

YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER JOB DESCRIPTION

By saying “yes” to volunteer for the Youth Ministry programs at St. Dominic’s, you have stated your belief that young people are important to the life of the church. As a Lifelong Faith Formation Leader for youth, you will give a significant amount of your time and talents. The Youth ministry department recognizes your commitment and pledges to support your efforts. Following are the expectations of you and what you can expect from us, as a volunteer leader.

TASKS TO BE PREFORMED

- To become personally acquainted with the youth in your group.
- To plan, present and evaluate sessions based on the materials provided by the Director of Youth Ministry (DYM). Supplemental materials may be used with approval.
- To provide an atmosphere which is conducive to the learning needs and styles of teens.
- To provide the youth with an opportunity to be of service to others by planning and implementing a service session with your small group.
- To assist youth in the development of a prayer life.
- To communicate concerns, questions, and suggestions to the DYM.

ABILITIES/ATTRIBUTES NEEDED

- Possess an understanding of learning styles, faith development.
- An understanding of and openness to post Vatican II theology.
- A willingness to always state the Catholic view/teaching
- Ability to communicate with teens, parents and peers and DYM
- An Christian example in conduct and speech - modeling Christian values to others.
- An active participation in the life of the church.
- Must be Virtus trained and have read and signed the Safe environment for Children Acknowledgement and the Code of Ethics for St. Dominic Parish.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend planning sessions as scheduled.
- Attend in-services as time permits.
- Participate in all aspects of the program.
- Be prepared for all tasks to which you agreed.
- Arrange for substitute catechists, when necessary.
- Pray for the teens and other members of the team.
- Keep well informed of all youth programs.

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT

- One year, renewable by mutual agreement of catechist and DYM.

SUPERVISION/SUPPORT

- Youth Ministry Leaders are directly responsible to the DYM. The DYM is directly responsible to the pastor.
- Monthly planning sessions
- Provided with all necessary resources and supplies.
- The DYM will be open to listen to your needs and concerns and provide necessary supervision as well as to be committed to praying for you.

TRAINING

- An orientation and beginners training is offered.
- In-services, on a quad-parish level, and archdiocesan level.
- Catechists are encouraged to attend adult education offerings throughout the Archdiocese.

BENEFITS

- ½ tuition reduction for children of catechists.
- A \$100 - \$300 stipend, based on clock hours and/or competencies completed toward certification.
- Some reimbursement for workshops attended outside of St. Dominic.