

## INTRODUCTION

### Youth Ministry Programs

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We have two programs in which adults can serve the youth of St Andrew:

**EDGE-** This is the faith formation program for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It meets Sunday nights 6:45 pm – 8:15 pm October-April. 8<sup>th</sup> graders also have several other activities throughout the year to help them prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**LIFETEEN-** This program is for all high school teens in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. It is a youth group style program which incorporates fellowship and faith formation. It meets Sunday nights 8:00-9:30 pm.

### What is the Core Team?

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The Core Team for our youth ministry programs is a group of adults who collaborate with the program directors to run the Edge and LifeTeen Nights on Sunday evenings. For the Edge program, they also interact with the BIG FISH service team—high school students serving their younger brothers and sisters in faith. Beyond providing support behind-the-scenes, the Core Team is a relational ministry. A Core Member's most vital role is to accompany and mentor pre-teens and teens in their journey of Christian discipleship. Your presence is so much more valuable than you might realize!

To be a Core Member, all you need is a love of Christ, and a desire to let teens know they are loved by God and valued by their Church Community. You can be anywhere on the spectrum of your spiritual journey – just beginning or very seasoned. It takes people from all walks of life to create a well-rounded Core Team; you don't need to be a theologian, a comedian, an educator, or an eloquent speaker.

A strong Core Team will have a variety of personalities with unique strengths and spiritual gifts. However, our expectations of all Core Members are:

- Have a personal commitment to God
- Make it a priority to attend Mass weekly and pray daily
- Be fully initiated in the Catholic faith (Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation), or working toward initiation
- Believe in the teachings of the Catholic Church (and seek to develop trust in the Church's wisdom and authority regarding teachings that challenge you)
- Have a desire to share your faith and positively influence youth

The time commitment for being a Core Member includes:

- Attend Core Team training held in August and September
- Attend the Edge or LifeTeen nights each month (some Core members may attend on an every-other week basis)
- Attend Core Team meetings as needed
- Participate in planning and/or attending youth retreats

**ABOUT THIS APPLICATION**

The application is a way for us to learn more about you and your interest in being part of the St. Andrew Core Team for middle school or high school youth ministry.

We are in the process of re-building our youth ministry from the ground up and the application will help us learn more about the experiences and gifts each of you bring to the team. Please know that all responses will be kept private and not shared with others.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Cell  Work

Secondary Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  Home  Cell  Work  
*(if applicable)*

How do you prefer to be contacted about this application? (Email, Phone call, or text) \_\_\_\_\_

If by phone: What are the best days/times to reach you? \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status:  Single  Engaged  
 Married  Divorced  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any children?  Yes  No If yes, what are their ages? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current occupation?  Employed Full-time  Employed Part-Time  Student  
*(check any that apply)*  Stay-at-home parent  Work from home  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If currently employed: Where do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your job title/what do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

If currently in school: What school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What degree are you working toward? \_\_\_\_\_



**EDGE**



**LIFE TEEN**

### TEAM PREFERENCE

Which Core Team do you want to be part of?

- EDGE only       LIFETEEN only       Both teams

### SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND

#### Catholic Faith

- Catholic since birth       Convert       Expecting to receive sacrament(s) of initiation
- Date of conversion:* \_\_\_\_\_      *Expected date of sacrament(s):* \_\_\_\_\_

Growing up, what was your experience with faith and religion? (i.e., Did your family go to church? Did you believe in God? Who or what shaped your religious beliefs or practice?)

Are there any times in your life that you would describe as conversion moments, turning points, or “mountain top experiences” in your faith? What happened, and what changed in your life?



What do wish that you wish that your teenage-self had known about God, the Catholic Church, or faith? What would you tell your younger self, if you had the chance?

### PARISH INVOLVEMENT

Are you/your family registered at St. Andrew the Apostle?  Yes  No

If no, to which parish do you belong/where do you most frequently attend Mass? \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, which St. Andrew mass do you attend most frequently?

<input type="checkbox"/> Sat 5:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun 7:30 am
<input type="checkbox"/> Sun 9:00 or 11:30 am	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun 5:30 pm

Please list any *youth-related* programs/ministries in which you have been active, past or present in your parish community:

Please list any *other* programs/ministries in which you have been active, past or present in your parish community:



**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

Please list or describe any non-parish work or volunteer experiences that you have had in which you worked with kids or teenagers:

What talents, strengths, and/or spiritual gifts do you possess that would be helpful to our team and ministry? This might include hobbies, interests, or other organizations you belong to.

Why do you want to be part of the Core Team for St. Andrew Edge/LifeTeen? Please use this space to include any additional comments or information that you would like to provide:



EDGE



LIFE TEEN

## BACKGROUND CHECK & SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

In addition to this application, it will also be necessary for you to:

1. Complete the Diocese of Lansing Background Check Form. All volunteers are required to have an updated background check form on file.
2. You also must participate in the required Diocesan Safe Environment (VIRTUS) training. This requirement may be met through an online training, or by attending a live training.

Please check the boxes to indicate the following:

- or  I have attached a completed Background Check form to this application
- I will submit a completed Background Check form within the next week
- or  I have previously Completed Virtus Safe Environment Training, in \_\_\_\_\_ (Approx. year)
- I need to complete the Virtus Safe Environment Training

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please sign below to agree to the following statement:

*This application is for the use of the parish youth ministry staff at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Saline, Michigan. The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand the personal information in this application will be held confidential by the parish staff at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Please return the completed application form at your earliest convenience. You are welcome to drop it off at the parish office, scan it through email, fax, or send through snail mail. We will contact you regarding your interest and role in our youth ministry program shortly after receiving your application. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns about our Edge or Life Teen programs, the youth we serve, or the application process.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to discern your fit within St. Andrew's youth ministry programs. We are excited to meet you and to discuss the possibility of you joining our team!

May God bless you,

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