



## **SJM YOUTH MINISTRY CORE TEAM MEMBER EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Thank you so much for showing interest in joining a ministry core team here at St. Joes. As much as we desire for people to become ministry core team members, we also want to be clear and honest with the ministry expectations and responsibilities for those who decide to take on this role. Glossing over certain responsibilities just so you say yes to helping can lead to scrambling later on in the year and ultimately you walking away from a commitment you never intended on making in the first place. Below you will find the core team member expectations and requirements for the following ministries:  
**Middle school and/or high school youth ministry**

### **YOUTH MINISTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- A love for Christ.
- A desire to minister to youth.
- A willingness to serve as a Christian role model.
- A weekly commitment to Sunday liturgy.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITMENTS**

- Commit to middle school youth ministry and middle school youth for the school year.
- Attend Core Team planning meetings as needed(3-4 per year)
- Participate in the Core Team Training in August.
- Attend MSYG nights consistently. Relationships are built by spending time together. Your consistent attendance models a commitment to your faith.
- Commit to the bi-weekly MSYG night agenda.
  - 5:30-6:00p - Help w/ setup, brief core team meeting to review the night and pray.
  - 6:00-7:15p - Welcome, greet, and talk to youth. Execute roles for the night and minister to the youth. Say goodbye, get to know youth waiting for their parents, and greet parents picking up their son or daughter.
  - 7:15-7:45p - Clean up / review the night. Discuss plans for the next MSYG events

### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITMENTS**

- Commit to high school youth ministry and high school youth for the school year.
- Attend monthly team planning meetings
- Participate in the Core Team Training in August.
- Attend High school youth group nights consistently. Relationships are built by spending time together. Your consistent attendance models a commitment to your faith.
- Commit to the weekly high school youth group night agenda.
  - 6:00-7:00p - Teen Mass (Optional if you go earlier in the day)
  - 7:00-7:20p - Welcome, greet, play, eat with and talk to youth.
  - 7:20-9:00p - Execute roles for the night and minister to the youth. Say goodbye, get to know youth waiting for their parents, greet parents picking up their teens.
  - 9:00-9:45 - Talk to teens waiting for a ride, clean up / review the night. Discuss plans for the next high school youth group event.



## **THE COMMITMENTS OF CORE MEMBERS:**

- **CHRIST:** Your first and foremost “Yes” is to Jesus Christ, and living out your faith in Him through the teachings of our Catholic Church. This yes is what has drawn you to the parish, to the community of the Core Team, to ministry, and ultimately, to those you are committing to drawing closer to Him.
- **YOUTH:** Not just the youth that walk into our events, but all youth – no matter where you encounter them. In your yes to being on Core, you are saying yes to advocating for youth in any circumstance, to believing in the good in them, and believing in what Christ has in store for them. You are also committed in a special way to the youth that are participating in the ministry, to being reliably present through events and beyond.
- **THE MINISTRY:** You are committing to all the other Core Members, to the Pastor, to the parents, and to the participants. When you give your yes as a Core Team Member, you are committing to more than a program, more than a person (the ministry leader), and more than the handful of participants you will ministry too. It is all of that and so much more.

## **SEVEN CORE VALUES OF CORE MEMBERS:**

- **LOVE:** “We love because He first loved us” – 1 John 4:19. We must strive in all moments and circumstances to love others as Christ loved. This foundation, simple in premise and command, serves as the basis for our ministry.
- **EVANGELIZATION:** We speak truth to God’s people, inviting them to know Him more deeply. Driven by a desire for all to know the mercy and love of God the Father.
- **JOY:** We live by an unrelenting belief in the goodness of God, and in His desire not for our momentary happiness, but our everlasting life. The spirit of our ministries is one of pure joy, keeping life in perspective and allowing the peace of God to reign in our hearts, regardless of what the world might bring at any given moment.
- **VOCATION:** We maintain openness to the call of God in our lives and a willingness to discern, respond and prioritize our lives according to that call. Whether designed for the religious, married, or single life, we not only embrace the vocation we were designed for, but insure that it remains primary, not allowing God’s work in ministry to overtake God’s call to holiness.
- **AFFIRMATION:** We refuse to be overwhelmed by the negativity pervading our culture. Words and actions are designed by the Creator to bring life to creation, not death. We make every effort and take every opportunity to build up the Kingdom on Earth, rather than tear it down.
- **AUTHENTICITY:** We live authentically, not denying our human weakness or shying away from the need for personal improvement, but working toward holiness, with resolve. The world needs quality examples of Catholic men and women who live out their faith. As leaders in ministry, we live our faith authentically, providing the living example of a Christian and giving hope that others, too, can follow Christ.
- **A EUCHARISTIC SPIRITUALITY:** We seek to become one with Christ in all ways. Through a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother, we develop a more profound understanding of Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Scriptures, we grow in sanctity through the Incarnate Word. Through openness to the Charisms of the Holy Spirit, we allow God’s love to permeate this world. Through adherence to the Church that our Lord established, we act in obedience and humility. Through our frequenting of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist in Most Holy Communion, we become one with the living God. These intimate experiences with Christ are unmistakable signs of His love.