

HOLY ROSARY

Peer Ministry

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Peer Ministry Information Sheet

What is Peer Ministry?

The Holy Rosary Peer Ministry program is a leadership and service opportunity for all high school students who have received their sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. A Peer Minister will use their unique gifts and talents to serve and lead with the Youth Confirmation students, alongside the Youth Minister and Adult Volunteers.

Why should I be a Peer Minister?

A high school should consider being a peer minister if they possess the passion and courage to grow in their relationship with God, serve others, witness to their faith, and to build leadership skills.

Additionally, it is a good way to invest in the Holy Rosary parish and West Seattle community, develop long-lasting friendships, and build skills and resources that will be useful for the rest of their life. Involvement in Holy Rosary's Peer Ministry program is good for college applications, employment applications, and resumes.

What is expected of a Peer Minister?

2020 - 2021 Peer Ministers will be expected to....

- Attend training sessions on Sunday evenings throughout the month of November 2020
- Assist with the Youth Confirmation Program throughout January 2021 - May 2021. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, we do not have a set schedule, but peer ministers can expect to devote 12 Sunday Evening Sessions from January - May of 2021
- Attend and serve at the Confirmation Ceremony in the evening. The ceremony is expected to be on May 18, 19, or 20 in the evening. We should know the date for the ceremony at the end of Fall 2020

Who can be a Peer Minister?

Peer Ministry seeks to give teens the opportunity to learn and apply the skills of leadership to activities with the Youth Confirmation program. Leadership can range from outspoken and direct instruction or guidance to the quiet modeling of right behavior. A leader need not be an extrovert, outgoing. A leader may be a quiet person that provides positive direction and focus to smaller groups or even individuals around them. Jesus' example was not one of show or power, but one of gentle encouragement and deep love for those entrusted to him.

Any mature 9-12th grader who....

- Received the sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation
- Actively lives out their Catholic faith
- Wants to share their gifts and talents with others in the Holy Rosary community
- Desires to deepen their relationship with God

How do I become a Peer Minister?

1. **Online Application:** Complete and submit the online application. [Click here for a direct link to the online application.](#)
2. **Two Character References:** Submit two character references from adults in your life. You can ask a teacher, a coach, or a family friend, but we ask that you try to find someone who is not your parent. The Adult Reference Form is posted on the Youth Ministry web page under "Documents". Adults can email their references to Bridget Bicek at PAYouth@holyroaryseattle.org.
3. **Interview:** Once we receive your completed online application and two adult references, Bridget Bicek will personally reach out to you to set-up an interview. The interview will be a time for us to get to know you, why you want to be a peer minister, and to answer any of your questions. We will offer an in-person interview or zoom interview option.
4. **Pray:** For the final step, Bridget Bicek and our Youth Ministry adult volunteers will pray and discern if the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve on our Peer Ministry team. We also invite you to pray if God is calling you to serve and lead with our program.

5. **Acceptance:** After all of these steps are completed, Bridget Bicek will send an email on October 25, 2020 stating if you're accepted to the team or directing you to other service and leadership opportunities in the parish community.

Do you know a great candidate for the Peer Ministry program? [Click here to submit your nomination](#)

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-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA