



Accompaniment Project

Parish Application

Thank you for your interest in the *Accompaniment Project* from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM). This grant-funded initiative will seek to guide parishes through a strategic planning process where they will be challenged to create and implement an experimental approach to youth ministry that specifically meets the needs of the young people in their communities. Forty diverse parishes across at least five dioceses in the United States will be selected to participate in this 3-year project.

To apply for the Accompaniment Project, please fill out the online application. You may download the application questions to help you prepare your responses, but only online applications will be accepted.

Before beginning the application, please read the Accompaniment Project Frequently Asked Questions to ensure you understand the project and the commitment the parish will be making. You must also have the approval of your pastor to submit the application, and the parish must be willing to commit to the full 3-year process.

An * indicates required fields. ~

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1. I have read the Accompaniment Project Frequently Asked Questions. **(Yes/No)*
2. I have the permission of my pastor to apply for the Accompaniment Project. **(Yes/No)*
3. My parish agrees to commit to the Accompaniment Project for the full 3 years of the project (March 2024-March 2027). **(Yes/No)*
4. The parish has a planned change in leadership in the next 3 years (pastor moving/retiring, ministry leader moving/retiring). **(Yes/No)*

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

This contact information is for the person authorized by the pastor to submit this application.

5. Title * (E.g., Fr., Sr. Br., Dcn., Mr., Mrs., Miss)
6. First Name *
7. Last Name *
8. Suffix *
9. Job Role/Professional Title *
10. Phone Number *
11. Email Address *
12. Street Address *
13. City *
14. State *
15. Zip Code *

PARISH INFORMATION

16. Church Name *
17. Church Street Address *
18. Church City *
19. Church State *
20. Church Zip Code *
21. Church Website *
22. Pastor's Title (e.g., Fr., Msgr, etc.) *
23. Pastor's First Name *
24. Pastor's Last Name *
25. Pastor's Email Address *
26. Parish Phone Number *
27. (Arch) Diocese *
28. (Arch) Bishop's Name *
29. What is the ethnic diversity/demographics of your parish? *
30. Do you offer Masses in any languages besides English? *
31. If so, which language(s)?
32. How many households are registered in your parish? (i.e. What number did you report to the (arch)diocese last year?) *
33. How many people attend Mass on an average weekend? (i.e. What is your weekly communion count?) *
34. What is the parish's average weekly collection? *(Why do we ask this? To ensure the parishes selected represent the full diversity of the Catholic Church in the United States)
35. Would you describe the geographic location of your parish as primarily urban, suburban, or rural? * (*Urban, Suburban, Rural*)
36. Does your parish have a school? * (*Yes/No*)
37. If so, what is the approximate enrollment?
38. Does your parish have a pre-school? * (*Yes/No*)
39. If so, what is the approximate enrollment?
40. How many paid staff members are currently employed at the parish (not including school teachers or school staff)? *
41. What are the job titles of all ministerial staff members and are they full-time, part-time, or volunteer? (For example, FT Director of Religious Education, Volunteer Youth Minister, etc.)

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. What interests you about the Accompaniment Project that made you want to apply? Specifically, why do you think the Accompaniment Project would be a good fit for your parish? *
2. Please tell us about your parish's youth ministry efforts in the last five years. What was effective? What was not? *
3. What are the top strengths and challenges/tensions your parish faces in ministering to young people? *

4. If your parish is selected to participate in the Accompaniment Project, how do you hope your parish will be different in its approach to how it accompanies young people? Also, how do you hope young people will describe their faith and their experience of the faith community as a result of your parish's participation in the Accompaniment Project? *
5. In what areas would your parish need to grow in order to engage in the Accompaniment Project? *