

Peer Ministry: An Overview

Holy Trinity's Peer Ministry program involves high school teens who are willing to serve, lead, and support their peers as they develop a deeper experience of God's love. Through a wide variety of activities, Holy Trinity's Peer Ministry will help foster in their fellow teens a life changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

Team members should: have a personal understanding of Jesus and an openness to growing in faith, have a desire and willingness to share that understanding with others, be spiritually and emotionally healthy, be free of serious wrong doing in their life, and be in high school by September 2014.

Applicants need to know and understand this commitment to Holy Trinity's Peer Ministry involves a deep responsibility in time and talent. Consistent attendance, a commitment to daily prayer and the willingness to serve your peers is essential.

A member of the Peer Ministry team you will experience hard work, lots of fun, and the support and encouragement of a faith community, a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment, spiritual challenge and growth, and the satisfaction of serving others.

Application Procedures

Please note the requirements, application form, and the due date. Applications must be submitted on or before the due date.

1. Read over the information and prayerfully consider your call to serve as a Peer Minister.
2. Discuss the commitment with your parents.
3. Fill out the Application Form as completely as possible.
4. Carefully read over the Peer Ministry Agreement. Sign it if you are willing to adhere to it.
5. Return the completed Application Form and Retreat Permission Form to the office of Youth Ministries **no later than JUNE 7, 2017**. Forms can be mailed to Holy Trinity Youth Ministry, 315 First Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 or dropped off in the mailbox in front of the New Parish Center.

Holy Trinity
Peer Ministry Application 2017-2018 Pastoral Year

Please print clearly, especially your email address as this is the main form of correspondence from the Youth Ministry Office

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

High School _____ Grade in Sept. 2015 9 10 11 12

Email _____

1. Please state why you would like to serve as a Peer Minister.

2. How has God made a difference in your life? How has your faith changed or been strengthened in your teen years?

3. What do you feel defines you as a leader, and in what ways have you been a leader in the past?

4. What are some of your strengths and gifts and how can they benefit you as a Peer Minister?

Please feel free to use the back if you need more room. Thank you!

PLEASE SUBMIT TO THE OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY BY JUNE 7, 2017.

Holy Trinity Peer Ministry Servant Leadership Agreement

Jesus, in His life and ministry, showed us how to live in the world while remaining dedicated to God. Holy Trinity's Peer Ministers have chosen to use Jesus and His twelve disciples as the team model that all Peer Ministers will strive to follow.

The disciples lived as a community for three years as they were being taught by Jesus. As a member of Holy Trinity's Peer Ministry, I will help build our community by being consistent in attendance and by treating the other team members as I would like to be treated.

Jesus told His disciples to bring His good news to the entire world. I will do my best to share His good news with others through my words and prayers, and especially through my example.

Jesus established the Church to carry on His work and teachings. I choose to follow the teachings of the Church, and to carefully observe the rules the Church has established.

As a follower of Jesus, I must lead by example. I commit myself to a lifestyle that will be a model to my peers. I will not partake in drugs, alcohol, sex, profanity, negative talk, or gossip.

Jesus taught and modeled prayer. I commit myself to pray on a daily basis for myself and for the members of the Peer Ministry team. I will seek guidance from the Holy Spirit.

I recognize that I am here to serve others and not to be served. I will participate in Peer Ministry planning meetings and contribute to making CYO meetings and retreats a meaningful experience for all the young people who participate.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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