

TEEN LEADERSHIP APPLICATION for Freshman/Sophomore Retreat 2019 (Jan. 4-6)
Due by AUGUST 31, 2018

Section One: Personal Information

First and Last Name _____ Church _____

School _____ Grade/Class _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Email _____

Cell (_____) _____

Circle or write the retreat you attended/led: K26 / K27 / K28 / K29 / Identity / Fretus, other: _____

Circle or write in which you have participated in: St. Cletus Youth Ministry, Crossroads, Quest, other: _____

Section Two: Guidelines and Expectations

Each student leader will be responsible for the following items. **Please initial** that you have read and agree. These are necessary and mandatory in order to make our Youth Ministry successful. If you are unwilling to participate in these necessary steps please do not continue with this application.

- A. Recognize that your lifestyle choices, before, during and after the retreat, including social media use (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, snapchat, etc.), are an example to others and should reflect good moral decisions. We understand mistakes have been made in the past but hope that this community of believers can sustain your ability to make good decisions going forward. If not, you may be removed from the team. ____ (initials)
- B. Meeting with the whole team for teambuilding, discernment and calendar scheduling meeting. Once set, confirm availability with home and work, notifying the team immediately if there are adjustments needed. Then you will meet regularly to prepare for your event. ____ (initials)
- C. Meeting, without delay, with an adult mentor to assist you in your preparations for your role. __ (initial)
- D. Leading a specific area within the ministry. ____ (initials)
- E. As a Youth Ministry Teen Leader, these meetings and preparations will be made a priority. I understand that if I miss more than one meeting I will be in jeopardy of losing my leadership role. ____ (initials)

*The meeting dates and times for Frosh/Sophomore Retreat are:

Thurs., September 13th at 6:30-8pm (at St. John of the Cross)

Sun., October 14th at 10:30am-noon (at St. Francis Xavier)

Sat., November 3rd (time TBD): team service trip to Feed My Starving Children

Sun., November 11th at 1-3pm (at St. Cletus)

Sun., November 25th at 4-5:30pm (at St. Francis Xavier)

Sun., December 2nd at 1-2:30pm (at St. John of the Cross)

Sun., December 30th at 1-4pm (at St. Cletus)

Wed., January 2nd at 6-9pm: WORK NIGHT (at St. Cletus)

Fri., January 4th to Sun., January 6th: FROSH/SOPHOMORE RETREAT!

- F. Evaluating the event afterwards and staying connected & being a support to the other teenagers you encounter as we share our faith. ____ (initials)

Please sign in your agreement to participate fully: _____

Section Three: Interview Schedule

In order to ensure we know you and to merge together teens from all parishes, the Coordinators of Youth Ministry, Barb Campbell, MaryClaire Zurowski, Olivia Hollman, and Katie Nicholson will be meeting with small groups of applicants for a discerning interview. This will allow us to know you better and find the right place for you to serve. We will meet at the **St. Cletus Parish Center**. Please mark any times you are **NOT** available:

For Frosh/Sophomore Retreat leadership applicants:

Wed. September 5th: 6:30-7pm ___ 7-7:30pm ___ 7:30-8pm ___

We will be in touch via email to confirm your slot by **Sunday, Sept. 2—please check email and confirm.**

Section Four: Parent/Guardian UNDERSTANDING

Please have a parent read and complete the following:

Your Son/Daughter is applying to be a student leader in our youth ministry. We would like you to acknowledge this application, with some understanding of the commitment on his/her part and the role in which parents of leaders play. **Please read the Guidelines and Expectations on reverse and understand that your support is critical.** Also, read the description of parent involvement below.

Our ministry serves our teens and their families. In order to make this possible we rely on the effort of parents to support our ministry. Here are a variety of roles that parents of our teen leaders provide:

Prayer for team and retreatants; shopping for supplies; assisting your son/daughter with reflections and tasks as needed; helping to lead a parent follow-up meeting upon retreatants’ return; holding reunions in their home; and recruiting teens to our ministries by sharing the good things you have encountered.

Along with new retreatants, the teen leaders pay a retreat fee of \$150 to help cover expenses of the retreat center. If this cost presents a problem please speak to us; we do not want this to limit your applying.

Please sign below in awareness of your son/daughter’s desire to serve with our ministry, the importance of the commitment being made and the inclusion of you behind the scenes!

Parent Names and cell #s: _____

Parent Emails: _____

Parent Signature **agreeing to above details:** _____

Please return this completed application by Friday, August 31st to:

St. Cletus Parish Center, St. John of the Cross Parish Center, or St. Francis Xavier Rectory office

Section Five: Applicant Reflections

A. In a few short sentences, please explain why you want to be a teen leader on Frosh/Sophomore Retreat:

B. What other extra-curricular activities (clubs, sports, works, musicals, theater, scouts, etc) do you plan to participate in next year? When, **specifically**, do they take place?

Activity	Season	Days of the week	times

C. Please rank these aspects of youth ministry leadership as you feel most called to them: 1(most) to 7 (least)

- Sharing about Jesus’s love in my life
- Building relationships with other teens
- Building relationships with adult mentors
- Working as a team member to accomplish goals
- Inviting others to be a part of our church youth ministry
- Learning about and sharing prayer with others
- Connecting music to God’s love