

The **Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry** seeks, first and foremost, to provide opportunities for youth and young adults in the Diocese of New Ulm to experience Jesus Christ in a very real and profound way. It does this chiefly through the various programs and events it offers, such as:

- ***The Broom Tree Retreat*** is a retreat for high school youth who desire to “go deeper” in their relationship with Christ. This Spring retreat provides ample time for prayer and silence, but also balances it with games and social time.
- ***Camp Beloved and Camp Greatness*** are girls’ and boys’ (respectively) summer camps hosted by the Diocese at Schoenstatt-on-the-Lake in Sleepy Eye. The camps are full of games, talks, daily Mass and adoration, social time, and memories. Camp Beloved is for girls in grades 7-12 and Camp Greatness has a camp for middle school boys and another camp for high school boys.
- ***Cor Jesu*** is an evening of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and co-hosted by the members of the Diocesan Youth Council along with the local parish. Contemporary music, a short sermon, Confession, and a beautiful candle-lit church are all part of the experience. These happen regularly throughout the school year.
- ***Diocesan Youth Council*** is a group of youth which meets regularly throughout the year in order to experience Christian fellowship, grow intellectually and spiritually, and develop the human virtues. They assist at Cor Jesu and host Catholic events for their peers around the Diocese. These youth seek a deep relationship with Christ and are offered the tools and direction necessary for that.
- ***National Catholic Youth Conference*** happens every other year in Indianapolis and attracts thousands of youth from across the country. Numerous parishes in the Diocese of New Ulm attend the conference and the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry provides the resources needed to register and coordinate housing at the event.
- ***Net Ministries*** sends a team to the Diocese of New Ulm every year to put on retreats for schools and religious education classes. These retreats are dynamic and challenge youth to embrace the life of the Church and follow Jesus. The team travels throughout the Diocese and stays at host families’ homes in each town.
- ***The Rome Youth Pilgrimage*** occurs every other summer and is for incoming and outgoing high school seniors. The pilgrimage is a life-changing experience that includes visits to all of Rome’s major sites, as well as Assisi, Nettuno, and Siena. The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry provides a full-service trip without a travel agent in order to cut down on costs.
- ***Totus Tuus*** is a summer catechetical program for grades 1-12. The program features a team of four young adults (two men, two women) who travel around the Diocese providing a catechetical day program for elementary students and a youth ministry evening program for middle and high school students.
- ***Young adult ministry*** is offered primarily through the in-depth training and constant interaction with the Totus Tuus missionaries (young adults). Services are also provided for student outreach through the Newman Connection and any other support is offered to parishes seeking to reach out to young adults.
- ***Parish support*** is offered by providing resources, answers to questions, deanery meetings, and programs to those who work with youth in the parishes.