necessity of encountering and following Jesus Christ.

The Saint John Paul II Parish Leadership Award

(This refers to the 1st goal articulated under Our Focus on website)

The Saint John Paul II Parish Leadership Award recognizes innovative outreach at the parish level that identifies and equips adults to respond to the diverse needs and gifts of young people, embracing the Gospel and the mission of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

For a ministry leader or team that:

- Inspires parishioners to mobilize outreach beyond the doors of the Church by developing authentic welcome and promoting acompañamiento.
- Collaborates with parishioners and staff to encourage efforts that support and strengthen young people in their daily encounter with Jesus Christ.
- Advocates a comprehensive approach of ministry with young people.
- Promotes witness through the sacramental life that connects young people to the wider Church: diocesan, national, or international encounters.

The Saints Joachim and Anne Cross Award

(The cross refers to the NFCYM logo as do the first two)

The Saints Joachim and Anne Cross Award recognizes a family ministry or outreach that supports the gifts and challenges found in the sacrifices and joys of the domestic church articulated in the Gospel and the mission of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

For a family ministry or outreach initiative that:

- Inspires families through their efforts to support and strengthen young people as they encounter and follow Jesus Christ.
- Collaborates to illuminate the gift of family life, seeking guidance from dioceses, apostolates, or church organizations.
- Advocates for the domestic church by partnering with parents and equipping families.
- Promotes cooperative engagement with other families that foster the mission and vision of the NFCYM.

Nomination Process

Anyone wishing to nominate a person, or persons, for the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award, should complete this nomination form. Two letters of recommendation must also be submitted with the form. **The nomination and two letters of reference must be postmarked by March 31** and sent to the NFCYM office. All qualified nominations are forwarded to the Awards Task Group and Membership Management Committee for review. The Membership Management Committee submits the recommendations to the NFCYM Board of Directors for approval at the spring board meeting. A person who has been previously nominated may be nominated again through the completion of a new nomination form.

Exemptions

Current members of the NFCYM Board of Directors as well as members of the Youth Ministry Awards Ad Hoc Committee are ineligible for the award. Staff of the NFCYM are also ineligible.

Notification Process

Award recipients receive written notification in mid/late summer and will receive the award during the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry. The 2020 NCCYM will be hosted in New Orleans in December.

Nomination Form (Must be emailed by April 15, 2020)

PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION AND USE ADDITIONAL PAPER TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

To assist the committee in its selection, please be as thorough and comprehensive as possible in responding to these questions. Please, however, only respond to the questions below.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

(Current NFCYM board members and members of the Youth Ministry Awards Ad Hoc Committee cannot be nominated. Please nominate a person only once and only in a single award category.)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone Number(s) () _____ () _____

E-mail Address _____

Please check only one of the four awards:

- Saint Katharine Drexel Pathway Award* *Saint John Bosco Accompaniment Award*
 Saint John Paul II Parish Leadership Award *Saints Joachim and Anne Cross Award*

Ministry Setting _____

Years of Service in Youth Ministry _____

How has this person been involved in youth ministry at the national, regional, or diocesan level?

What significant contributions has this person made to youth ministry?

How has this person served as a role model to other adults in youth ministry?

How has this person reflected and supported the vision of youth ministry in their particular area?

Please state why you feel this person should receive this national recognition/award.

Any other pertinent information about the nominee that should be taken into consideration?

VERIFICATION

In order to qualify for consideration, a nominee must have two letters of recommendation. These should specifically address reasons for selection of the nominee as well as verify the scope and extent of the nominee's youth ministry contributions. Those writing the letter of recommendation should be familiar with the accomplishments of the nominee, and may not include the nominator, the nominee, or any person related to the nominee. **Only two letters of recommendation will be read and considered.**

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

A nomination can come from an individual, a region, and/or a group. Group nominations should also list a contact person who actually submitted the form—this will help in clarifying questions and confirming receipt of the nomination form.

Nominator's Name/Contact Person

Nominator's Title/Position

Diocese/Parish/School/Organization

Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone Number () _____

E-mail Address _____

Date of Nomination (Month, Day, Year) _____

I am personally acquainted with the person nominated for this award and I endorse their nomination.

Signature of Nominator: _____