

## 2009/2010 PEER MINISTER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in Peer Ministry! As you may or may not know, this year Peer Ministry is being expanded so as to minister to the Confirmation, Middle School and High School ministries. Each Peer Minister is asked to pray about which apostolate they feel called to serve this year. While each team's weekly and monthly responsibilities will differ each 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.

### 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)

~**Peer Ministers** take responsibility (with the Coordinator of Youth Ministry) for leadership and planning of SJYM events on one of the following three teams:  
***Confirmation, Middle School, High School.***

~**Peer Ministers** are required to attend the Day Retreat (in August). If there is a serious reason this retreat cannot be attended, alternate training will be offered. 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Do You Have Facebook?      Y      N

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

What Year Were You Confirmed? \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Served as a Peer Minister Before?      Y      N

If Yes, How Many Years? \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying to serve on the following team (please circle one):

Confirmation                  Middle School                  High School

*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.*

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*Signature of Applicant*                  \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*                  \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

Applications must be returned to the Youth Ministry office by Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

There will be a Peer Ministry Information Meeting that is mandatory for all those applying on June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the lower level of the Youth Center.

If you cannot make this meeting please call the Youth Ministry Office ASAP

Why are you interested in being a 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 chose the apostolate marked on this application and why you feel serving in this ministry is important to you and the Church.