

2022 / 2023 PEER MINISTRY APPLICATION

Immaculate Conception Peer Ministers are *Servant Leaders*:

Thank you for your interest in Peer Ministry! Our Peer Ministry Program will follow the servant leadership model, using Christ as our example of leadership and behavior. As a Peer Minister, you will learn leadership skills and habits that you will then be able to put into practice by helping plan and lead events for one or more of the following ministries: *Confirmation Ministry* and/or *EDGE (Middle School) Ministry*

Each applicant is asked to pray about serving as a Servant for the '22/'23 school year before applying. While every Servant Leader will have different responsibilities, everyone is expected to be a student leader, committed to Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church. Servant Leaders are called to support and encourage each other and to lead other youth by example into a relationship with Christ.

They accomplish this goal by taking an active role in the Faith Life of the Community and by living their discipleship to Jesus Christ everyday in word and deed.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP GUIDELINES:

~**Peer Ministry** is not an alternative to weekly youth group. It is an opportunity to go above and beyond what is learned and done on Sunday nights and put into practice our call to put into practice what we preach.

~**Servant Leaders** accept the Biblical teaching that the human body is a Temple of The Holy Spirit and thus are expected to commit to abstinence from sexual activity, drugs, and alcohol.

~ **Servant Leaders** are active members of the Parish Community of Immaculate Conception. This includes participation in weekly Sunday Liturgy and Parish-wide events. Leadership roles in Liturgy are strongly encouraged i.e. servings as lectors, hospitality ministers, music ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, Encounter ministers, etc...

~ **All Peer Ministers** attend 3 meetings a year. (One in the Fall, Winter, and Spring)

~ **Servant Leaders** are required to attend **the Servant Leadership Retreat**. This retreat is designed as spiritual preparation and to grow in understanding that we choose to serve as part of this ministry for OTHERS not OURSELVES.

~ **Peer Ministers** are invited to apply to serve and take responsibility (with the Coordinator of Youth Ministry) for leadership planning and running of events in the following areas:

→ ***Confirmation Peer Ministry (2nd Sunday of the month) and/or EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry (weekly Tuesday evenings)***

~ **Servant Leaders** must have received the Worthy of the Call Training

~ **Servant Leaders** are Mandatory Reporters. They are often treated as confidants, requiring them to honor confidentiality. However, when a Servant Leaders acquires knowledge (not hear say) that someone intends to do violence to themselves or to others, the Servant Leader **is required, by law**, to report this information to a parent or other adult **AND to one of the Youth Coordinators** as soon as it is practical (within 24 hours). Not reporting because, "I thought he/she was just trying to get extra attention." would be a dangerous risk, not worth taking.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

E-Mail _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

Would you like to share your Social Media Handle: _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Rising Grade _____ High School _____

What Year Were You Confirmed? _____

I am interested in serving on the following team(s) (please circle):

Confirmation

EDGE (Middle School Youth Ministry)

Consistent involvement with Life Teen (Sundays 6:45-8:30pm) is expected.

**There are 3 mandatory Peer Ministry Planning Meetings as well as the overnight retreat
Details for meetings coming soon!**

**Servant Leaders are required to attend the Servant Leadership Retreat:
August 27th 9:00am – August 28th 1:15pm @ O'Dwyer Retreat House**

My parent/guardian and I have discussed this opportunity and understand the importance of being a peer minister. We understand that should I be chosen as a peer minister, I will be expected to contribute to both the planning and running of various events depending on the apostolate applied for.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Please pray about and answer the following questions thoughtfully:

- 1) Why are you interested in being a Peer Minister?

- 2) What specific gifts do you feel you bring to the Servant Leadership Team?

- 3) Part of being a peer minister is having a relationship with Christ. We don't expect you to be perfect, but you (as well as us), should be actively trying to grow in your faith. Tell us about your relationship with God.

- 4) What do you hope to get out of serving as a Peer Minister?

- 5) We understand life happens, and sometimes you'll have to miss things. The only way we can grow a youth group, however, is if the leaders show up. If you are applying to be a peer minister, we expect consistent attendance for your chosen ministry (Confirmation and/or EDGE) and Life Teen. With this in mind, do you feel like you can fully commit to this position? Please explain.