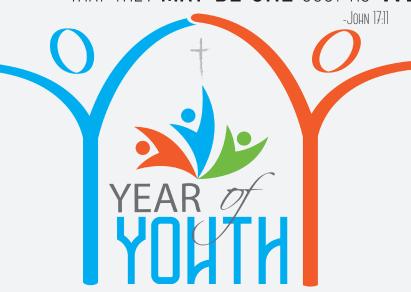


## VOY: VEAR OF VOUTH ST. THOMAS SYROMALABAR DIOCESE OF CHICAGO JANUARY 1, 2017 - DECEMBER 31, 2017

"THAT THEY MAY BE ONE JUST AS WE ARE."



ABOUT YEAR OF YOUTH **The Year of Youth is a yearlong dedication** of Diocesan and parish/mission Youth will begin on Sunday, January 1, 2017 and end on Sunday, December 31, 2017.



Nurturing interior life that encourages oneness within youth.

JANUARY - APRIL



Forming a greater unity between youth, parents, and priests.

May - August



Encouraging service rooted in Christ and embracing the world around us.

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

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## YOY: YEAR OF YOUTH January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017 ST. THOMAS SYROMALABAR DIOCESE OF CHICAGO



The Cross: A guiding force and sign of salvation.

**The Three Figures**: represent the motto of DYA to Know, Love, and Serve God. The multiple colors represent the Trinitarian dimension of Father, Son, and Spirit. These three figures in three colors also represent the past, present, and future generation - All generations have similar values, but expressed differently.



**The Door:** The curved center formed by the hands of the blue and red 'Ys', is the invitation in baptism for a deep interior life.

**The two Y's:** "Youth reaching out to Youth" (Pope JP2, Ecclesia in America)
The blue symbolizes the virtue of holiness and Blessed Virgin Mary. The red symbolizes sacrifice, service, and martyrdom.

## ABOUT DYA: DIOCESAN YOUTH APOSTOLATE

The mission of the St. Thomas Diocesan Youth Apostolate - a communion of youth groups, initiatives and ministries - is to unite all young people of the Diocese in response to the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ by encouraging the formation of a deep interior life that overflows into genuine service to the Church and to the world.

The soul of DYA seeks to authentically reflect Christ in all our lives such that through the love of those rooted in Him, others come to experience the path to salvation and the joy of abundant life.

Prioritizing authentic relationship over organization and task, but also emphasizing the mutual necessity to love both God and neighbor.

Being disciples of Christ, which marks the difference between grasping and receiving our identity.

service, leadership development, liturgy and sacramental life, pastoral care interreligious and ecumenical dialogue.

COMMUNION

DISCIPLESHIP

Holistic Growth