

Youth Leadership Council Application

All teens grade 10-12 are invited to apply to join our council, with a parent/guardian's permission.

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Description of Leadership Council

St. Patrick's Youth Leadership Council is comprised of teenagers in *grades 10 through 12*. Council members will elect a chairperson and the council will be overseen and guided by the Director of Catechetical Ministries and Director of Evangelization.

Council members will meet every other week on Sundays from 12:30 to 2pm during the academic year and monthly over the summer. The council will advise on youth faith formation, design and run retreats and workshops, and lead their peers in youth ministry and small groups. Members will work on growing in teamwork skills, will receive leadership training, and will gain experience in designing and leading various group activities. Members will also work together to grow in spiritual formation.

Council members are committing, in addition to the above, to praying a decade of the Rosary daily for our parish youth and attending Mass on Sundays (given COVID restrictions). *Council members will be either in their second year of Confirmation preparation OR will be fully initiated into the Church.*

Parish adults are able and encouraged to volunteer as adult assistants. Those adults are required to be safe environment trained and must pass a background check. Adult assistants attend meetings, advise when asked/willing, and ensure the safety of the youth. These adults are an essential part of the council!

Application Process

Step One:

Read through the entire application! Be sure to share it with your parent or guardian. Together, prayerfully consider if this is a commitment you are willing and able to make.

Step Two:

Consider who you would like to write your recommendations and ask those people. Be sure to give them enough time to submit the forms. You will need one adult and one peer reference.

Step Three:

Fill out the application and submit it! **All applications are due by 5pm Friday, February 26, 2021.**

Step Four:

You may be asked to participate in an interview (as of December 2020, being done via Zoom). Those will take place the first three weeks of March 2021. Mary and Fr. Leo will be conducting the interviews. Interviews are a great time to expand and explain parts of your application as well as illustrate your ability to speak about your experiences. Do not stress about this step!

Step Five:

You get the word! All council members should be informed by **Friday, April 23, 2021.**

Applications should be submitted via email to Mary Allison at mallison@st.patsak.org OR via mail:

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Attn: Mary Allison
2111 Muldoon Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99504

Parent/Guardian Permission Form

I, _____, grant permission for
_____ to participate in St. Patrick's
Youth Leadership Council. I understand the commitment and have
discussed this with my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

OPTIONAL:

I am interested in volunteering as an adult assistant. I am willing to be
safe environment trained and authorize a background check.

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Essay Portion: Please choose three of the below questions to answer. Attach those answers to this application. Please answer in less than 750 words each.

- 1. Why are you interested in the Youth Leadership Council?*
- 2. What do you feel are the three most significant issues facing our St. Patrick's community today and why? What can be done about one of those issues?*
- 3. Please describe your leadership experiences and why you believe God is calling you to serve on the Youth Leadership Council.*
- 4. Describe your prayer life. In a typical day, what prayers do you say and why?*
- 5. What is one virtue (cardinal or theological) you are working on now and describe how it will make you a better leader.*
- 6. Sometimes we are called to lead, and sometimes we are called to follow. Describe a time you were called to follow and how you responded.*
- 7. If you could sit with three saints, who would they be and why?*
- 8. Imagine you are in a group and you do not get along with another member. You feel that person is being mean to you, gossiping about you, and not participating in the group as a whole. Describe how you would handle such a situation.*
- 9. What does being a leader mean to you?*
- 10. Many people misunderstand parts of what it means to be Catholic. Pick one misconception (worship Mary, not Christian, etc) and illustrate how you would explain the truth to someone.*

Adult Reference Form

To be completed by an adult who has seen you in a position of leadership (such as teacher, coach, sponsor, etc).

Student Name: _____

The above student is an applicant for St. Patrick’s Youth Leadership Council. This council is designed to mentor their peers, advise adults on youth activities and education, and create and lead large and small group activities. Additionally, the youth will enhance their leadership and teamwork skills.

1. Do you recommend this student for the Youth Leadership Council? Yes___ No___

2. What is your relationship with this student?_____

3. How long have you known this student? _____

4. What do you consider to be this student’s primary talents and/or strengths?

5. Please describe a situation where you saw this student in a leadership role.

6. Please rate the student on the following. For any that you rate “Needs Improvement” or “poor”, please use the below extra space to comment.

	Outstanding (top 5% of students)	Good (top 25%)	Average (top 50%)	Needs Improvement (bottom 50%)	Poor (bottom 25%)
Good judgement					
Reliable					
Initiative					
Responsibility					
Leadership					
Oral Communication					
Teamwork					
Maturity					
Positive attitude					
Respectful					

Additional Space:

By signing below, I recommend the youth indicated above for membership of St. Patrick's Youth Leadership Council.

I am willing to be contacted by staff from St. Patrick's regarding any information I provided on this reference.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

(Please return to youth OR to the parish by emailing mallison@st.patsak.org or by mailing it St. Patrick's Church, Attn: Mary Allison, 2111 Muldoon Rd, Anchorage, AK 66504)

Peer Reference Form

To be completed by a peer who you feels knows you well (such as friend, team mate, mentor, etc)

Student Applicant Name: _____

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