

2009/2010 JUNIOR PEER MINISTER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in Junior Peer Ministry! As you may or may not know, this year we are introducing Junior Peer Ministry for rising 10th graders. This branch of peer ministry will be a transitional year for those seriously considering serving on the PIT Crew (upper classmen peer ministers). Each applicant is asked to pray about serving as a Junior Peer Minister this upcoming 09/10 school year before applying. Junior Peer Ministers will be able to serve with the Middle School Youth Group and also with the Confirmation Program. Junior Peer Ministers will NOT be assigned to a Confirmation Small Group like the PIT Crew. While Junior Peer Ministers and the PIT Crew have different responsibilities, every Peer Minister is expected to be a student leader, committed to Jesus Christ through Catholicism. Peer Ministers are called to support and encourage each other and to lead other youth by example into a relationship with Christ. They accomplish this goal by taking an active role in the Faith Life of the Community and by living their discipleship to Jesus Christ everyday.

JUNIOR PEER MINISTRY GUIDELINES:

~**Peer Ministers** accept the Biblical teaching that the human body is a Temple Of The Holy Spirit and thus are expected to commit to abstinence from sexual activity, drugs and alcohol.

~**Peer Ministers** are active members of the Parish Community of St. Joseph Fullerton. This includes participation in weekly Sunday Liturgy and Parish-wide events. Leadership roles in Liturgy are strongly encouraged i.e. servings as lectors, readers, hospitality ministers, choir members, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers, etc...

~**Peer Ministers** attend all monthly meetings. (To be scheduled)

~**Junior Peer Ministers** take responsibility (with the Coordinator of Youth Ministry) for leadership planning and running of SJYM events in the following areas:

→ *Large Group Confirmation Programming & Middle School Youth Ministry.*

~**Peer Ministers** are required to attend the Peer Ministry Retreat, August 21-23 2009. If there is a serious reason this retreat cannot be attended, please contact the Coordinator of Youth Ministry as soon as possible. This retreat is designed as spiritual preparation for the Ministry we are beginning this school year. During this retreat, Peer Ministers will be encouraged to partner with another, as prayer partners for the purpose of mutual support, and accountability (where appropriate).

~**Peer Ministers** must be STAND certified before beginning serving with the ministry

~**Peer Ministers** are Mandatory Reporters. They are often treated as confidants, requiring them to honor confidentiality. However, when a Peer Minister acquires knowledge (not hear say) that someone intends to do violence to themselves or to others, the Peer Minister **is required, by law**, to report this information to a parent or other adult **AND to one of the Youth Coordinators** as soon as it is practical (within 24 hours). Not reporting because, "I thought he/she was just trying to get extra attention." would be a dangerous risk, not worth taking.

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Please return to the Youth Ministry Office before June 7th 2009

Name _____

E-Mail _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

Do You Have Facebook? Y N

Rising Grade _____

High School _____

What Year Were You Confirmed? _____

I am interested in serving on the following team(s) (please circle):

Large Group Confirmation

Middle School Youth Ministry

If interested in serving with Middle School Youth Ministry please note that the Middle School Youth Group will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday's of the month from 6:30-8:00pm.

Junior Peer Ministers will need to commit to helping between 6:00-8:15pm.

Consistent involvement with LIGHT (High School Youth Ministry) is expected.

There is also a once a month Peer Ministry Meeting that is required

My parent/guardian and I have discussed this opportunity and understand the importance of being a peer minister. We understand that should I be chosen as a peer minister, I will be expected to contribute to both the planning and running of various events depending on the apostolate applied for.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

There is a mandatory information meeting for all interested in applying on Sunday June 7th at 7pm in the lower level of the Youth Center, if you cannot attend please call the YM Office ASAP!

Why are you interested in being a Junior Peer Minister?

What gifts do you feel you bring to the Peer Ministry Team?

What other experiences have you had that are relevant to helping you serve as a Peer Minister?

Why do you feel you would be a good Peer Minister?

On a separate sheet of paper please write an essay on why you feel serving in this ministry is important to you and the Church.