

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Adult & College Core Member Application
Packet



Welcome!

Dear Potential Core Leader,

I am very happy that you are interested in serving in our youth ministry program here at Holy Spirit! I am always looking for talented ministers to serve in our youth ministry program. I believe that solid ministry is built on relationships between the adult and teen leaders along with the people whom we serve. **Relationships** are the key to teens feeling loved and accepted so that they can understand the love of God in practical ways. This is when real spiritual growth takes place in a teen's life.

The *Holy Spirit Youth Ministry Program* requires a substantial team of volunteers working at all levels – from our newly Confirmed teen leaders to our experienced adult veterans of Youth Ministry. The challenge of our Youth Ministry is to access the wealth and diversity of resources within and around the area so as to provide a meaningful and effective faith formation program for younger and older adolescents which engages their energy, imagination, curiosity, compassion and playful spirit in an exploration and engagement of our Catholic faith.

Core Leaders not only assist the Youth Minister in implementing a variety of tasks related to the activities done within youth ministry, they also have the opportunity to share in their faith through the lives of young people.

The *Holy Spirit Youth Ministry Core Team™* ensures that the pastoral care of young people at Holy Spirit is rooted in the parish and is integral to the life, work, and mission of the parish community. The Youth Ministry Core Team consists of adults, college students, and high school teens who provide vision, direction, support, and advocacy for the parish's ministry to young people

Thus, the quality of our youth ministry volunteers is very important. I am looking for men and women **who have made a commitment to Christ and a desire to care for teens**. With the aid of prayer and consideration, read the enclosed materials.

Because I place a great value on this ministry, I place a great value on our Core Team. Once I have your application, I may schedule an appointment to discuss your involvement on the *Holy Spirit Youth Ministry Core Team™*

Youth ministry is a great way to give of your time and serve the Lord. I'm looking forward to meeting with you and spending some time talking about your hopes and desires for ministry. If you have any need to reach me, please feel free to call.

God Bless,

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Overview

Roles within the Core Team

The *Holy Spirit Youth Ministry Core Team™* is a strength-based leadership team. This means that your role on the team is determined by your spiritual strengths as well as your individual leadership qualities, abilities, and talents. The Core Team consists of juniors and seniors in high school, college age students, and adults. There are different expectations and responsibilities for each of the different age groups.

Members of the Core Team must exhibit the following qualities:

- A commitment and love of young people.
- A willingness to share their faith in Jesus and their ongoing journey to God with others.
- A willingness to always display good leadership qualities.
- A commitment to be inclusive and accepting of all young people who participate in the program.
- A willingness to be enthusiastic, self-confident, and energetic.
- Accountability to follow through with responsibilities and commitments that are taken within the Core Team.

Time Commitment

Being on the *Holy Spirit Youth Ministry Core Team™* is a one (1) year commitment. This commitment goes from **June 1st, 2018– May 31st, 2019**. Throughout this year, The *Holy Spirit Youth Ministry Core Team™* leaders must participate in all *Upper Room* Life Nights on Sunday nights from 6:30PM – 8:00PM. Some leaders may have additional set-up responsibilities and implementation responsibilities before, during and after all *Upper Room* Life Nights. In addition, Core leaders are required to attend one (1) monthly meeting. Leaders may also be expected to attend additional planning meetings. *Core Leaders must also attend Mass on a weekly basis.*

It is understood that being a Core Leader is a big commitment. Therefore, at any time, Core Leaders may freely choose to formally step down if they are unable to meet the commitments mentioned above. The Youth Minister also maintains the right to ask Core Leaders to step down if it becomes clear that the Lord is not calling individuals to this specific ministry.

Teen & College Core Leaders

Teen Core Leaders Requirements

- Must be a junior or senior in high school or above (College age)
- Must be fully initiated through the Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- Must be a registered parishioner at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.
- Must attend weekly Mass.
- Must have been actively involved at Holy Spirit or another Parish for at least one year.
- Must have a driver's license (or have adequate transportation.)
- Must have your own active email address (meaning one that you use, check, and respond to frequently)

Teen Core Leader Responsibilities

- Teen & College Core Leaders assist the Adult Core Leaders in the planning and implementation of the Sunday night *Upper Room™* Life Nights and Confirmation Formation & Sacramental Sessions.
- Teen & College Core Leaders are able to be small group leaders in *Upper Room* and in Confirmation Formation Sessions.

- Teen & College Core Leaders must participate in the Upper Room™ Life Nights, even if they do not have any responsibility for a particular session.
- Teen & College Core Leaders can participate in a liturgical ministry – Reader Ministry, Music Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, or Eucharistic Ministry.
- In addition to the above responsibilities, the Teen & College Core Team Leaders may choose additional teams to participate in throughout the year:

EDGE (Jr. High Youth Ministry) Team Leader
Confirmation Retreat Team
Praise and Worship Band (Vessel)

Adult Core Leaders

Adult Core Team Leader Requirements

- Must be age 21 or over
- Must be fully initiated through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- Must attend weekly Mass.
- Must have been a part of the Holy Spirit Youth Ministry Core Team for at least one (1) year or possess a significant background in youth ministry or catechesis.
- Must have an active email address (meaning one that you use, check, and respond to frequently)

Adult Core Team Responsibilities

- Plan and facilitate Sunday night Upper Room™ Life Nights.
- Plan and facilitate Confirmation Formation & Sacramental sessions.
- Plan and implement retreats and other activities throughout the year.
- Assist and mentor the Teen & College Age Core Team Leaders.
- Attend the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, the Life Teen Catholic Youth Ministry Convention. (Optional), and/or Life Teen Empower Trainings.
- Inform the Director of Youth Ministry of any teen behavior that may be destructive or hurtful to themselves or others.
- Communicate with parents as necessary.
- Attend additional meetings as necessary (per the request of Louie).

Core Team Meetings, Trainings, & Retreats

Meetings:

- *All Core Leaders must attend the monthly meetings.*
- Meetings are on the first Wednesday of every month (sometimes the 2nd depending on holidays/liturgical holidays) from 7:00-9:00pm in the Upper Room.
- If Core Leaders cannot attend a scheduled meeting, it is their responsibility to read the notes that are sent out after the meeting has taken place and respond as necessary

Training:

- Throughout the summer months of June, July and August, there are *two Core Team Training workshops*. Core Leaders are expected to attend all both workshops throughout summer (if they are not out of town.)
- Additional training workshops will be held throughout the year as well at Holy Spirit, and in neighboring places as well. Life Teen Empower workshops are optional for Adult Core Leaders.

Steubenville Youth Conference/Core Team Retreat:

- Steubenville Youth Conference takes place July 12th – 15th in Tucson, AZ
- The cost of the retreat is \$250 and includes lodging, transportation, materials and food.
- See the information in the application below – It is an expectation of Core leaders to attend, again, if possible and not travelling somewhere else at the same time.

Core Life

In preparation for being on the Core Team, our ministry, how we serve, and what we believe revolve around the following five (5) scripture references.

1 John 4:19

"We love because He first loved us." God Loves us for who we are and who He created us to be. Our capacity to love others is rooted in our belief that we are first loved by God. God is love and everyone who lives in that love, and share in that love, lives in God.

1 Peter 3:15

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but also do it with gentleness and reverence." We experience and encounter the love of Christ. This experience is not meant to be kept in but shared. There is power in our testimony.

Romans 12:2

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." We are 'holy' people called to live 'holy' lives. When we strive for holiness, we put Christ at the center of everything we do. Because of this, we are transformed and should live lives that look different than what the world is calling us to live.

John 10:10

"A thief comes to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." A life of sin is empty and only leads to destruction. A life with Christ is full of love, joy, happiness, and peace. The death and resurrection of Christ allows us to have the fullness of life and to share that life with other people.

Philippians 4:6

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." Through the Eucharist, through Adoration, and through praise and worship, and through all the Sacraments we build our relationship with God and strengthen our connection with Him. We experience the full presence of God and are called to share that with others. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Prayer is the conduit with brings us in communion with God. And, praise is our response to God's love for us.



Application

Instructions (Note: Illegible answers cannot be considered.)

1. Read through all the questions before you begin your answers.
2. Answer all the questions.
3. Please clearly TYPE or PRINT each answer. Use separate paper when necessary.
4. Very Important: When answering these questions, be yourself. There is no right or wrong answer. These questions are simply vehicles for us to learn who you are.
5. Also Very Important: Rest assured that all information will be held in strict confidence among other teen leaders. The Youth Minister (Louie) and the Adult Core Team leaders will read these applications.

Basic Information *{Please print legibly}*

Full Name _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

Education Graduated High School _____ (year) Graduated College _____ (year)
 Degree/Major: _____ Graduate School _____ (year)

Email Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Career/Employment:

Job Title: _____ Place of Employment: _____

Vocation:

Married. Anniversary _____ Engaged to be Married. Date _____ Single

Child(ren). Name(s) & Age(s): _____

Do you (circle all that apply) FACEBOOK TWITTER INSTAGRAM TEXT SNAPCHAT

T-Shirt Size (circle one) XS S M L XL XXL XXXL (*Note: T-shirts are gender specific styles*)

Hoodie Size (circle one) XS S M L XL XXL XXXL

Diocesan & Parish Involvement

Please check all that apply to you and fill in the requested information:

I have been a member of (parish name) _____ for _____ years/months

I have worked or volunteered at _____ (Parish and/or School)

I have...

Taught or assisted in a religious education program. If yes, what parish _____

Assisted or Volunteered in a youth ministry/Life Teen Program. If yes, what parish _____

- Participated in a youth ministry/Life Teen program while in high school.
- Served or currently serve as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, alter server, and/or choir/music group.
- Served in a parish or diocese in other capabilities. If yes, what parish/diocese _____

Interests & Talents

Rate your interest level with each of the following activities using the scale below:

1 – Not Interested 2 – Slightly Interested 3 – Somewhat Interested 4 – Very Interested

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| ___ Life Night Facilitator/Planning | ___ Creating Environment | ___ Pastoral Ministry |
| ___ Leading a small group | ___ Food Ministry | ___ Communicating with parents |
| ___ Worship Leader (spoken) | ___ Confirmation Retreat Team Leader | ___ Setup/Cleanup |
| ___ Leadership development | ___ Core Retreat Leader | ___ Fund Raising |
| ___ Web/Social Media Development | ___ Sharing Testimony/Witness | ___ Organizing Social Events |

Do you possess any of the following talents/skills that you would be willing to share on Core Team?

- Singing/Playing an instrument. What Instrument _____
- Audio/Video/Live Sound operation and setup
- Knowledge of ProPresenter (presentation software)
- Acting/Performing in drama's, skits & videos
- Photography
- Film/Video Production
- Other:

Why do you want to be on the Upper Room Youth Ministry Core Team?

What gifts, talents, qualities or abilities do you bring to the Core Team – List 3 – Be specific. How can you share each of these gifts/talents to reach teens?

1.

2.

3.

Describe three major ways in which you have grown in your spiritual journey

1.

2.

3.

How would you describe your spiritual journey right now?

How often do you attend Mass?

- Daily
- Weekly (Sunday)
- Monthly
- Rarely
- Never

How often do you read Scripture?

- Daily
- 2-3 times a week
- Once a week
- Rarely
- Never

What are three things you would take with you if you were stranded on an island for a year?

If you could become an animal for one day, which animal would you choose?

If you could travel to anywhere in the world right now, where would you go?

Explain any scheduling conflicts that you may have throughout the year (e.g. practice for sports teams on specific nights, extra-curricular activity schedules, work schedules, etc.) or any special issues or concerns in your life (e.g. relationships, moving, other commitments, etc.) that may have an impact on your commitment and involvement on the Core Team.

Submission

Upon the completion of this application, please return the last 4 pages of this packet to Louie Latina. You can bring it by the office, bring it to the Upper Room, or email (LouieL@holyspiritlv.org). The deadline to complete and return this application is **June 3rd, 2018**

Signature

By signing below, you acknowledge that all the information contained in this application is truthful to the extent of your understanding. Please complete the application by signing below.

Signature _____ Date _____



LIFE TEEN

WEST STEUBENVILLE

July 12th – 15th *(We will drive to Sedona and stay the night on the 12th)*

- YES! I am going to the Steubenville West Conference (I wouldn't miss it!)**
- No, I am unable to attend Steubenville this year** ☹

A \$50 Payment will hold your spot on this trip. Final Payments are due by July 10th

- I would love to attend, but need a financial scholarship*

\$250 Covers all lodging, meals, transportation, and conference registration. We will be staying on the campus of the University of Arizona in Tucson and in cabins while in Sedona.



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