The forming of local chapters of Dominican Young Adults USA is at the very heart of the organization and form the spokes of the DYA wheel. These chapters are formed by young people who want to learn more about Dominican life and spirituality.

Each chapter of DYA designs their own meeting structure, and has their own small governmental structure. The group is also connected with a Dominican mentor. The only requirement for each chapter gathering is that some aspect of the Four Pillars be incorporated into each meeting! Local needs and cultures add a great deal of diversity to the Dominican Young Adult USA experience!

DYA chapters can be formed anywhere in the US. Presently many of these chapters meet on college campuses but they are not limited to those students. All chapters welcome present students, alumni students, and other interested young people who are interested in spending time in prayer, study and mission, to join them in their monthly gatherings. Some chapters have been established in local parishes as well.

Local chapters are forming all the time. We have and have had chapters all over the U.S!

“DYA for me has been like a family. It’s amazing to be able to hang out with such like-minded individuals. It’s also very inspiring to learn what everyone else is doing and to be encouraged to make your own faith stronger.”

Robert Theofield, DYA Molloy Chapter

Dominican Young Adults USA stems from the International Dominican Youth Movement (IDYM) a program in more than 25 countries across the world.
Our mission is to guide the formation of young adults interested in Dominican Life, relying on the knowledge, experience, and wisdom of Dominicans of all ages and dependent on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are young adults who are attracted by Jesus and His message and by the way of living out the Gospel preached by Saint Dominic.

Why DYA?
DYA brings together young adults with similar goals and values and inspires them to do more, to strengthen their faith, to build lifelong friendships, and to participate in Dominican Life and become part of the larger Dominican Family.

What does DYA do?
The Dominican Young Adult movement is focused on the four pillars of Dominican Life.

- **Prayer**
  Different forms of prayer (traditional, meditation, song, dance, etc.) are experienced as members have the opportunity to plan the prayer for each meeting.

- **Study**
  DYA Groups to study the signs of the times as well as the Dominican Traditions - topics are varied and can range from the Dominican Saints, to care of the earth, to immigration reform.

- **Service**
  Service varies from group to group in their local communities, but have included: Home Rebuilding, Collection of Clothes and Food, Volunteering at soup kitchens or with the elderly.

- **Community**
  Group meetings vary from once every two months to once a week - each group decides what is best for them. These communities include associates, students, faculty, young adults from the outside community, and vowed religious coming together as one group.

How to get started!
1. Get together a group of young adults, any number more than two works! “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20
2. Select an adult mentor for your group (a vowed member of the Dominican Order) - We can help find one for you!
3. Select a Young Adult chairperson for your group
4. Fill out an application for a chapter.
5. Sign a commitment statement for 1 year.
6. Pay your dues ($5/year - $1 international/$4 National) You can now vote at National Gatherings and attend all international Gatherings.

Contact the VP for Dominican Identity (dyavpdominicannonmission@gmail.com) for any help you may need while starting a chapter!

To find out more about Dominican Young Adults USA visit us at www.dymusa.org/dy