

BIG ISLAND YOUTH DAY

FAQs

1. What is Big Island Youth Day?

Big Island Youth Day (BIYD) is an opportunity for youth to rediscover their faith, build meaningful relationships, and experience the peace and joy of Christ's presence by stepping away from distractions in their everyday lives. This event invites youth to **know** Christ deeply, **show** His love through action, and **grow** together as the Body of Christ.

2. Who is Big Island Youth Day for?

Big Island Youth Day is open to the entire Diocese but is primarily geared toward Hawai'i Island youth in grades 6-12.

3. What is the theme for this year's event?

This year's theme was discerned by the Campus Ministry at Saint Joseph School in Hilo. The theme is **"Rooted in Christ. Growing in Love. United in Faith"**.

3. When and where will the event take place?

The event will be held on **Saturday, February 21, 2026** at **St. Joseph High School Gymnasium**. Activities run from **10:00 am to 5:15 pm**, with check-in starting at **9:15 am**.

4. Is there a registration fee? Is there a deadline?

There is no registration fee, but registration is required – see #10. Parishes are invited to bring a snack to share.

5. What is included in the event schedule?

- Light breakfast, Snacks (see #4) and Lunch, including iced water
- Full day of programming; including a journal
- Eucharistic Liturgy at 4:00 pm

6. Are participants responsible for their own transportation?

Yes, participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the event.

Parishes may consider coordinating transportation for a group, if participating as a parish community. Each parish must also provide, collect, and carry liability waivers for each minor in their group. Groups must adhere to Diocesan Guidelines.

7. Who can be an adult chaperone?

Adult chaperones must be 21 years or older. There must be two adult chaperones for the first group of ten youth. After that, you must add one more adult for each additional six youth. For example, 2 adults for 10 youth, 3 adults for 11-16 youths, 4 adults for 17-22 youths, etc. Be sure that you have both male and female chaperones in proportion to the gender make-up of the group.

All adults must be in compliance with the Diocese of Honolulu Safe Environment Policy (i.e. all adults must have a cleared background check and complete the initial safe environment training). Access background screening and safe environment training here: <http://www.virtus.org/>.

8. Where can I find Diocesan Guidelines and liability waivers?

Diocesan Guidelines (Field Trip Transportation Policy) and liability waivers are available on the diocesan website: <https://www.catholichawaii.org/oyyam/liability>.

9. Who organizes BIYD at the parish or school level?

In most cases, a parish or school will coordinate a group – the Contact Person is usually the Parish Coordinator of Youth Ministry or High School Campus Minister. If a parish or school does not coordinate a group, then parents may register their son/daughter and will also consider themselves a chaperone.

10. How do I register?

Registration can be completed here: <https://forms.gle/uFzAg6mRqfmz3WYo8>.

11. Who do I call if I have questions?

Visit our website: <https://www.catholichawaii.org/oyyam/ym/biyd>. OR contact the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis with questions. Email: oyyam@rcchawaii.org or phone: 808-203-6763.