

September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of High School Students,

This new year brings the CYO program some new exciting changes. My name is Dana McStowe, and I am the new CYO Coordinator at St. Catharine's; I am very excited to be apart of the St. Catharine's community. The CYO Program at St. Catharine's is a program for High school-aged youth to have fun and for spiritual growth.

This year, due to COVID-19, some events will be changed to follow safety guidelines, but we will continue to host various activities that range from spiritual and social. To the best of our ability, we will continue to offer safe versions of social, spiritual, and service opportunities during this time of COVID-19.

I am hoping you will encourage your child to sign up and join us for a year of fun, spiritual growth, and a chance to meet new people. Our program is for students in grades 9 – 12. We meet most Sunday nights for various activities.

Past CYO events include social trips such as Medieval Times and parish-wide events such as Festival of Lights. Service trips and opportunities are also a significant component of the CYO program with collecting toys for Eva's Village during Christmas time and service trip to Asheville, North Carolina.

Another cornerstone of our CYO program is the retreats that we have each year. In January is our Freshmen/Sophomore retreat; March, our Junior/Senior retreat and in the summer, there is a retreat for all high school students. These retreats are a wonderful opportunity for the teens to discover what is truly important in their lives; their friends, their family, and above all, their Faith!

The following are forms are registration forms, permission forms, adult volunteer forms, photo release form, Zoom platform permission form and COVID-19 liability release form. Your teen may bring it back this pack on Sunday, September 27th, 2020 or drop off at the rectory during its business hours. Please put CYO on the envelope.

It's impossible to include all the information in this letter, so PLEASE do not hesitate to call me, text me, or email me with any questions or concerns. It is also impossible to run a program this size without help, so attached is a volunteer form. PLEASE fill it out and return it with your child's registration form.

Blessings,

Dana McStowe

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CYO REGISTRATION FORM 2020-2021

St. Catharine's Youth Ministry/CYO program is an opportunity for 9th to 12th graders to come together socially, grow spiritually, and share their gifts and talents with our community.

Registration fees help defray the costs of running the CYO program, trips, retreats, and other CYO related events.

\$50.00 one teen / \$75 two teens / \$100 three teens or more

Student's Name: _____

Grade: 9th 10th 11th 12th

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please note: Students of all faiths are welcome to join our CYO program. Please, come and bring a friend or two to join you on any given Sunday evening when there is a CYO event planned.

Finances should never be a reason to miss out on the fun!

Contact: Dana McStowe (dmcstowecyo@gmail.com)

with questions or concerns

PARENT / GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM

I understand that registering my child in the Youth Ministry/CYO program means that he/she will use appropriate behavior while in attendance. In the event of an emergency where medical treatment is necessary, I give permission for St. Catharine's Youth Ministry Staff, or sponsor to obtain the services of a licensed physician. Please attempt to notify me concerning any emergency.

Parent/Guardian Name Printed: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Home phone # _____

Cell # _____

Please list any special needs, allergies, or medical issues your child may have and that we should be aware of. This will be kept confidential.

CYO PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM

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Parent/guardian name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Please circle YES or NO for each statement below

YES // NO - I can help, and would be interested in chaperoning a Sunday Night of CYO.

YES // NO - I would be interested in chaperoning [(circle your choice(s)] the Fr./Soph. , Jr./Sr. , Summer retreat.

Please email the CYO Coordinator, Dana McStowe (dmcstowecyo@gmail.com) with any questions

PHOTO RELEASE FORM

During CYO events, we will take photos of the teen partaking in an event or activity. Please be advised that your teen might directly or indirectly be in a photo. These photos are for the purpose of sharing with the Saint Catharine community any updates with the CYO program and to be used on our social media platforms.

_____ Yes, I give consent to Saint Catharine's CYO program to take photos and use on social media platforms.

_____ No, I do not give consent to photograph my teen at any CYO program or event to use on social media platforms.

Parent/Guardian Name Printed: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____