



# 2021-22 CREW Application

## Confirmed and Ready to Evangelize our World

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ 2021-22 School \_\_\_\_\_ 2021-22 Grade \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

### Purpose of CREW

1. A program for upperclassmen high school youth who desire to become more intentional disciples of Jesus Christ through accountability, prayer, evangelization, and service.
2. CREW will be formed to evangelize others and will serve as a part of the Youth Ministry Team for Ascend, Cornerstone, Confirmation Preparation, STAY, and other ministry events.

### Teen Leader Expectations

1. **Presence.** Each member of the CREW is expected to:
  - Attend STAY Life Nights each Sunday Night
  - Attend CREW Weekly Discipleship Meetings (Time TBD – most likely Monday evenings)
  - Attend CREW Formation Retreats & Socials
  - Participate in Service at Ministries at St. Thomas Aquinas
2. **Witness.** We are witnesses of the love of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit always. Therefore, teen leaders must seek to glorify God in all their language, actions, relationships, and use of social media both during and outside the scheduled ministry times. A teen may be asked to step down from CREW if their behavior, including social media, does not represent a witness to Jesus Christ.
3. **Personal Spiritual Growth.** Because we cannot give what we do not have, each teen leader must strive to grow in their relationship with Christ through continual conversion:
  - Daily prayer
  - Weekly Mass Attendance
  - Commitment to frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation once per month.
  - Weekly Discipleship Meetings for Accountability

### Roles of CREW

1. Plan and Participate in Children, Middle School, and High School Ministry Events including, but not limited to:
  - a. STAY Confirmation Retreat
  - b. Cornerstone Fall and Spring Retreats
  - c. Ascend Fall, Winter, and Spring Day Retreats
  - d. Ascend Core Team Member throughout the 2021-22 Year
  - e. Aquinas Kids All Saint's Day Celebration
  - f. Vacation Bible School
  - g. Evangelization Ministries at Other Parishes
2. Actively participate in parish-wide Service Events such as Aquinas Fest, 5K Race, and Garage Sale.
3. Plan and implement Evangelization and Service activities.

**Essay Questions**

*Please answer each of these questions as thoroughly as possible. You may attach an additional sheet of paper if you need more space to answer. Your answers should be more than 1-2 sentences in length.*

**1. Why do you want to be a part of CREW? (Please be specific)**

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**2. How would you describe your relationship with Christ right now? How would you describe your prayer life?**

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**3. How would you describe the Gospel, or the message of Christianity, to someone who has never heard before or to someone who has heard, but not affected by it?**

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**4. Teen leaders need to be able to effectively manage their time so that they can be present at STAY and CREW each week, along with balancing their schoolwork and extracurricular activities. Describe how you plan to manage your time next year if you add CREW to your schedule.**

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*I have read and understand the guidelines and expectations for being as member of CREW. I recognize that if I fail to meet these expectations, it may be asked to step down for CREW.*

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_