



**2026 Youth Formation Summer Internship**  
**Diocese of Joliet Department of Catechesis & Evangelization (DCE)**

**Overview:** The Department of Catechesis & Evangelization in the Diocese of Joliet is offering an 8-week summer internship for four (4) adults aged 21 and up. The purpose is to support youth formation programming across the diocese, while helping the interns learn more about diocesan and parish structures to better discern where God may be calling them in the life of the church. Responsibilities will include:

- Participating in trainings, department meetings, and other relevant events
- Helping to lead formation events, including:
  - Vacation Bible School (VBS) for grades 5 and below
  - One overnight retreat for high school youth
  - One youth conference for high school youth
- Research project on a ministry area of interest
- Clerical work as needed
- Other duties as assigned

**Stipend and Structure:** Compensation for each intern will be \$3,500, plus mileage for any driving needed to and from events. The internship will begin on Monday, June 1, 2026, and conclude on Friday, July 24, 2026. The interns will report to the Department of Catechesis and Evangelization and be expected to work during office hours at the Blanchette Catholic Center: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays. Some weekends and evenings will be needed, as well.

**Application Process:** Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to [abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org). Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2026, and the four (4) openings will be filled on a rolling basis, first-come, first-served for qualified candidates.

**About the Department of Catechesis and Evangelization:** The DCE serves as the overarching department for the Diocese of Joliet's ministry offices and programs. It includes five offices dedicated to catechetical formation, divine worship, lifelong lay formation, pastoral outreach, and mission that report to the departmental director and are bolstered by overseeing specialized areas of ministries of mercy. Learn more at [Home - Catechesis and Evangelization - Diocese of Joliet \(diojoliet.org\)](http://Home - Catechesis and Evangelization - Diocese of Joliet (diojoliet.org)).