



**ST. LAURENCE EDGE
CORE TEAM MINISTRY DESCRIPTION
SMALL GROUP LEADER**

VISION

Lead a Small Group of Middle School teens where they can know the love of Christ and to live to glorify God in all they do

REPORTS TO:

St. Laurence Catholic Church Coordinator of Middle School Faith Formation

QUALIFICATIONS

- Baptized and Confirmed practicing Roman Catholic, which includes weekly Sunday Mass and regular Confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- In-person meeting with the High School Coordinator (and once a year thereafter)
- 90-minute Safe Haven Course (Link provided after initial in-person meeting)
- Bi-annual Core team training at the start and mid-way through the year
- Signed Volunteer Acknowledgement, Code of Conduct, and Handbook

EXPECTATIONS OF A LIFE TEEN SMALL GROUP LEADER

1. Maintains an active relationship with Christ and the Church
2. Creates a safe and welcoming environment for teens in your small group
3. Prepares for & leads a 30–40-minute small group session at our parish's weekly Wednesday night Middle School Program (EDGE)
4. Connects with, knows, and cares for teens in their small groups and encourages them to do the same with each other
5. Commits to a healthy relationship with Youth Ministry at St. Laurence Catholic Church, including Core members, the Pastor and administrators, parents, and youth.

BEST PRACTICES OF A SMALL GROUP LEADER

- Pray regularly for the students in your small group
- Maintain presence, have your attention focused on the students of your small group
- Talk with and build relationships with your small group during dinner
- Sit with teens during large group and participate during the ice breakers
- Remember what students share and follow up with *them* (For example: if they share they had a test, sporting event, recital, etc. ask them how it went next time you see them.)
- Share prayer requests and program feedback with the Coordinator
- Chaperone and/or lead small group on retreats, conferences, and camps when able to
- Plan ahead and be prepared for each small group meeting using the outline, scripture passages and catechism paragraphs emailed in advance
- *Those wanting the outlines before the Wednesday email will have access to series plans at the beginning of each semester*
- Assist with large group sessions as planned by the Middle School Coordinator
- Notify the Middle School Coordinator if you are unable to serve at a Life Night