

TEEN LEADERSHIP APPLICATION FOR Ministry Fall 2017- Spring 2018

(Graduating Seniors do not apply) due by April 7, 2017

Section One: Personal Information

First & Last Name _____ Church _____

School _____ Grade/Class _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Email _____

Cell (_____) _____

Circle or write the retreat you attended/led: K23 / K24 / K25 / Identity / Fretus / Day of Spirit, 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 & 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 & work and notify 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 mentors 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 & preparations will be made a priority. I understand that if I miss a meeting I will be in jeopardy of losing my leadership role. ____ (initials)
- 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 and retreats, the Directors of Youth Ministry, Katie Hayes, Elizabeth Tomasek and a SFX rep will be meeting with small groups of applicants for a discerning interview. This will allow us to know you better & find the right place for you to serve. Please mark any times you are **NOT** available: *For Kairos Retreat Applicants:*

Sun. April 23rd: 12-12:30pm__ 12:30-1pm__ 1-1:30pm__ 1:30-2pm__ 2-2:30pm__ 2:30-3pm__

Thurs. April 27th: 3-3:30pm__ 3:30-4pm__ 4- 4:30pm__ 4:30-5pm__ 5-5:30pm__ 5:30-6pm__

6-6:30pm__ 6:30-7pm__

For Frosh/Soph Retreat applicants: Tuesday May 16 5-5:30pm__ 5:30-6pm__ 6-6:30pm__ 6:30-7pm__

If none of these times work, please let us know here another afternoon or night that you could be available to set up an individual **interview** with us that week: _____

We will be in touch via email to confirm your slot by Thursday 4/20 night—**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 & retreatants; shopping for supplies; shopping for food; driving teens to & from the retreat center; making reminder calls to parents regarding details; assisting your son/daughter with reflections and tasks as needed; assisting with Night Supervision; holding reunions in their home; driving for service events; and helping recruit teens to our ministries by sharing the good things you have encountered.

The teen leaders pay a portion of retreat fee to help cover expenses of the retreat center, between \$150-\$200 depending on the retreat. If this cost presents a problem please speak to us; we do not want this to limit your applying.

We will meet with all the parents of the teen leaders to divide roles. We ask that you sign here 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 as a behind the scenes assistant!

Parent Names & cell #s: _____

Parent Emails: _____

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

Please return this completed application by Friday April 7th to:

St. Cletus Rectory Office or St. John of the Cross Parish Center
do NOT return to SFX

After the applications are reviewed, interviews are conducted we ask that you try to reserve Sunday April 30 7pm, when we will gather all the future leaders at St. John of the Cross Parish.

Name: _____

Section five: Youth Ministry Leadership Opportunity Choices

PLEASE rank your preferences: 1 (top) or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 (last), *if unavailable for something leave it blank*;
for sub-categories put check marks for those *you are available to lead*

Please realize that the more options you give us the better chance there is of you becoming a leader; however it may not be possible to accept all applicants as leaders.

___ Leadership Board / Youth Council / Teen Advisory Board
*recruit teens & adults to serve alongside you and draw all into deeper involvement
*meet with the board/council to collaborate & update throughout the year on Sundays

___ Frosh/Soph Retreat Team
*plan, prepare & present a winter weekend retreat to freshmen & sophomores
___ SJC Identity Jan. 8-9, 2018
___ SFX Jan.6-8, 2018
___ SC Jan or Feb 2018 (tbd)
*meet with the team 5-6 times over the summer and early fall, usually Sunday mornings

___ Confirmation Retreat Team / Prep help
*prepare & present the confirmation retreat to our parish 8th graders
___ SJC
___ SFX (work with Quest frosh groups for preparations)
*Meet with the team 4-5 times in late summer/early fall

___ F.o.u.r.t.h. Team, May 2017-May 2018
*plan, prepare and facilitate letter-writing & witness sharing parties, reunions, service & faith formation to help teens bring their Kairos experience into love in action all year long
*meet periodically as a team, host events held 3-4 times throughout your retreat focus
*will be a part of your assigned Kairos retreat team, focusing efforts on 4th day efforts

___ Kairos Retreat
*plan, prepare & present a retreat to juniors & seniors by meeting with the team 9-10 times
*meet with a mentor to help you write a reflection
___ July 27-30, 2017 ___ Nov. ???, 2017 ___ March ???? 2018

Section six: applicant reflections

A. In a few short sentences, please explain why you want to be a teen leader in our Church Youth Ministry:

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

D. Only if you have been on a Kairos, please answer these questions in 1-2 sentences (on this page only) with what comes to your mind first:

Why did you think God had you on your Kairos retreat?

In what ways have you changed because of Kairos?

Who is Christ to you and how have you responded to Christ?

How do you put your Love into Action?

What is one piece of your story that you would share during your reflection?

How have you been challenged to Live the Fourth?