

Volunteer Opportunities with Youth Ministry

- **Core Team for LifeTeen (sr high religious ed)** *4-12 people needed*
 - This group meets on a regular basis (at least twice a month) to help plan our LifeNites, held after the LifeTeen Mass Sunday evenings. The group will plan skits, find appropriate media (music, video clips, magazine/newspaper articles, etc), create talks and plan small group discussions. This group is the foundation of our LifeTeen program, which is our senior high religious education.
 - We are looking for people who are comfortable with teenagers, have a desire to share their faith with them, and are willing to make a solid time commitment.
 - Each adult participating in this capacity will need to undergo a background check and attend the *Virtus Safe Environment* training, as required by Archdiocesan policy.

- **Confirmation Catechist (religious ed teacher)** *6 people needed*
 - This group will help teach our Confirmation classes, held once a month after our LifeTeen Mass on Sunday evening. These sessions will take place almost exclusively in a small group setting, 8-12 teenagers, where we would like to have two adults team-teaching for each group.
 - Curriculum (lessons plans) is provided. Teacher's manual, supplemental materials, access to appropriate media, and direct support from the Youth Minister are all provided.
 - These catechists may be asked to participate in the Confirmation Retreat, date TBD, if their schedules permit it.
 - Catechists are encouraged to attend the LifeTeen mass on class nights and join the teenagers for dinner in the Church Hall following Mass. This will not be mandatory, but it is a GREAT way to get to know the teens and build up positive relationships with them!
 - Each adult participating in this capacity will need to undergo a background check and attend the *Virtus Safe Environment* training, as required by Archdiocesan policy.

- **7th and 8th grade Catechist (religious ed teacher)** *4-8 people needed*
 - This group will help teach our junior high students religious education throughout the year after the LifeTeen Mass Sunday evenings. There will be 2-3 sessions per month.
 - The sessions will take place in a more traditionally classroom setting, with 12-20 teenagers. Each class will have two adults team-teaching.
 - Curriculum (lessons plans) is provided. Teacher's manual, supplemental materials, access to appropriate media, and direct support from the Youth Minister are all provided.
 - The text will be *Call to Faith* by Harcourt religion publishers, which is the same text St. Joseph School use for their 7th and 8th grade religion classes.
 - Catechists are encouraged to attend the LifeTeen mass on class nights and join the teenagers for dinner in the Church Hall following Mass. This will not be mandatory, but it is a GREAT way to get to know the teens and build up positive relationships with them!
 - Each adult participating in this capacity will need to undergo a background check and attend the *Virtus Safe Environment* training, as required by Archdiocesan policy.

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➤ **Provide Food for LifeTeen Dinners**

Many people are needed

- Each LifeNite session encourages attendance at the LifeTeen Mass followed by dinner in the Parish Hall before LifeNite begins. We need parishioners willing to help provide these meals.
- There will be 2-4 dinners a month. We are looking for people to commit to providing dinner once every 3 months (but you can certainly commit to doing it more often!).
- Dinner expectations is food for 20 people; salad of some type, main course and dessert
- We expect to have more than 60 kids for LifeNites, so we will have several different people scheduled to bring food each time.
- We are also in need of financial donations for meals, as some times we simply can not find anyone who can provide food for a particular night.

➤ **Drivers & Chaperones for Youth Ministry Events**

Many are needed

- We need adults to help us get to and from events, as well as just be there with and for our teens. At most events, chaperones can interact with teens as much or as little as they wish; we want the die-hard adult who feels very comfortable around teens and the shy and slightly timid around teens adult and everyone in between. We have something for every comfort level!!
- The Archdiocese mandates we have a certain ratio of adults to teens, so we can not have many of our events if we do not have chaperones!
- Each adult participating in this capacity will need to undergo a background check and attend the *Virtus Safe Environment* training, as required by Archdiocesan policy.

➤ **Planning Team for Youth Ministry**

6-12 people needed

- We need adults who are passionate about Youth Ministry and want to help it succeed here at St. Joseph. This group will meet every other month to help develop a vision for Youth Ministry here at St. Joseph.
- This group will have input into our YM calendar, help determine the types of activities and events we do, and play a major role in planning and putting on many of our events.
- Time expectation will be the 5-6 meetings a year and helping out with at least one activity a month.

➤ **Teenagers to serve on our Youth Board**

8-12 people needed

- We are looking for energetic, faith-filled teenagers to serve on this vital board. This group will meet once a month and will help plan, advertise and implement many of the Youth Ministry activities we have here at St. Joseph's.
- This group will be the teenage voice for Youth Ministry. The input of teenagers is vital to a quality YM program – it is YOUR program!!
- Expectations are to attend the 10 Youth Board meetings each year, help plan/put on at least one event a month, and be in 9th grade or above.