

How to Speak to a Motion

This year we have ~85 youth delegates with rights to the floor (that means they can speak in a microphone). Many of you (50%) are here for the first time.

We realize that this process will feel very foreign to many of you and therefore we have created this page of “hints” to a better debating process.

On Friday Night

- 1) There will be a small group session which will help orient you to the process, help you to understand the motions better and their possible impact and hopefully help make sense of it all!

On Saturday

IF you choose to go to the microphone:

- 1) Put your thoughts on paper and try to say something that has not already been said before or at least say it with a new twist.
- 2) Continue listening to the debate.
- 3) Consult with your table mates about ideas and thoughts (but not too loudly, be considerate of the speaker).

When you go to the microphone:

- 1) Wait to be acknowledged by the chair (Bill Mous).
- 2) Say your name, parish, city/town (i.e., there are 16 St. John's in our diocese).
- 3) State if you are in support or against this motion.
- 4) State your thoughts as clearly as possible supporting your argument with fact or thought.
- 5) Finish with a thank you and return to your seat.

You may speak only once to each motion.

