

# Quest Youth Ministry

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Hello Newly Confirmed and Parents!

**Congratulations!** Please read this entire message to receive important information regarding our **ongoing Quest program**. High school teens are invited to strengthen and deepen your faith through continued participation in Quest.

Quest is just one of many “access points” that we offer to help teens grow and live in faith. *The small Christian community aspect of Quest groups is what emboldens us to live radically the Gospel of Jesus Christ.* Through these small groups, we hope teens continue to connect with one another and your community through service, social events, faith-based discussions, and other various opportunities.

Throughout high school you will encounter evolving needs and challenges, and many demands on your time. During these years, your Quest group may change, your relationships may change, and group dynamics will shift. All of this is normal. As you grow and develop in faith, it will change how our groups look.

When a teen registers for Quest after Confirmation, it is important to ask yourself:

- What do I want to be the focus of our group?
- Do I want to spend more time with parish friends?
- Do I want to make service my focus?
- Do I want to learn and study more about my faith?
- Do I want to be able to discuss with my peers issues that relate to challenges in the church and world?

One of the great aspects of Quest after Confirmation is that you have an increased voice in shaping your participation and group activities. Quest leaders will help groups discern what they would like to do as a group and/or with other groups throughout the year. You also will also be encouraged to help Olivia Hollman, our new youth minister, shape opportunities for youth within the parish.

Quest is all about meeting the diverse spiritual needs of our teens. However, it is not a prerequisite for participating in other events, activities, or service opportunities. All parish teens are invited to pray about your involvement in all areas of parish life. Do you want to serve in a parish ministry? Do you want to join Church League Basketball? Do you want to participate in other events? These are all great and wonderful things that a you can do whether or not you participate in a Quest group.

Over the next few weeks, we will be finalizing the list of current Quest group leaders that will continue to lead a group in your sophomore year. I ask you to complete the Quest group registration form so that we know how many groups we need to have **We are open to welcoming new leaders** and forming new groups.

Peace,

Fr. Bill Tkachuk