

# St. Andrew the Apostle **EDGE** Middle School Youth Ministry

## CORE TEAM APPLICATION

### What is the CORE Team?

**St. Andrew's EDGE Core Team** is a group of adults who work together with the youth Faith Formation Director to run the Confirmation Program and Middle School Youth Group events. CORE supports our youth who are seeking to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation, provide behind-the-scenes support during Sunday evening youth group activities, and most importantly to accompany and mentor teens along their journey of Christian discipleship.

**To be a CORE member** all you need is a Love of Christ, a desire to let teens know they are loved by God and valued by their Church Community. You can be anywhere on the spectrum of your spiritual journey – just beginning or very seasoned. It takes people from all walks of life to create a well-rounded CORE Team; you don't need to be a theologian, a comedian, an educator, or an eloquent speaker.

### Expectations of ALL CORE:

- Have a personal commitment God
- Make Mass a priority; attending weekly
- Daily prayer routine
- Fully initiated in the Catholic Faith – received Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation
- Believe in the teachings of the Catholic Faith
- Seek to understand and trust in the wisdom and authority of the Catholic Church when challenges arise
- Have a strong desire to share your faith with Middle School Youth

### Time Commitment for CORE Members:

Confirmation CORE attend weekly Confirmation classes (Sunday Morning or Wednesday Evening)

- Attend 1 CORE Team meeting per month
- Assist and attend Confirmation Retreat February 2-4, 2018

EDGE CORE attend 3-4 Edge nights per month (Sunday evenings 6:30-8:30 PM)

- Attend 1 CORE meeting per month
- Assist with Fall Retreat planning
- Attend Fall Retreat (Optional)

### Application Process...

The application is a way for me to learn more about you and your interest in being part of St. Andrew's CORE Middle School Youth Ministry. We are in the process of re-building our Youth Ministry from the ground up and the application will help me learn more about the experiences and gifts each of you bring to the team. Please know that all responses will be kept private and not shared with others.

Please return the completed application form at your earliest convenience. You are welcome to drop it off at the parish office, scan it through email, fax, or send through snail mail. I will contact you regarding your interest and role in our youth ministry program shortly after receiving your application.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns about our EDGE program, the youth we serve, or the application process. I thank you in advance for taking the time to discern your fit within St. Andrew's Middle School EDGE program. I am excited to meet you and with the possibility of you joining our team!

God Bless!  
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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  HOME  CELL  WORK

Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  HOME  CELL  WORK

How do you prefer to be contacted regarding this application?  Email  Phone Call  Text

Best time to reach you by phone: Day(s):  M  T  W  Th  F  Sa  Su  
Times: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status:  Single  Engaged  Married  Divorced  
 Widowed  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have  Yes  No How many? \_\_\_\_\_ children?  No  
What are their ages?  0-4  5-9  10-14  15-18  18+

What is your current occupation?  Employed Full-time  Employed Part-Time  Student  
 Stay at home parent  Work from home  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*If currently employed:* Where do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your job title? \_\_\_\_\_

*If currently in School:* What school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What degree/trade are you working toward? \_\_\_\_\_

**SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND**

Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church?  Yes  No

Have you been Catholic your entire life?  Yes  No If no, approximately how long ago did you convert? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, what faith of religion did you practice before converting to Catholicism? \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND CONTINUED**

Growing up, what was your experience with faith and religion? Who or what shaped your religious beliefs or practice?

Have there been any times in your life that you have had conversion moments; turning point or “mountain top experiences” in your faith? What happened that changed your life and brought you closer to God/Jesus?

How would you describe your spiritual journey and your relationship with God today?

If given the chance to go back to your teenage years....what might you tell your younger-self about God, the Catholic Church or faith that you wish you had known then?

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**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE / PRIOR MINISTRY EXPERIENCE / PARISH INVOLVEMENT**

Please list or describe any non-parish work or volunteer experiences that you have had in which you worked with children or youth (Include organization name and work performed):

Please tell us your talents, strengths and/or spiritual gifts you possess that may be helpful to our team and ministry? (Can include hobbies, interests, organizations you belong to)

Are you/your family registered parishioners at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church?  Yes  No

If no, which parish do you belong or frequently attend Mass? \_\_\_\_\_

Which Mass do you attend most frequently?  Saturday 5:30pm  
 Sunday 7:30am  9:30am  11:30am  5:30 pm

Please check all the ways you have been an active volunteer for **youth-related** events or programs in your parish community:

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|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Pre-school (Wee-disciples) Teacher or aide | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vacation Bible School – Teacher or Aide     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| K-5 Faith Formation – Teacher or Aide      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Children’s Catechumenate/Children’s RCIA    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6-8 Faith Formation – Teacher of Aide      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Confirmation Prep – Group Leader Catechist  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9-12 Faith Formation – Teacher of Aide     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Middle School Youth Ministry (EDGE)         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  |                          | High School Youth Ministry (LifeTeen Credo) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please list any parish programs or ministries you currently serve:

Please list any parish programs or ministries you have served in the past:

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

This application is for the use of the parish youth ministry staff at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Saline, Michigan. In addition to this application, it will also be necessary for you to complete the Diocese of Lansing Background Check Form and participate in the required Diocesan Safe Environment training (on-line or live).

**All volunteers** are required to have an **updated background check** form on file.

Please check the boxes to indicate the following:

- I have attached a completed Background Check form to this application
- I have **previously** Completed Virtus Safe Environment Training Approximate year: \_\_\_\_\_
- I need to complete the Virtus Safe Environment Training

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand the personal information in this application will be held confidential by the parish staff at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_