



OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

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Dear Youth Advocate,

We pray you and your families are in good health and spirit. We warmly invite you to support the youth of the Diocese of San José by becoming a sponsor of the **11th Saints in the City Celebration**, taking place on **Thursday, November 6, 2025, at St. Simon Parish**. This special evening honors high school teens who carry the torch of discipleship with fearless faith, enduring hope, and bountiful charity.

Few events bring together clergy, parents, youth, youth ministers, campus ministers, parish staff, and diocesan leaders like *Saints in the City*. Thanks to past sponsorships, we've been able to provide youth scholarships for transformative experiences such as the **Diocesan Youth Retreat (DYR)** in Tahoe. This past June, 355 high school youth and young adult leaders gathered for a powerful week of prayer, reflection, and community. One participant shared:

"At DYR, I learned that God's presence is constant, even in silence and struggle, and that when we open our hearts, He welcomes, forgives, guides, sends, and transforms us. The retreat helped me grow closer to God and reminded me that His love is meant to be shared. What made DYR truly special wasn't just the view or the fun, but how it transformed me from the inside out." - Kaleb Tang, St. Clare Parish

We know you care deeply about the mission of our local Catholic community, and we are grateful for your continued partnership in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to life. We ask you to pray for our youth and prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor at one of the following levels:

- ❖ \$1,000 **Friends of Kecharitomene**
- ❖ \$ 500 **Friends of Young Disciples**
- ❖ \$ 250 **Friends of Saints in the City**
- ❖ \$ _____ **Other** – recognition as appropriate

The Christian witness of our youth inspires us and fills us with hope. As *Christus Vivit* reminds us:

"The community has an important role in the accompaniment of young people; it should feel collectively responsible for accepting, motivating, encouraging, and challenging them" (CV 243).

We invite you to partner with us in recognizing, forming, and developing our young disciples. To make your sponsorship gift, please visit the [Saints in the City Sponsor page](#) or scan the QR code below. Checks may also be mailed to the Diocese of San José, care of *Saints in the City*.

With your generous support, we can continue this cherished tradition and celebrate the 2025 honorees with joy and gratitude. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for helping us uplift and engage the young disciples of our community.

In Jesus through Mary,

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