

What is Core Team?

A Core Member is a person with a deep love for Christ, the Church, and ministering to young people. Core Members are responding to their Baptismal call by serving young people, and are selfless enough to make sacrifices that ensure our young people come to know God through the love of Christ and the truth of the Sacraments.

There is no "ideal" Core Member - one thing that makes a strong Core Team is diversity. Core Members don't need to be "perfect-looking" or "perfectly formed" but simply form-able. You can teach someone who loves teenagers theology, but you can't always teach a theologian to love teens.

Each Core Member discerns his/her commitment to the ministry for the length of the school year - roughly September to May. A Core Member at St. Mary makes three crucial commitments: a commitment to God (Christ, the Church, and personal spiritual growth), a commitment to the teens (minister to teens through building Christ-centered relationships), and a commitment to the ministry (present at Edge/ Life Nights, Core meetings/socials, retreats, etc.). However, no Core Member will be expected to ever allow these three commitments to override their primary vocation to their family.

Being a part of the Core Team is truly stewardship in action: recognizing the gifts that God has blessed you with, and returning those gifts to God by using those gifts at the service of those who need them. Leading teens closer to Christ is one of the most important works of the Church today - will you join the Team?

Responsibilities:

After discerning a call to be a part of youth ministry, a Core Member makes three commitments:

- Commitment to God

A Core Member must first and foremost have a commitment to God, the Church, and their spiritual growth. They need to have an active prayer life, frequent the Sacraments, and continue to grow in their understanding of the Church and her teachings. People serving as Core Members must be willing to live in accord with the teachings of the Church. Core Members do not need to be perfect, but they do need to be striving for holiness.

- Commitment to the Teens

This ministry demands a willingness to dive into the lives of young people. A Core Member must be involved in relational ministry with the teens - willing to connect with teens not only socially but spiritually as well. This commitment lies at the heart of everything we are at St. Mary. This is done through teachings, small groups and relational ministry time.

- Commitment to the Ministry

Finally, it is important that Core Members work as a team with the youth ministers to provide quality ministry to teens. This includes being present at Edge/Life Nights and retreats, and being present and involved in other weekly activities that may come up. Although there are significant time commitments, this ministry should never supersede a Core Member's primary vocation to family.