

Mary, Queen of Heaven

Youth Ministry Core 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 are no right or wrong answers. 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.
6. Extremely important: Pray that God's will be done in our discernment for our youth ministry.

Here are a few important facts about being a member of the Core Team:

- Core Team members must be at least one year out of high school or longer.
- Core Team members should possess the following qualities: a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, an unconditional love for teenagers, a love for the Catholic Church, regular participation in Sunday Mass, a personal prayer life, freedom from serious sin, regular reading of Scripture, and openness to using the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Core Team members must be open to training and completing all background checks, Protecting God's Children, and all requirements set forth by the diocese.
- Core Team members must continue to possess the above-mentioned qualities throughout the duration of their commitment.
- Core Team members are free at any time to unconditionally terminate their relationship as a Core Team member. At the same time, the Mary, Queen of Heaven Youth Minister and Pastor retain the option to ask you to step out of this ministry if it becomes clear to us that the Lord is not calling you to this specific ministry, or if mitigating circumstances make it unwise for you to continue in this ministry.

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

May we contact you at work? Yes No

Cell phone _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Age _____ Gender _____
month day year

EDUCATION

Please check the one that applies to you and fill in the requested information. Leave blank those choices, which do not apply.

- Presently, I am in college. _____ (College and class)
- I graduated from college. _____ (College)
- I graduated from high school in _____ (year).

EMPLOYMENT

Please document where you work.

Business name _____ Phone number _____

Job Title _____

Your duties _____

Please document any other work related trades or talents. (i.e. construction, public speaking, street evangelist...)

VOLUNTEER HISTORY

Please document the last two volunteer positions you held. Use "A" below to indicate your most recent volunteer service. Add an extra sheets if necessary.

A. Organization's name _____ Phone number _____

Your duties _____

Frequency of involvement (e.g. once a month) _____

Starting date: _____ / _____ Ending date: _____ / _____
month / year month / year

Reason for leaving _____

B. Organization's name _____ Phone number _____

Your duties _____

Frequency of involvement (e.g. once a month) _____

Starting date: ____ / ____ Ending date: ____ / ____
month /year month /year

Reason for leaving _____

DIOCESAN / PARISH INVOLVEMENT

Please check all that apply to you and fill in the requested information. Leave blank those choices, which do not apply.

- I have been a member of _____ parish for _____ years/months.
- I have worked or volunteered at _____ parish. I have...
- taught or assisted in a religious education program in (my home parish) (another parish).
please circle one or both
- assisted in a youth ministry/ Life Teen program in my post high school years.
- served as a lector, Eucharistic minister, alter server, and/or choir member at a parish.
- served in a parish or diocese in other capacities (i.e. coordinated or assisted with the parish festival, assisted in the parish or diocesan office, etc.) _____

How often do you attend Mass? (check what most closely applies to your situation)

- Daily Weekly Monthly Rarely Never

AVAILABILITY

1. Please list any activities or commitments, which might prohibit you from being available on for youth ministry times or weekend retreats. (Please list days and times of these commitments.)

2. How would you feel if, after having completed the application form, interview, and/or training for the Core Team you were not selected?

3. When would you be available to meet for an interview?

CATHOLIC / SPIRITUAL FORMATION

1. Please check all that apply to you and fill in the requested information. Leave blank those choices, which do not apply.

- I am baptized
- I was confirmed in the Catholic Church at the age of _____
- For the past 12 months, I have met my obligation of attending Sunday Mass and Holy Days of obligation.
- I converted to Catholicism at the age of _____ from the _____ faith.
- I attended a Catholic school in grades _____
- I attended a Catholic college/university for _____ years.
- Other than in school, I attended religious education classes in grades _____
- As a middle school or senior high student, I participated in a Catholic youth ministry program in grade(s) _____
- Other religious formation I received while growing up included (i.e. RENEW, OCIA, a non-Catholic but Christian education, a non-Catholic but Christian youth ministry program, Campus Crusade, etc.) Please list

2. Have you participated in any bible studies, religious education classes, Christian fellowship groups, etc., since you have been out of high school? Please elaborate...

3. Are you considering, or have you considered a Religious Vocation? Yes No

4. Please check whether you accept or do not accept each of the following teachings of the Catholic Church:

A. Do you accept the Church's teaching on the Holy Eucharist? The Holy Eucharist is the real Presence (Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity) of Jesus Christ and that when one receives Holy Communion, Jesus comes into the heart to dwell.

- Yes, I accept this teaching No, I do not accept this teaching

B. Do you accept the Church's teaching on contraception?

God designed conjugal love between a husband and wife to be a beautiful, selfless, total giving of one to the other, and is open to the transmission of life. Since acts of contraception are not selfless, not a total giving of one to the other and are not open to the transmission of life, contraception, which actually means "against conception" is inherently wrong.

- Yes, I accept this teaching No, I do not accept this teaching
- C. Do you accept the Church’s teaching on the sanctity of life?
All life is sacred and each life from the moment of conception has a right to life, therefore abortion, or any other method of barring a new life from implanting in its mother’s womb or terminating a pregnancy is inherently wrong.
- Yes, I accept this teaching No, I do not accept this teaching
- D. Do you accept the Church’s teaching on papal infallibility?
The Pope holds the keys of Saint Peter and Christ endowed the Church’s shepherds with the charism of infallibility in matters of faith and morals. When the Church through its supreme Magisterium proposes a doctrine “for belief as being divinely revealed, and as the teaching of Christ,” the doctrine must be adhered to with the obedience of faith.
- Yes, I accept this teaching No, I do not accept this teaching
- E. Do you accept the Church’s teaching on pre-marital sex?
God has exclusively given the gift of intercourse to a man and woman who have pledged their lives to one another in marriage as a way of fully giving oneself to the other, being fully open to the transmission of life should God so choose to bestow this blessing
- Yes, I accept this teaching No, I do not accept this teaching
- F. Do you accept the Church’s teaching on the Immaculate Conception?
The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.
- Yes, I accept this teaching No, I do not accept this teaching

Please note: As ministers of the Church, we must only put forward to the youth the teachings of the church and not your personal opinions. If you do not personally accept these teachings of the Catholic church, you may not disclose your opinions to the youth. You are invited to explore these teachings with the youth minister or the pastor. You may be required to share with the youth the teachings of the church which make you uncomfortable. We ask you to pray and consider this.

What are your talents? (circle all that may apply)

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| Environment | Food Ministry | Retreat Staff |
| Prayer Ministry | Music Ministry | AV/Tech |
| Set Up | Clean Up | Logistics/Paperwork |
| Other (Please list) | | |

PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL HISTORY

Write a brief testimony about how you have come into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Include the sacraments that you have received. (Feel free to use the back of this page)

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

How would you describe your spiritual journey right now?

What accountability do you currently have in your spiritual journey?

What do you do when you have a conflict with someone? How do you handle confrontation?

Are there any special issues or concerns happening in your life right now that would have an impact on your commitment and involvement in the youth ministry? (e.g., relationships, other commitments, etc.)

What spiritual gifts do you feel you have, and how would you like to use them in the Youth Ministry?

Why do you want to be involved in the Youth Ministry?

What are some of your expectations of the Youth Ministry, the Mary, Queen of Heaven Youth Minister, and the parish staff?

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

In ministering to youth, we believe it is our responsibility to seek ministers that are able to provide healthy, safe, and spiritually sound ministry. You will need to complete the diocesan background checks and Safe Environment training in order to minister to teens. All forms and class times will be provided for you.

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I, the undersigned, give my authorization to release any and all records or information relating to working with minors. Mary, Queen of Heaven may contact my references and appropriate government agencies as deemed necessary in order to verify my suitability as a minister to the youth. I understand that the personal information in this application will be held confidential.

Signature

Today's date