



Middle School Ministry

Dear EDGE parents,

September 1, 2020

Holy Trinity's Middle School Ministry, namely EDGE is here! I hope that you are about to enjoy your summer, enjoying the last bit of your summer, and/or are ready for this coming new year. I am thrilled to be the EDGE Coordinator at Holy Trinity! My name is Jace Bravo and I am also the Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. This year for EDGE we are planning to dive deeper into our faith with awesome new games, skits, dramas, talks, small group sharing, and so much more.

In order to continue into the Life Teen High School Confirmation program, teens need TWO years of EDGE or TWO years of Catholic Middle School 6th - 8th.

Our EDGE nights will be held on Tuesday nights. Beginning on Tuesday, September 29th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the parish center auditorium (209 N. Hanford Ave., San Pedro). A complete calendar will be sent to you in the coming months, via email.

As you know, attendance in our middle school program is vital to continuing in our Life Teen Confirmation program. **Enrollment in the EDGE is mandatory for TWO years of Middle School (not attending a Catholic School) who wish to continue in the confirmation program.**

Holy Trinity students

Receive a discount, come get to know your faith and other middle school students all in one!

Please return your registration forms and fee to the Parish Office by September 25, 2020. We communicate **very often** by e-mail, so please be sure to give an e-mail address that you use regularly.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at (310) 548-6535 ext. 340 or via email at lifeteenym@holyltrinitysp.org.

God bless you,

Jace Bravo

High School & Middle School Youth Minister

EDGE Middle School Procedures

This EDGE (Middle School) year will be unlike any year we have had before due to the pandemic of the novel Coronavirus. Our faith is an essential part of not only our personal lives, but is absolutely essential to the sanctity of our souls. The EDGE program contributes to making the faith fun, relevant, and attractive to our youth in such a pivotal time in their lives. Although the pandemic has changed how we do things, it should not change the importance of our faith and our God.

After speaking with our Pastor, Father Kevin Nolan, I am committed to constructing a program that is safely leading our teens closer to Christ. The details will be below, please note that we are doing the best we can in the circumstances that we are given and our goal is to always provide a relational ministry set to lead our youth closer to Christ in a safe environment. Please look below on “What is Happening”, the “How” we are going to do it, and the “Why” we are going forward in this way. It is a deep passion of mine to bring the truth of our Church to our young people and I truly believe that our faith, hope, and love is essential in helping to shape our younger generations future.

The ‘What is Happening’

Our EDGE program will be a somewhat hybrid course done both virtually and in-person on Tuesdays from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. There will be a capacity on the totality of the EDGE program. The in-person will be outdoors, social-distanced, and have masks required. If the numbers meet a capacity where we are unable to social distance, the in-person will be done at two different times in order to cut the number in half to limit the number of people. As done before, we will separate into smaller groups which will meet in other safe social-distanced locations, to make sure numbers are even fewer.

The virtual aspect of the program will be done in and by the families at home. As we all know, the family is the first teacher when it comes to important topics of the faith. The family do not need to be theologians neither to be able to teach the faith, but they do need to have hearts open to sharing God's word. If you're signing your child up, you're already there in my book!

The ‘How’

In order to accomplish all of this we are working exceedingly hard to reconstruct a place that is safe and can still give our youth the opportunity to come together and lean on God the Father. At the in-person gatherings we are making sure that we are following all the guidelines given to us and keeping it outdoors for the first portion of the meeting. When they break into smaller groups they will be separated completely across campus all the while still maintaining social distancing and wearing a mask. We will have EDGE leaders/Catechists who will be still instructing and leading the youth in discussion.

The ‘Why’

Relational ministry, relationship building and leading, is the cornerstone of Holy Trinity's Youth programs. It is vital that the youth are given a space that they feel safe enough to share their heart. Innately, we are creatures longing to be loved by the Father. Our faith is essential, most especially, during these years in the youths lives because they are constantly being shaped and molded by culture.

A person/youth can know everything there is about Jesus Christ, but we are focused on helping the person *know who Jesus Christ is to them*.

We have found out over the last few years, most especially, in the last few months that the youth cannot create a life-giving relationship with God, solely online. In-person gatherings that are safe and limited will allow the youth to feel the words others speak, be given a platform to be heard, and be open to a faith that has been passed down through generations. Our whole ministry is built on the Road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35. Jesus created a relationship with his disciples and walked with his disciples before teaching them. It was only at that moment that their eyes fully opened to see God.

I hope and pray you consider joining us this year, as we lead our youth closer to Christ!



EDGE[®]
Catholic Middle School Ministry

Holy Trinity Parish

Enrollment/Registration 2020-2021

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex (M/F): _____ Home Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Child's Primary Residence (Circle): **Mother** **Father** **Both** **Guardian**

Father Work #: _____ Cell #: _____ Mother's work #: _____ Cell #: _____

*** Our main source of communication whether it be a special event or any cancellation we will do it via email ***

E-mail Address (Regularly Viewed): _____

Child's Grade as of Sept. 2020: _____ School child attends: _____

Was your child enrolled in Religious Education last year? _____ Where: _____

Person (s) authorized to sign child out of class (other than parent)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone Number: _____

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Sacramental Information

Is your child baptized: If, **YES**, mark here If, **NO**, mark here

Where: _____ Date: _____

Has your child made First Confession: If, **YES**, mark here If, **NO**, mark here

Where: _____ Date: _____

Has your child made First Communion: If, **YES**, mark here If, **NO**, mark here

Where: _____ Date: _____

****EDGE participants are expected to attend EDGE nights weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00pm until 8:30 pm. Calendars will be given with specific dates. ****

Medical Information

Emergency Treatment/Release Statement: In the event of an emergency, and **I cannot be reached**, I hereby authorize Holy Trinity's Confirmation Program/Church and/or any licensed physician, EMT or other qualified hospital personnel to render medical treatment to my daughter/son _____ which, in their judgment, is necessary in the event of illness or injury. I understand that, in all cases, I will be notified as quickly as possible.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

******Please list any and all allergies, special medical conditions, special medications, or health problems with which Holy Trinity should be aware of:**

Please list any medications your child takes regularly: _____

Medical Insurance Name and Number: _____

Physician: _____ Phone Number: _____

Local emergency contact: _____ Phone Number _____

Media Usage for Future Advertising

Release for Memorializing *

I, hereby, authorize the making of photographs, video, recordings, or other memorializing of the event and my participation therein, and the publication or other use thereof. I, hereby, waive any right to compensation therefore or any right that I otherwise might have to limit or control such making or use.

Media release agreement *

Holy Trinity EDGE program routinely promotes its events and ministry through various media outlets. This includes, but is not limited to social media, brochures, posters, bulletins. The image of participants may be included. In addition, names of minors will never accompany any photos on any publication, website or other media without further consent. Please see release agreement below.

X

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

X

Date _____

Tuition Per Family:

Parishioners =	\$90.00 for one child	Non-Parishioners =	\$110.00 for one child
	\$135 for two children		\$155.00 for two children
	\$150.00 for three children		\$170.00 for three children

After September 25th, a LATE FEE of \$10.00 will be added!

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Grade: _____ Group: _____ 1st Year Sacrament Preparation: _____

Number of Children: _____ Payment amount: _____ Check Number: _____ Bal. Due: _____

Monthly Payment Option: _____