

# Middle School and High School Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Volunteer Opportunities

Please check which age group you feel most comfortable working with:

**Ignite**-grades 5&6

**EDGE** grades 7&8

**CONFIRMATION** grades 9-12

**LIFETEEN**-Post Conf.

Volunteers are essential to the success of our ministry. Please take time to read through the different volunteer opportunities and to discern where you best fit. Every job is important and valued.

<b>Volunteer Opportunity &amp; Time Commitment</b>	<b>Description</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Catechist (Sept-April)	Confirmation class takes place an average of 2-3 classes/month on Sunday evenings. The job of a catechist is to help hand on the Faith to the students in their ongoing formation by leading small group discussions and activities, give talks, testimonies, and overall share the witness of Jesus Christ with the teens. Core Team should be charismatic, energetic, love youth and love God. Confirmation preparation has a stronger emphasis on the content of the Faith, while encouraging teens to grow in their personal relationship with Christ and the Church. Catechists will also be asked to attend occasional trainings and seminars.
<input type="checkbox"/> LifeTeen Core Team (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Sept-May)	LifeTeen is a youth ministry program for high school students that takes place with a Mass on Sunday nights. LifeTeen will take place the first Sunday of the month. Core Team members help organize our LifeNights and will also be asked to attend occasional trainings and seminars.
<input type="checkbox"/> EDGE Catechist (Sept-May)	Edge meets 2-3 times/month on Tuesday evenings. Core Team members help organize our middle school Edge Nights, lead small group discussions, give talks, testimonies, and overall share the witness of Jesus Christ with the youth. Core Team should be charismatic, energetic, love youth and love God. Core Team will also be asked to attend occasional trainings and seminars.
<input type="checkbox"/> Service Projects (1-5 times/year)	By volunteering for service projects you will not only act as a chaperone for the youth in our program, but you will have an opportunity to further give back to your community by participating in the projects and activities. Projects typically take place on Saturday and are an average of 4 hours.
<input type="checkbox"/> Retreat Support (1-3 times/year)	Retreats are a great way to experience ministry on a deeper level. The purpose of a retreat is to provide young people with an experience to deepen his or her relationship with Christ. We will need people to help with behind the scenes setup, cleanup, food etc. ... It takes a lot of people to have a successful retreat.
<input type="checkbox"/> Worship Leaders (1 time a month)	Worship leaders will lead the music, vocal or instrumental, for LifeTeen Mass (monthly) and for praise & worship & prayer at ministry sessions or events.
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Events (4 times/year)	Organizing and coordinating social events for grades 5-8. Social events are an opportunity to form and strengthen relationships with our Saint Anne Youth.

# APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Ministry or Area you wish to volunteer in \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ Do you text? \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your occupation? (Please be specific)**

Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**What do you hope to gain from volunteering in this position?** \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any formal or informal training you may have for ministering with youth (RE, coaching, etc.)

What other organizations have you volunteered with (if any)?

What church ministries have you participated in during the last year?

Position	Supervisor	Church	City/State

Please list church/churches regularly attended in the past three years:

Church	City/State	When

Do you have an age level preference for your ministry? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

What level and why?

## Expectations of a Volunteer:

1. An active Catholic in good standing with the Church with no impediment to full communion
2. Reasonably knowledgeable, and believes in and supports the teachings of the Catholic Church
3. Comfortable relating to young people, genuinely likes and respects teens, and understands their developmental levels
4. Able to make a commitment and follow through
5. Willing to serve and put others first
6. Able to listen to and be available to teens
7. Is enthusiastic
8. Has a sense of humor (it helps!)
9. Is trustworthy; must be of good character, reputation, background, and record
10. Is prayerful
11. Maintains appropriate, professional boundaries with youth
12. Continues their lifelong formation in the Catholic faith
- 13. Must complete VIRTUS (Protecting God's Children) 3 hr. class. [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)**