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Youth Interest Finder

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Leadership Opportunities in Youth Ministry

Community or Society

- Welcome others into the community.
- Minister to peers by listening to them and referring them to resources.
- Plan and organize youth ministry events and projects.
- Plan and organize fund-raising projects.
- Help plan and conduct social events such as dances, lock-ins, and movie nights.
- Help plan and conduct sports events such as volleyball, basketball, and baseball games.
- Help plan and conduct outdoor events such as skiing, canoeing, and camping experiences.
- Help plan and conduct trips.

Service

- Plan and conduct service projects.
- Organize and implement fund-raisers for people and projects in need.

Spirituality

- Help lead and present retreats for youth.
- Help prepare other youth for the sacrament of Confirmation.
- Help plan prayer opportunities for youth.

Worship

- Help plan and implement special youth liturgies.
- Help plan and implement a youth Reconciliation service.
- Serve on the parish worship committee.
- Share musical talents: (List specific musical talents.)

Communication

- Write articles for the youth newsletter.
- Help edit and produce the youth newsletter.
- Help with artwork for the youth newsletter and flyers.
- Help with photography at events.
- Write news releases for local papers.

- Help design flyers and do publicity.
- Help get the word out at your school.

List other skills, gifts, and interests that you could offer to the community:

Leadership Opportunities in the Parish Community

Community

- Welcome others into the community.
- Plan and organize junior high ministry events and projects.
- Participate in and share leadership in parish fund-raising projects.
- Help plan and share leadership in parish community-building events, such as a picnic or a festival.

Service and Outreach

- Assist in service projects of the parish outreach team.
- Assist in fund-raising projects of the parish mission team.

Spirituality

- Help plan and staff junior high retreats.
- Help prepare children for sacraments.
- Help plan and prepare for parish spirituality projects, such as the parish mission and Lenten and Advent programs.

Worship and Liturgy

- Help prepare and implement a children's liturgy of the word.
- Serve as a liturgy commission representative.
- Serve as a Eucharistic minister.
- Serve as a lector.
- Serve as a minister of hospitality.
- Assist with art and environment needs.
- Participate in the choir.
- Serve as a cantor.
- Serve as a Eucharistic minister to people who are homebound.
- Help write the prayers of the faithful for Mass.
- Write a brief article for the bulletin, reflecting on Sunday Scripture readings.
- Play musical instruments for parish functions: (List the instruments.)

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Religious Education

- Serve as a teacher.
- Serve as a teacher's aide.
- Serve as a coteacher for junior high or high school faith formation.
- Serve as a religious education or youth ministry board member.
- Help in the office with administrative tasks.
- Assist with nursery or preschool programs.

Communication

- Help with photography at parish events.
- Write articles for the church bulletin.
- Write news releases for local papers.
- Help design flyers and do publicity for parish events.
- Assist with the development or ongoing support of a parish Web site.



Application for Youth Ministry Core-Team Membership

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

1. What are some ways you spend your free time?

2. Check the youth ministry areas that interest you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> planning a minicourse | <input type="checkbox"/> writing a youth newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> making posters, banners,
and so on | <input type="checkbox"/> helping with community-
building events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> working on a retreat | <input type="checkbox"/> helping with service projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> making phone contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> taking photos or videos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> keeping records | <input type="checkbox"/> planning prayer and worship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> doing peer ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> planning general meetings |

3. What is your current level of involvement at the parish?

4. List your other commitments (for example, job, music lessons, member of organizations) and the time you devote to them.

5. What kind of time commitment can you make to the core team?

3. What do you think are the applicant's greatest needs?

4. Do you think the applicant will make a serious commitment to the core team? Why or why not?

5. What are your overall feelings about this applicant?

6. Rate the applicant on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the best possible rating.

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Interviewer's signature

Student Leadership Application

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Address _____

Phone _____ School _____

1. Why do you want to be in student leadership?

2. Describe your relationship to Christ, including some high points that have helped you get to where you are today.

3. How has this church helped you spiritually?

4. What strengths do you bring to the student leadership team?

5. List two weaknesses you need to work on.

6. List the school activities you're involved in.

7. List the nonschool activities you're involved in (job, clubs, etc.).

8. Will any of these cause a schedule problem for you? Please explain.

9. Any comments or questions?

Student Leadership Expectations

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Spiritual expectations

- I acknowledge that I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- I desire to serve God with my whole life.
- I am committed to spiritual growth through individual and group study.
- I am willing to be involved actively in my church through attendance and attitude.

Behavioral expectations

- I am serious about my lifestyle because I know it tells other people about my commitment to Christ.
- I am committed to a lifestyle made up of choices that honor God.
- I am willing to remain teachable and willing to grow in my faith.

Leadership expectations

- I am committing to a particular student leadership ministry area and will be consistent in that area.
- I am willing to attend youth ministry events and greet visitors at those events.
- I will attend all required student leadership training events and retreats.
- I am willing to meet with an adult mentor on a regular basis.
- I understand and am willing to work within the youth ministry vision statement.
- I am committing to a positive role in our youth ministry in my behavior and attitudes.

Ministry commitments

I commit to work in the following student leadership areas: (check one or more)

- Youth Board
- Peer Evangelism Team
- Worship Team
- Small Group Leader
- Children's Church
- Servant Team
- Drama Group
- _____
- _____
- _____

_____ student signature

_____ date

_____ parent signature

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Saint Michael's Youth Ministry
POSSIBLE NEW TEAM Member Application
(This MUST be returned by FRIDAY June 3rd by 8pm)

Greetings and Welcome!

Over the past few weeks myself, Valeria and the members of the current TEAM have been discerning possible new members for TEAM for the 2022-2023 school year.

Your name came up as someone that might be a possible candidate for being on TEAM!

TEAM is the leadership group of our Youth Ministry Program. We usually take somewhere around 15-20 or so Teens to be on the group.

So what would be expected of you if you became a TEAM member?

- to attend the TEAM Training Leadership Retreat the end of August (no cost to you)
- to attend TEAM meetings held before the Youth Group meetings on Sunday nights - typically 6:15pm
- to help with the meetings on Sunday night – everything from leading games to help speak at the meetings, be a small group leader, be in a skit, etc
- be the “voice” of our program to the community
- to serve on one of the committees that the TEAM has
- help recruit members and invite your friends to come to the program
- help with the events, retreats, etc that we run

If interested I would ask that you

- pray about it! This is NOT for everyone! Do you feel God is calling you to do this?
- fill out the online application BELOW and realize it must be filled out and sent to us **no later than 8pm Friday June 3rd.**

PLEASE realize we CANNOT take EVERYONE. Once we get the applications back myself, Valeria and some of the adults will spend time going through them. We would LOVE to put everyone on TEAM. But its just not possible. It does not mean that you are any less of a person – and we would hope you would still stay active in the program for years to come!

The TEAM Leadership Retreat is the one major time that we gather together for Leadership Training, Community Building, making Schedules, and some good ol' fun. This years TEAM retreat is **tentatively scheduled** for August and will be held Saturday August 20th to Sunday August 21st. There is no cost for you to attend the Retreat. In years past we have gone away overnight to the St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center in Kearny (where we do our annual retreat). If we go away the time commitment would be from Saturday around 12noon to Sunday around 7pm. If we did the Retreat at St. Mikes we are probably looking at a 12noon to 7pm on Saturday, and a 10am to 7pm on Sunday commitment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. The new TEAM for 2022-2023 will be announced at the Year End Awards Celebration scheduled for Sunday June 5th at 7:30pm.



Your Name

Grade (as of Sept)

1) Describe as best you can what you think the TEAM is and why you might want to be a part of it.

2) What gifts and talents do you think you could bring to the TEAM?

3) Is it easy or difficult for you to commit to things? Why or why not?

4) What is your relationship with God like?

5) List some specific and personal goals for yourself in the coming year, include personal, spiritual and academic.

6) Something SPECIFICALLY you'd personally like to do, or see happen this coming year for the youth group is :

7) How do you view yourself? Is it the same or different as how others view you? Please explain your answers.

8) What do you like about our Youth Ministry Program?

9) What do you not like about our Youth Ministry Program?

10) Are you someone who trusts others easily? Why or why not?

11) Do you believe you are loved by God? Have you ever felt the love of God?

Can you attend the TEAM Retreat ? Yes or No? If No, why not?



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Saint Michael's Youth Ministry
RETURNING TEAM Member Application
(This MUST be returned by FRIDAY June 3rd by 8pm)

With the Class of 2022 set to graduate we are losing 3 TEAM members and a graduating class of Seniors that have been thru alot! I am sure you will all rise to the occasion for next year - this program is now YOURS - and its time to make your mark!

HOWEVER .. make sure this is something you REALLY want to do!

Sometimes we volunteer or sign up to do things while in high school because we might think its "cool" or we want it for our college applications. BEING A TEAM MEMBER SHOULD NOT BE ONE OF THOSE THINGS.

If you have been a TEAM member in the past I want you to take a GOOD HARD LOOK in the mirror, and spend some time praying about this choice you might make in filling out this application.

Our program is at a crossroads and we need to spend some REAL TIME looking at what we are going to offer, do and what honest commitment that TEAM members are REALLY going to make. After this "bridge" year between what we "knew" as youth ministry pre-covid to what we did this past year to what next year brings is truly, in reality the creation of a brand new program! We will be starting over basically from scratch! Scary, but really exciting times!

Our program needs and will need people that are PRESENT, COMMITTED and WILLING to WORK. That's the bottom line. This isn't for everyone! As we continue to grow, we are going to need **people that are committed and can actual be present at meetings and events.**

Jobs, school, relationships, Sports, etc come into our life and sometimes the commitment we made in June of last year gets pushed to the back burner as new and different things become more important. This is your chance to decide if this is really something that you should still do or not. **You could always still be a part of the Program just not as a TEAM member. No one will ever look down on you, actually you might even show some maturity by realizing where your priorities lie.**

If you want to be considered for TEAM for next year then fill out the application below. **It is due NO LATER THAN 8pm on Friday June 3rd.**

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Your Name
Grade (as of Sept)

- 1) Why do you want to be a member of the TEAM again?
- 2) What do you feel was the GREATEST part about being a member of the TEAM this past year? Please explain.
- 3) What do you feel was the HARDEST part about being a member of the TEAM this past year? Please explain
- 4) Why does the TEAM need you—what SPECIFIC gifts do you bring to the TEAM ?
- 5) What new talents/ gifts/ etc did you gain or find out about yourself in the past year from being on TEAM? Be Specific.
- 6) How do you feel you could have been a better TEAM member this past year, what would you plan on working on this coming year if selected for TEAM ?
- 7) List some specific and personal goals for yourself in the coming year, include personal, spiritual and academic.
- 8) Something SPECIFICALLY you'd personally like to do , or see happen this coming year for the youth group is :
- 9) What goals do you think we should set as a TEAM?
- 10) How has your relationship with God, Jesus and or the Holy Spirit grown or changed in the last year as a result of your service on the TEAM?
- 11) How do you view yourself? Is it the same or different as how others view you? Please explain your answers.
- 12) Are you someone who trusts others easily? Why or why not?
- 13) What specific things you did this year as a TEAM member to help specifically improve our Program? Be specific!
- 14) Tell me one thing you would like to see changed or done differently in our program AND WHY?
- 15) What does it mean FOR YOU SPECIFICALLY to live as a disciple of Christ as a high school student today? How do you share Jesus with others?

Can you attend the TEAM Retreat ? Yes or No? If No, why not?