

YOUTH CORE TEAM

APPLICATION

Youth Core Team is:

- A Church Leadership program that allows high school students to use their gifts and talents to serve our students in Clare's Kids, EDGE, and/or Confirmation programs.
- An opportunity to develop skills like team communication, planning, public speaking, time management, facilitating discussion groups, hospitality, using the Bible, evangelization, and more...
- Training that will help youth grow in their faith and live it out at church, in school, and at home.
- For any High School student who has already been Confirmed in their faith. (If not confirmed yet, you must be at least a junior in high school to apply.)
- Fun, exciting, entertaining, and a great way to make new friends!
- Hard work that demands time, commitment, and sacrifice.
- Good for service hours at school as long as there is regular attendance to all mandatory meetings.

Youth Core Team is not:

- Necessary for participation in Life Teen events (all Life Teen events are open to friends, neighbors, etc...).
- For extroverts only.
- A clique or club.
- A chance to prove you are better than others.

Expectations

Being part of the Youth Core Team is an important job that requires FAITH, HUMILITY, and LEADERSHIP. We take it very seriously, so the following expectations are to help you do the best job possible! This is what is expected of EVERY Youth Core Team member:

- Every participant should attend Mass regularly (at least every Sunday).
- Participants are required to attend ALL meetings and training on time and complete all their work by assigned deadlines.
 - Completing your work means that your work has been reviewed and approved by church staff or other appointed volunteers.
- All participants are expected to keep up good communication. Frequently check their email and other means of communication and *always respond back*.
- Participants are expected to follow the Code of Conduct and Covenant.
- All participants will be required to undergo leadership formation before being allowed to serve in the 2024-2025 school year.
- Every participant must keep a calendar, meeting notes, and a binder for all assigned projects.
- Youth Core Team must always keep an inclusive and welcoming spirit towards others. They are to show kindness and respect to all around them.
- Youth Core Team should always strive to keep a positive and constructive attitude with themselves and others.
- Youth Core Team should be actively pursuing holiness in their own lives and seeking to make a positive influence on others around them.

Covenant:

To be a Christian Leader is to...

"... Live a life worthy of the call you have been given"
Ephesians 4:1

I believe that I have been called by God
I have been called to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him.
I have been called to live a life of ongoing, deepening relationship with Him.
I believe that He loves me in an extraordinary and personal way,
and that He is calling me to share His love with others.
I believe that God is calling me to be an active member of His Church.
I believe that God is inviting me to live out this call in Christian Leadership.
And I will answer this call.
I commit to striving toward being worthy of the call that the Lord has given me.
I commit to praying daily so that I may continue to grow in my love for Christ
and His Church,
and so that I may more fully and powerfully receive and accept His love for me.
I commit to remembering that my Catholic Faith is not just something that I do
but who I am.
It is who I am called to be.
It is my identity. It is myself.
It is my call to grow in holiness,
It is the way that God asks me to help others grow in holiness.
I will seek to serve Christ by ministering to my peers.
I will seek to let Christ serve me by letting my peers
and others in the Church minister to me.
I will seek to find Christ in everyone I meet,
and to really encounter Him personally through the Sacraments and private prayer.
Because I am a Christian Leader. Because I have been called

Please keep this covenant for your own personal use.

Saint Clare of Assisi
Youth Core Application
DUE DATE: June 30, 2024

By filling out the following application, you are indicating that you have thoroughly read this packet and are willing to follow through with all commitments this program requires.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Nickname
Date of Birth	Current Age	Grade & School attending Fall of 2024	
Street Address (_____)_____		City, State	Zip Code
Youth Cell Phone		Parent's Email Address	
Youth Email Address		Parent's Email Address	

Check the areas that interest you:

- Clare's Kids Youth Core Team (Grades 3-5)**
This role requires regular attendance on Sunday afternoons from 12:00-2:00pm. It could include tasks such as being a game leader, small group facilitator, prayer leader, and lesson presenter.
- Confirmation Small Group Leader (Grade 8)**
This role requires regular attendance on Sunday afternoons from 12:00-2:00pm. It could include tasks such as being a game leader, small group facilitator, prayer leader, and lesson presenter.
- Confirmation Retreat (Grades 8)**
This role requires attendance at all planning meetings and preparing talks, prayers, and activities for the 8th grade Confirmation Retreat. All Youth Core Leaders must be present for the entirety of the retreat day.

Other Responsibilities for Youth Core Team might include:

- Leadership roles for Life Teen
- Leadership roles at First Communion Retreat or Confirmation Mass
- Involvement in evangelization and community events

MANDATORY DATES (mark these dates in your calendar):

- Training:** August 6, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Parish Offices
- Training Retreat: August 23-24**

RECOMMENDED DATE:

- Mission Week - Micah 6:8 - July 15-19, 2024**

Commitment:

I understand that these meetings are mandatory and I am expected to arrive on time and to fully participate in every component of the Youth Core Team to which I am assigned.

Sign:

Youth Name

Date

Parent Name

Date

Peer Ministry Code of Conduct

1. You are called to be Ambassadors for Christ to your friends and family. For this reason, you must avoid illegal and un-Christian activities throughout your daily life—at church, at school, at home, on social media, and with friends. This includes stealing, violence, reckless driving, drinking, smoking, bullying and drug use.
2. You should always respect adults in authority, this includes: parents, teachers, priests, parish staff, core members, etc...
3. You must refrain from inappropriate physical contact. You must also refrain from sexual harassment (verbal or physical), inappropriate jokes, inappropriate displays of affection, cursing, foul language, and using God's name in vain and any other comments not befitting for a representative of the Church.
4. You must be welcoming and inclusive of all students regardless of age, race, school, and opinions which they hold.
5. You must stay focused and devoted to the tasks at hand and those assigned to you.
6. Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok or any public website/social media platform must never be used to share negative opinions of Saint Clare of Assisi, the Catholic Church, or any individuals connected to Youth Ministry.

I have read the above contract and agree to all terms and conditions. I am interested in serving on the Youth Core Team for the 2024-2025 school year. I know what is expected of me, and I am eager to serve the Church in this way. By signing this form, I understand that my failure to comply with all expectations can result in being excused from the Youth Core Team program.

Youth Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Essays (if your essays exceeds this space, please attach to application)

Why are you interested in joining the Youth Core Team?

What could the Youth Core Team do to make an impact in our parish community?

Describe your personal relationship with God, or a personal encounter you had with God.

“She [the church] exists in order to evangelize” (Evangelii Nuntiandi, Pope Paul VI). Why is evangelization so important?

Looking at John 13:5 “Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.” Why do you think this verse is so important to us, both as Christians, but also specifically to those on the Youth Core Team?

Is there any part of being on the Youth Core Team that makes you nervous? Are there any particular skills you would like to improve?
