



YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM APPLICATION

Life Teen Core Team

Edge Core Team

Life Support

Edge Support



Dear Potential CORE Team or Life/EDGE Support Team Member,

Thank you for your interest in serving the young people of Archangel Gabriel. Serving in youth ministry is a great way to give of your time to the Lord.

Solid youth ministry is built on relationships between adults and teens, so we are always looking for talented ministers to serve. A youth ministry like Archangel Gabriel Life Teen and EDGE requires a substantial team of volunteers working at all levels, from the CORE Team who lead small groups and enter one-on-one ministry with the teens to the Life/EDGE Support Team who setup environments, prepare and serve food, or help in the office. The challenge of Archangel Gabriel Life Teen and EDGE is to access the wealth and diversity of the resources within and around our area to provide a meaningful and effective ministry for every middle school and high school aged youth.

The goal of youth ministry is to lead teens closer to Christ. This critical goal means our youth ministry volunteers are very important. We are looking for men and women who have made a commitment to Christ and have a desire to care for teens. We place a great value on this ministry and thus place a great value on the CORE and Life/EDGE Support Teams.

We invite you to read the enclosed materials before beginning the application process. Once we have your application, we can schedule a time to talk more in depth about what the youth ministry is, what the commitments are, and what gifts and talents you may bring to the ministry. **Please know all the information shared will be kept strictly confidential.**

We are looking forward to meeting with you and learning about your hopes and desires for ministry.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Neve" followed by three vertical strokes.

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YOUTH MINISTRY OVERVIEW

What Teens Need from Youth Ministry

Teens do NOT connect to programs; they connect to people. The most effective way to influence teens is through a significant relationship with key people in their lives. Our goal is to develop adult leaders who will walk the journey to Christ with teens.

CORE Team

The CORE Team is a group of adults who make Life Teen and EDGE possible by being an active presence to our teens. CORE Team members volunteer much of their time in creating Sunday Life Nights or Wednesday EDGE Nights, being present during off-campus trips, and, most importantly, leading teens closer to our Lord by walking with them in their faith journey.

The *weekly* time commitment for Life Teen CORE is 3-6 hours.

The *monthly* time commitment for EDGE CORE is 7-10 hours.

Life/EDGE Support Team

The Life Support Team is a group of adults who support the youth ministry through a variety of duties such as preparing delicious meals, taking photos for the website, leading praise and worship, helping out in the office, or creating exciting environments for a particular Life Night or EDGE Night.

The time commitment for both the Life Support and EDGE Support Teams is 2-4 hours per month.

What Teens Need

There are many things that make a good CORE team member. Simply put, teens need adults on CORE team who will:

- Love God and live for Him.
- Be interested in their lives.
- Go to "their world."
- Pray for them.
- Be patient.
- Say encouraging words.
- Laugh with them.
- Take initiative to spend time with them.
- Remember their names.
- Be witnesses to God's love.
- Be consistently present.
- Enjoy life.

TEAM 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. 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. Rest assured that all information will be held in strict confidence.

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

- Team members must be at least one year out of high school or older.
- 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 worship, a personal prayer life, freedom from serious sin, regular reading of Scripture, and openness to using the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Team members must be open to training and completing all background checks and requirements set forth by the diocese.
- Team members must continue to possess the above-mentioned qualities throughout the duration of their commitment. Team members are free at any time to unconditionally terminate their relationship as a Team member. Also, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry retains the option to ask you to step out if it becomes unwise for you to continue in this ministry.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	MI
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Current Address: _____

City	State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
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Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female
 month day year

EDUCATION

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

- ☐ Presently, I am in college: _____
College and grad year
- ☐ I graduated from college: _____
College
- ☐ I graduated from high school in: _____
Year

EMPLOYMENT

Please document where you work.

Place of employment: _____

Job Title: _____

Your duties: _____

Other work related trades or talents (e.g. construction, public speaking, etc.):

VOLUNTEER HISTORY

Please document the last two volunteer positions you held.

1. Organization's name: _____

Your duties: _____

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

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

Reason for leaving: _____

2. Organization's name: _____

Your duties: _____

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

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

Reason for leaving: _____

DIOCESAN AND 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 at _____ for: _____ years/months.
name of parish circle one
- ☐ I have worked or volunteered at _____.
name(s) of parish(es)

I have:

- ☐ taught or assisted in a religious education program.
- ☐ assisted in a youth ministry in my post high school years.
- ☐ served as a lector, Eucharistic minister, alter server, and/or choir.
- ☐ served in a parish or diocese in other capacities.

Please explain: _____

How often do you attend Mass?

- ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

AVAILABILITY

I would like to apply for (Check all that apply):

- ☐ Life Teen Core Team ☐ Life Support Team ☐ Edge Core Team ☐ EDGE Support Team

If applying for Life Teen, are there any commitments that might prohibit you from being available on Sunday nights? If applying for EDGE, are there any commitments that might prohibit you from being available on Wednesday nights? Please list the dates and times of these commitments:

How would you feel if, after having completed the application form, interview, and/or training for the CORE or Life/EDGE Support Team you were not selected?

When would you be available to meet for an interview? _____

WHAT ARE YOUR TALENTS?

Please circle all that apply.

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| Environment | Food Ministry | Retreat Staff/Prayer Ministry |
| Resource Coordinator | Web Development | Publicity |
| Development | AV/Tech | Other: _____ |

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:

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 Pastor, the Coordinator of Youth Ministry, the CORE Team, the Life/EDGE Support Team, and/or the parish staff?

CATHOLIC / SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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 liturgy and Holy Days of obligation. (Note: This does not include the 2020-21 dispensation.)
- ☐ I converted to Catholicism at the age of_____from_____.
- religion/faith
- ☐ I attended a Catholic school in grades _____.
- list grades
- ☐ I attended a Catholic college/university for_____years.
- ☐ I attended religious education classes in grades:_____.
- list grades
- ☐ I participated in a Catholic youth ministry in grades: _____.
- list grades
- ☐ Other religious formation I received while growing up included (e.g. RENEW, RCIA, a non-Catholic but Christian education, a non-Catholic but Christian youth ministry program, Campus Crusade, etc.):

Please explain:_____

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

Please explain:_____

Are you considering or have you considered a religious vocation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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 use the space below to share any other thoughts you feel called to share.