

VIRTUAL LEADERSHIP CAMP

EQUIPPING YOUNG DISCIPLES TO SERVE.



JUNE 21-25



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PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE TO SERVE

in their own family, parish, and diocese as disciples of Jesus Christ. First and foremost, we focus on their own evangelization and discipleship. We do this through the Sacraments, daily prayer experiences, lessons, and small group discussions about spiritual development, leadership, and formation.

EVERY YOUNG PERSON WILL:

Spiritual

- Daily Prayer
- Scripture Study
- Explore Catholic Teaching

Leadership

- Lead Prayer
- Develop Small Group Skills
- Complete Daily Challenges

Relationships

- Daily Virtual Small Group
- Connect with Pastor
- Coaching from Youth Ministers

ENCOUNTER CHRIST

	ONLINE	+	OFFLINE ACTIVITY
DAILY PROGRAM	30-min. Morning Session		30-min. Prayer
	30-min. Virtual Small Group		60-min. Daily Challenges
2.5-hours Total =	1-hour Online	+	1.5-hours Offline

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings:

We will host an interactive "Talent Show & Skit Night" on Tuesday at 7pm. On Thursday night we will close the week with a Liturgy (Mass) at 8pm.

Morning Sessions:

Live, interactive, and facilitated by youth ministers, priests, and other guest speakers. They will also be recorded for viewing later.

Virtual Small Groups:

Just like a usual "Legendary Lodge Camp Small Group Group" except online. Composed of a mix of young people from across the Diocese, each group is facilitated by youth ministers. Meeting times will be determined by consensus of each group.

Schedule

Each day will be organized around an intentional theme. Our presenters during the morning session will introduce it, then each young person and small group will be given daily challenges to explore that theme in engaging, relevant experiences that can be done individually or with a small group of people in their local community, while observing social distancing guidelines of course.

Every Day:

MORNING SESSION:

Every day will include a 30-minute "morning session" where a guest speaker(s) will introduce the theme and lessons for the day. This will be done live at 9am via Zoom in order to facilitate some small-group interaction.

The session will be recorded and posted for everyone to watch later if they cannot participate live. We do expect each participant to watch this session before participating in their small group that day.

SMALL GROUP:

Each young person will be assigned to a small group of 6-8 other young people and facilitated by 2 adults. The purpose of the small group is to provide young people the chance to interact more personally and to receive more individualized attention.

Small groups will meet daily, and each small group will set a time that is mutually-agreeable for everyone in that group. Small groups will have various tasks to complete, such as facilitating opening/closing prayer, creating a "group skit," and more.

PERSONAL PRAYER:

Each young person will be encouraged to pray for at least 30 minutes every day. This could look something like 10 minutes of prayer at 3 times in the day (morning, noon, and bedtime), or it could be a single 30-minute session. Small group leaders will coach the young person in this, especially for those who do not already have an active prayer life.

Tuesday:

We will have a live "Talent Show" on Tuesday evening at 7pm. Young people will be encouraged to submit pre-recorded videos of their talent (e.g. singing a song).

Thursday:

We will conclude the week with a livestream prayer service on Thursday night at 8pm. Families are encouraged to participate!

Themes & Daily Challenges

Monday - "Experience It"

Christianity is a relationship. Before we can lead others to Jesus Christ, we must first encounter Him ourselves. Most certainly we find Him in the Sacraments.

We also encounter God through silence, service, and contemplation. Today we emphasize the Kerygma and how all evangelization begins in our own hearts.

Tuesday - "Observe It"

The Saints are our models of heroic virtue. They are *real* people who *really lived!*

We will learn about some extraordinary Saints who demonstrated the sort of virtues and leadership skills that are desperately needed in our world today.

Wednesday - "Know It"

God gave you a brain, so use it! A hallmark of the Catholic faith is its intellectual tradition. We believe in faith *and* reason. Engaging the rich, deep theology of our faith as a young person is crucial, not just for serving as a young leader but also for the healthy, total faith development of the person.

Thursday - "Practice It"

Just like a doctor who *practices medicine*, a Christian *practices the faith*. A robust spiritual life is foundational to the Christian life. Grounded in the Sacraments, we will explore some of the popular spiritual devotions (e.g. the Rosary) and how they relate to the Christian life.

Daily Challenge: Find God in Creation

People often have profound experiences of God through contemplation in nature (like at Legendary Lodge). God blessed Montana with beauty. Spend intentional time in prayer while:

- Take a nature walk
- Hike a mountain with a friend
- Listen to the sounds of a river
- Start/Work in your family garden
- Go Bird Watching

Daily Challenge: Post Your Favorite Saint(s)

Your challenge today is to find a Saint that is particularly attractive to you, then share what you learned in a creative way. Consider:

- Who's feast day is on your birthday?
- Post a video about the patron of your parish
- Paint your own icon
- Perform a song associated with your Saint

Daily Challenge: Catholic Scavenger Hunt

Using all of the God-given resources available in your house, online, and in your community, young people will compete and collaborate to finish a scavenger hunt. Some examples:

- CCC paragraph that states "source & summit"
- Oldest Catholic historical site in your town
- Name of pastor's favorite seminary professor

Daily Challenge: Work of Mercy Challenge

"So also faith itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2:17. Serving those in need through works of mercy is fundamental to the mission of the Church. We challenge you today to:

- Visit a cemetery & pray for the dead
- Cook & serve (& clean) a meal for your family
- Send a card to a sick family member

LISTED HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES;
WE WILL EDIT/ADD TO THESE AS WE CONTINUE TO PLAN THIS EXPERIENCE.

FOR PARENTS



We will be using various social media and online platforms (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Zoom, etc.) and encouraging young people to share their experiences.

Due to the nature of this experience being conducted primarily online, when you allow your child(ren) to participate, you are giving permission to the Diocese of Helena to publish photos, art work, recordings, etc., of your child(ren).

Young people do not necessarily need to have any specific account or technology, although the ability to participate in a Zoom call (video or voice) and to download



daily .pdf documents are necessary for minimum participation.

Participants will also be interacting with a variety of youth ministers, priests, and other adults, all of whom will have completed a background check and be compliant with Diocese of Helena Safe Environment Policies (e.g. VIRTUS).

We will do our best to moderate posts, and we need your help to ensure that your child(ren) is interacting appropriately.

Please contact Kevin Molm with any questions or concerns:
kmolm@diocesehelena.org or 406.389.7055.



Participant Code of Conduct, Medical Consent, & Media Release Statements

Permission & Medical Consent: I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission for me/my son/daughter to attend and participate in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Helena (DOH) Virtual Leadership Camp (VLC) scheduled for June 21-25, 2020. VLC will be facilitated primarily through online platforms, although you/your child may, when appropriate and able to observe all social distancing guidelines and DOH Safe Environment policies, interact in person with other VLC participants and/or counselors, youth ministers, priests, etc. In case of medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the parents or guardian of the participant. If necessary, and in the event I cannot be contacted or respond, I hereby grant permission for my self/ son/daughter to be evaluated, diagnosed, and/or medicated in accordance with standard medical practice by licensed medical personnel. I relieve my parish/school, Legendary Lodge, and the DOH of all consequences that may arise as a result of treatment. I will hold harmless and indemnify parish/school and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Helena, DOH, Legendary Lodge, chaperones, or representatives associated with the 2020 VLC from any liability in the event of injury.

Furthermore, I agree to accept any and all financial responsibility as a result of scheduling treatment for such injuries. I/my child agrees to abide by all rules and regulations attached to this event. I understand that if I/my child violates any of the rules regarding possession or use of alcohol or other drugs, rules related to activity code of conduct, or rules governing personal and private property, the participant may be required to leave at the participant's own expense, I understand that DOH will not be held liable if I/my child fails to cooperate with such regulations.

Participants understand and agree that fighting, obscene language, and the use and/or possession of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, and weapons of any kind is not acceptable behavior. If participants should be found in such behavior or in possession of and/or using such substances and/or items, then the participant's parents/guardians may be notified and that participant may be sent home at participant's own expense.

Dress Code : Youth AND Adults are expected to dress casually for VLC in a manner that reflects Christian values and Catholic moral teaching. Dress should also be appropriate for summer and respective activity conditions (e.g. hiking shoes if hiking). When participating in video conferences, all participants should be mindful of their dress and their surroundings (e.g. posters on walls). No clothing or other articles that advertises alcohol, tobacco, and/or sexual behavior will be tolerated. Please avoid clothing that reveals midriff or shoulders.

Media Release: Event directors have the authority to prohibit video camera or other forms of image-recording devices, as appropriate to prevent distractions or to protect against violating the privacy of participants. Violation of this policy may result in confiscation of such equipment for the duration of VLC, and/or dismissal.

By virtue of you/your child registering for an event or program sponsored by DOH a picture of you/your child and/or work or projects created by you/your child (e.g. still pictures, motion pictures, audio/video recording, or other reproduction of you/your child's image) may be published by the Catholic Parish, Catholic School, Legendary Lodge, or Diocese in one or more of the following ways: Use as a demonstration project/activity in educational workshops, classes, and/or conferences that are live or recorded to be released later; Use in routine school publications that include photographs and student work such as the annual yearbook and seasonal athletic programs; Use as marketing materials for on-going fundraisers or other marketing for our schools, camps, programs, or parishes; Post on the Catholic School/Parish/Diocese or Foundation website(s) on the internet; Printed in The Montana Catholic, the official diocesan newspaper, or other official print/news publication of the Diocese; Submit as samples to program publishers, media, or as grant and contest entries; Use portions of the project(s) on a videotape/recordings made during a presentation of the project. Please understand that this list is meant to be exemplary and not inclusive. Failure to sign this form may prevent or restrict your participation in the event or program sponsored by the Parish, School, Legendary Lodge, or Diocese. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the program leader.

Your/Your Child's participation in these media productions may be edited in DOH's sole discretion. DOH may use your/your child's name, photograph, likeness, voice and biographical material in and in connection with the production, all advertising and publicity therefor and ancillary and subsidiary uses thereof, including merchandising and commercial tie-ins (but not product endorsements). DOH shall have no obligation to use any of the rights granted herein. You/Your child represent and warrant that you/your child have the right and authority to enter into this Agreement and that it is not necessary for DOH to pay any fees to any collective bargaining organization in connection with your/your child's services hereunder. You/Your child expressly release DOH, its successors, assigns and licensees from and against any and all claims which you/your child have or may have for invasion of privacy, defamation or any other cause of action arising out of the production, distribution, broadcast or exploitation of the media. You/Your child will indemnify and hold harmless DOH and its successors, assigns and licensees from and against all costs, damages and claims arising from any breach or alleged breach by you/your child of any representation, warranty or agreement hereunder. Your/Your child's rights and remedies in the event of any breach of hereunder by DOH shall be limited to the right, if any, to recover money damages in an action at law, and in no event shall you/your child be entitled by reason of any such breach to terminate this Agreement or to seek any equitable remedy. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Montana. I affirm that neither I/my child, nor anyone acting for me/my child, gave or agreed to give anything of value to any of your employees or any representative of any television station, network or production entity for arranging my appearance on the media. I/My child have read the foregoing and fully understand the meaning and effect thereof and, intending to be legally bound, I/my child have signed this release. Agreed to and accepted:

Signature of Participant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian Participant: _____

Date: _____

ADULT DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY STATEMENT—Required of ALL ADULT Participants.

I hereby attest that I have read or been informed of and agree to comply with the provisions of the Diocese of Helena's Policy Regarding Child Abuse, Sexual Misconduct, and Sexual Harassment. Before participating in VLC, I will be compliant with Diocese of Helena Safe Environment training (VIRTUS) or my diocese's respective safe environment policy, including a background check.

Signature of Adult Participant: _____

Date: _____