

May 1, 2023

Dear Core Team Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our leadership group, "CORE TEAM". Many of you are wondering "What is CORE TEAM anyway?" Simply put, CORE TEAM is a leadership team that is an extension of our already existing Youth Ministry Programs Jesus' Fish and JP2 at Our Lady of Peace Parish. To be a part of CORE TEAM, you must complete this application packet and be interviewed by Cat. Then you must be officially selected and accept to be a part of the CORE TEAM.

CORE TEAM will be a year long service and leadership commitment from June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024. You will participate in on-going training meetings, serve our youth ministry programs as leaders, and attend special trips & retreats just for CORE TEAM! You will be expected to hold yourself accountable to your actions and carry yourself as a Christian and Catholic both in and out of youth ministry experiences. This application will go more into detail of what exactly will be expected of you as a member of the CORE TEAM.

As a youth minister I try to lead all of the youth closer to Christ through His teachings in the Gospel as well as the teachings and truths of our Catholic Church. While the role of a youth minister is an important one, the role of evangelization of youth is very dependent upon YOU-their peer! YOU are the one in school each day with friends who may not know the Lord. YOU are the one who has influence over your friends through social media and texting communication. YOU are the one who can help save a friend's soul! That is why I invite YOU to apply to be a part of the CORE TEAM. Your influence on another person can be the difference in their faith and in their life! And now with JohnPaul, your help to me is needed more than ever at Youth Group!

As someone committed to the CORE TEAM, you will be at the heart of our youth ministry program. You will have the opportunity to live out the Gospel in a more profound way by being a witness to your peers. This occurs through positive interactions with the others that come to Youth Group and through your witness. Because of this, high expectations are held for CORE TEAM members; therefore, I am looking for teens who have a love for our Catholic faith and enthusiasm to show it. It is also important to note that this is not an exclusive club nor is it an entitlement for all who apply; this carries a specific missionary purpose.

Pray about this....if you feel God has given you the ability to be a leader of our youth groups and is calling you to apply for CORE TEAM, then please fill out the application on the next few pages. Please understand that this is a commitment and much will be expected of you. However Jesus' tells us himself in Luke 12: 28 "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." He will be there guiding you through it. And so will I! Just as Jesus gave His example of serving when He said "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" in Matthew 20:28, so we too will be serving others.

Applications are due to Cat (me) **by, June 1st**. Please scan or take a photo of each page you wrote on and email it to me at cmorales@olopp.org. Fr. Sanjai and I will review the applications and will notify those who are selected for an interview during the first week of June. If you should have any questions about the application, please feel free to contact me at cmorales@olopp.org

Cat Morales -Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Our CORE TEAM prayer...

Radiating Christ

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Yours.

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus!

Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine, so to shine as to be a light to others;

the light, O Jesus, will be all from You;

none of it will be mine:

it will be You shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise You in the way You love best:

by shining on those around me.

Let me preach You without preaching, not by words, but by my example, by the catching force,

the sympathetic influence of what I do,

the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You.

(This Prayer was recited daily after Communion by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her Sisters of Charity. We will recite it at the beginning of each planning session.)

Teen Litany of Humility

Composed by the First CORE TEAM in 2013 ○

Jesus! Gentle and humble of heart, **“Hear me.”**

Respond after each of the following: **“Deliver me, Jesus...”**

From wanting to be loved by everyone, From wanting to be accepted,
From wanting to be the best,
From wanting to be popular,

From wanting to be respected From wanting to be envied, From wanting to be
praised, From wanting to be famous,

From the fear of being hated,
From the fear of being hurt,
From the fear of being replaced,
From the fear of being betrayed,
From the fear of being judged for being myself, From the fear of being bullied,

From the fear of being embarrassed, From the fear of being alone,
From the fear of being forgotten, From the fear of being lied to,

From the fear of being different,
From the fear of responding to my vocation, From the fear of feeling unworthy of
God's love,

Respond after each of the following: **“Jesus grant me the grace to desire it”**

That others may be more humble than I, That others may be loved more than I,
That others may be admired more than I, That others may have more joy than I,
That others may be blessed more than I, That others may be smarter than I,

That others may do God's will more than I, as long as I follow God's will as I
should.

CORE TEAM

Commitment

What you'll gain...

- The joy of working for Christ to lead other teens to Him by your example
 - Fellowship and companionship with other CORE TEAM members...we are like a little family! -A deeper understanding and developing of your own spiritual life
 - The opportunity to discover and develop your specific talents
 - An opportunity to help plan and implement the 2023-2024 Youth Ministry schedule
 - A summer overnight leaders retreat
 - A picture of the team on our website www.olopyouthministry.com
 - A personalized CORE TEAM tshirt with your name on the back
- Service hours (if needed for your school, NHS, scholarships, etc) and an awesome high school or college resume builder

^Cool Tshirts to wear to special events!

Commitment

What is being asked of you...

- A one-year commitment to OLOPP's youth ministry program (June 1, 2023-May 30, 2024)
- A love for Jesus, His Mother Mary, His Church, the Sacraments and being Catholic
- Be a faithful, practicing Catholic (attend Sunday Mass, accept the teachings of the Catholic Church, seek to be faithful to a daily life of prayer and through the sacrament of confession.)
- Constantly striving to be the person God created you to be
- Willingness to set this example to others at all times (In and out of youth group- no 'double life syndrome')

- Support and encourage other CORE TEAM members
- Be active and involved in Youth Group meetings for Jesus Fish Guppies, Jesus Fish and JP2
- Relational ministry – reaching out to other teens on a consistent basis and inviting them to Youth Group via social media, text, casual encounter/conversation, school/Religious Education
- Attend and assist at Youth Group meetings, events and Jr. Spiritual Guidance
- Assist with various other needs of our parish
- Commit also to CORE TEAM planning sessions meetings which are held once every 2 months on a Monday from 515pm-630pm
- Commit to attend our CORE TEAM Summer retreat
- You will be placed on a rotating schedule for set up/clean up at YG meetings & events

CORE TEAM

Commitment of meetings & events

June 22nd: CORE TEAM Summer meeting 6:30pm Mass at the parish, followed by a planning for the carnival and a potluck dinner.

July 12-13th: Core Team Retreat! It will begin at 3pm on the 12th and end at 12pm on the 13th. We will be staying at the Discovery House in Nesco, NJ (near Hammonton).

August 14th: CORE TEAM Summer meeting 515-630pm: Planning for Youth Group's Kick Off & Fall events

Mandatory Monday once every 2 months in Aug, Oct, Dec, March & May:

CORE TEAM planning meetings are from 515pm-630pm

Please Note: You will be expected to be at the regularly scheduled youth ministry (Jesus' Fish & JP2) meetings, Spiritual Guidance, events and service projects as much as possible. Specific dates which you will be required to be there when on set up & clean up will follow at our planning sessions.

Please Read!

1. **SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO Cat BY Thursday, June 1, 2023.**
2. Please answer all of the questions.
3. Please clearly TYPE or PRINT each answer. Use separate paper when necessary.
4. Very Important: Rest assured that all information is confidential and will only be seen by Cat & Fr. Sanjai.

CORE TEAM YOUTH APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Birth Date:
Please circle t-shirt size (adult sizes):

Please provide all contact info below.

Your Email:
Parents, it ok to text your child?: _____ Parent's Cell Phone:

Street Address:
City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code:
_____ Email Address:

PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS

Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary and neatly number and write your responses.

1. Why are you interested in becoming a CORE TEAM member?

2. What strengths would you bring to the CORE TEAM?

Age: _____ Grade in September: _____ Small Medium Large X-Large 2XL

!Your Cell Phone: _____

3. No person is without weaknesses. That being said, what are areas of growth for you?

4. As a member of the CORE TEAM you will be an example of Christ, this is in all that you do; how you dress, how you act, language and behavior, while also maintaining a positive attitude despite difficulties. This includes on social media. Do you think you can meet these high standards? Please explain.

5. What does being Catholic mean to you? What is your prayer life like? Do you attend Mass regularly?

AVAILABILITY

6. Due to the obligations and expectations to be a CORE Team leader, can you commit to making our CORE Team meetings? If no please explain.

7. As a leader you are expected to regularly attend JP2 Youth Group meetings, Spiritual Guidance and Coffee Tuesdays. Do you plan to make these meetings a priority in your schedule? I understand people are busy with other obligations, but I expect some effort to participate on your end. Please explain if you have other commitments/concerns.

8. You will be required to communicate as a team through the app called "Group Me". Can you regularly check that app when there is a notification and reply to my questions?

Please Keep in Mind...

It is the responsibility and duty of Our Lady of Peace Parish's Youth Ministry Program to ask a CORE TEAM member to step down from their position in order to protect the integrity of the ministry if any of the following occur:

Immoral behavior that contradicts the mission of Our Lady of Peace Parish Youth Ministry and more importantly the Catholic Church

A lack of commitment and inconsistency in attendance

TEEN APPLICANT

I am aware that the information on this application is filled out to the best of my knowledge and is true. I have taken the time to read this, I have discussed it with my parents, and I have prayed about being involved on the CORE TEAM for the Youth Ministry Program at Our Lady of Peace Parish.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

I am aware and supportive of the fact that my child is interested in pursuing a life in Christ and willing to give a one-year commitment to the CORE TEAM for the Youth Ministry Program at Our Lady of Peace Parish.

This commitment will help himself/herself grow in their faith life, consistently attend JP2 Youth Group, and spread the Gospel message to others by the witness of his/her life in accord with Catholic teaching. As the parent(s)/guardian(s) of this teen, I will do my best to support my child in their faith, take them to Sunday Mass weekly and encourage them to uphold the commitment that they are making to the CORE Team as a leader both in their faith and in their Youth Group.

Parent Name(s) (Printed)

Signature(s)

Today's Date