



**BE A LIGHT
BE A CORE TEAM
MEMBER**

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Behold & Acts:
Core Team Information
& FAQ's

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What is the role of a Core Team member?

The Core Team consists of adults who have a passion and desire to lead young people closer to Christ. The “job” of the Core Team is to first and foremost be available to the teens.

Pope Paul VI wrote in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are first witnesses” EN 41.

Simply put: our first role in evangelizing is to be ourselves. Let the teens see you as you are: a mom or dad, a grandparent, someone living the single life – whatever stage of life you are in! The best way to communicate the Gospel is to show how the Gospel is being lived in your life. Be authentically you and the rest will follow.

This is a ministry that requires many different talents and personality types. Just as we have many teens that have different personalities we will need different Core Team members. For example, one person may have a very loud personality. This could be intimidating to a teen with shier, more introverted tendencies. That teen may bond with a Core Team member who shares that particular temperament. That’s why it’s so important to be yourself. Don’t be what you think a teen minister should be – God called YOU to this ministry, so be YOU!

Remember this: God doesn’t call the equipped – He equips the called! If you feel any apprehension or anxiety about not feeling capable to minister to young people just remember that. God called you to this, and He won’t leave you hanging. He knows what you’re capable of more than you do.

What are the requirements of a Core Team member?

- be willing to commit to being there as much as you can
- receive the proper safe environment training within 1 month of beginning volunteer work
- agree to teach the truths held by the Magisterium
i.e. regarding marriage, sexuality, sanctity of life etc.
- be active in Sacramental life/ practicing Catholic
i.e. attending Mass weekly

What is the time commitment?

One of the most important aspects of Youth Ministry is relationships. We are a “relational ministry” – that means our primary means of communicating the faith is through our friendship with the teens! As they get to know us, they see what an adult life in a journey with Christ is like. That’s why presence is key! Our young people are also in the midst of an ever changing time in their lives. Friends, boyfriends/girlfriends, etc. come and go but if we can be a constant source of friendship and spiritual mentorship for them it will mean the world. In a season of life when it can feel like everything is falling apart, it’s important for them to know that the Core Team at St Rose Youth Group loves them and will be there on Sunday or Monday to help them bring their problems to the Cross.

That being said, obviously everyone has busy lives with a lot going on! So, if you can’t make every meeting don’t give up on Core Team, just try your best to be there as consistently as possible.

Retreats are also a very important aspect of our ministry. Hopefully, these weekends will be a time our teens will remember for a life time. These are incredible opportunities for bonding and spiritual growth for our young people.

The important thing about being absent from nights and events is to let the Youth Minister know ahead of time if you can so the night can be planned accordingly. When a teen asks where you are it's a lot better to say "Joe's daughter is in a school play tonight- let's all say a prayer for her!" than "I honestly don't know where Joe is..." It helps the teens feel loved when they know why you aren't there.

Being on the Core Team means something incredibly special – you are about to be loved by a group of young people! Too often our youth feel like they aren't important. This is a chance to show them just how important they are to not only the Church but to each and every one of us!

Ideally you will be committing to attending Behold or Acts night every week from 5:30-8PM, one retreat per semester, Core Team trainings/ prep meetings once a month, and any extra Retreat Prep meetings.

What kind of things do Core Members do?

Youth Ministry is an active, joyful ministry! It's not like a normal class- there are many varied things we do! For example:

- *Playing games!* - when we plan a game for the teens it's so much more fun for them AND us if we play along!

- *Performing in skits and dramas* – fun skits can be a good ice breaker; it shows the teens our goofy side and can be a fun way to intro the night! During serious moments of prayer, a drama can be an effective tool to give a visual experience of our topic for the teens
- *Sharing your personal witness/testimony* – the stories of how Christ has touched our lives can be a game changer in teen’s lives. Perhaps they are struggling with something and feel alone. YOUR testimony can touch their heart and let them know that someone else understands, and that a life in Christ can help them too.
- *Small Group Leader*- giving the teens a chance to discuss their faith with their peers is a vital part of this ministry. It gives them a chance to discuss things with people their own age they otherwise probably wouldn’t talk about! Your active participation and guidance of the discussion shows them you care about what’s going on in their lives
- *Teaching* – if there is a topic you are passionate about let the Youth Minister know! It is always a great thing when one of the Core teaches- it shows the teens that our formation doesn’t end with high school – there are adults who are invested in learning and sharing about the Traditions and Teachings of the Church!

Not everyone will be comfortable with or able to do all of these things, and that’s ok! All we ask is that you come with a willing and open heart, and if you feel comfortable doing these things- do it! If there is something you feel a little anxious about but also intrigued, pray about it. God may be calling you to step out of your boat of comfort and into

the sea. Remember what Pope Benedict XVI said, “We are not made for comfort, we are made for greatness!” Pray about it and let the Youth Minister know how you feel about participating in different aspects.

What if I want to help but can't commit that much time?

We always need help in other areas! You have special talents, and I'm sure we can find a way to use them! Here are just a few ideas of ways you can be a part of this ministry:

- Cooking for parties, retreats, nights
- Helping organize fundraisers
- Helping set up on site for retreats
- Building/painting/creating “environments” for our nights and retreats
- Organizing donations i.e. food, prizes, etc
- Teaching on a particular topic
- Sharing your personal witness/testimony of how God has worked in your life

Fall Schedule

Behold: High School

September:

11th Kick-off Tailgate Party

18th Immaculata *Mary's Role in Salvation History*

25th Lost Ark *Sin and Salvation*

October:

9th Dwelling Place *The Paschal Sacrifice*

16th Eternal Crown *Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory*

23rd Outing

November:

4th-6th Fall Retreat @ Good Shepherd *Timeless*

13th The Tree *Creation and Fall*

20th The Void *The Nativity*

December:

11th Advent Family Series

18th Advent Family Series

Acts: Middle School

September:

12th Kick-off Epic Universe

19th Respond *Faith*

26th The Father *God as Father*

October:

10th Hidden *Creation of the Spiritual World*

17th What We See *Creation of Earth*

24th Final Creation *Creation of Humanity*

November:

14th The Big Lie *Fall of Man*

21st Bad News *Suffering and Evil*

December:

3rd - 4th Retreat @ Good Shepherd *Mercy Reigns*

11th Advent Family Series

18th Advent Family Series

Thank you for considering being a part of this ministry! Journeying with our young people toward Christ is a beautiful, joyful, fun, and NECESSARY mission! Our teens play a vital role in our Church, and it's up to the rest of the Church to teach them, walk with them, and let them know they are loved and important.

If you feel called to participate in this ministry please fill out the attached form and bring it in to the Parish Office.

If you have any questions or concerns please email, call, or feel free to stop by and see me in the Parish Office (or we can meet for coffee... I do love Starbucks!)

Thanks again, and God Bless you all!

- Allison Hagert , Youth and Young Adult Minister

Core Team Registration

2016-2017

Name: _____ DOB (day/month/year) _____

I would like to volunteer for (check one):

- Behold 9th-12th Grade
- Acts 6th-8th Grade

T-shirt size (please circle one) S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Do you have a child in the program? If so please list name and grade:

E-mail address _____

Cell Phone number _____

Do you agree to teach and uphold the Teachings and Traditions of the
Magisterium of the Catholic Church? (Please circle one) YES NO

Any comments/ concerns/ things you would like the Youth Minister to know?
(attach a page or write on back please)

Signature _____

Date _____

