



St. Timothy Life Teen

Core Team Application

Cover Letter

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in serving the youth of our parish as a Life Teen Core Member! Due to the great responsibility this ministry, it is important we be thorough and cautious in selecting the most suitable ministers for our team. Please read this entire document thoroughly, and then answer the questions provided to the best of your ability.

Note: Please understand it is not our intention to be excessively intrusive; however, we will ask anything we feel is directly related to your application as a Core Member.

Below you will find the "Steps for Application". If you have any questions, please call the Youth & Young Adult Office at (480) 775-5222. Thank you again for your time and interest!

Peace and Joy,

Kate Hursh
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Nick Chavez
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Steps for Application:

1. Attend initial meeting with Youth Minister.
2. Read and complete the entire **Core Team Application**. Be sure to sign the **Integrity Statement** at the end of the application before submitting it to our office.
3. Return the application to the Youth & Young Adult Office.
4. Attend personal meeting with the Youth Minister to review application.
5. Begin training required by the Diocese of Phoenix and St. Timothy's.
6. Complete the probationary period, as determined by the Youth Minister.
7. Sign **Core Covenant** to begin service as Core Member.

On an annual basis, you will be asked to renew your commitment to the Core Team by updating your Core Covenant and completing Self & Program Evaluations.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:

St. Timothy Life Teen
ATTN: Kate Hursh
1730 W. Guadalupe Rd.
Mesa, AZ 85202

OR via e-mail to: khursh@sttimothymesa.org

Important Facts about Life Teen & Core:

The Life Teen Mission

To create an environment that leads high school teenagers into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and His Church.

This mission is accomplished in three ways:

- 1) Through the celebration of the Eucharist
- 2) Through the teachings of Christ and the Church
- 3) Through an experience of being loved and accepted

Role of a Core Member

A Core Member is a volunteer working under the supervision of the youth ministry staff for the purpose of assisting in the fulfillment of the mission statement.

- ***It's all about Jesus!*** The desire to be a Core Member should stem directly from the applicant's desire to be a Saint. The goal is personal holiness, and this ministry is a byproduct of that holiness. **It is never the opposite.**
- ***Discernment*** This is a ministry, not a volunteer job. All team members must prayerfully discern this commitment to Life Teen, and understand that the Lord is in total control of this ministry. We trust that He will choose those who He sees fit for the job.
- ***Team members should possess the following qualities:*** a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, a faithful love for teenagers, St. Timothy's, and the Catholic Church, a healthy personal prayer and Sacramental life, a basic knowledge of Scripture, a willingness to learn, an openness to using the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and at least one year out of high school.
- ***Team members must:*** grow in holiness and continue to possess the above-mentioned qualities throughout the duration of their commitment to Life Teen.
- ***Team members must also:*** have a firm grasp and understanding of relational youth ministry (i.e. contact work). Team members are expected to spend a certain amount of hours in relational ministry every week.
- If it becomes clear that the Lord is not calling the team member to this specific ministry, they are free to leave the Core Team at any time, with two weeks notice. Furthermore, the Life Teen staff retains the option to ask the team member to step out of ministry if it becomes clear this is not where the Lord is calling them at this time.

Core Team Application & Questionnaire

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read the cover letter of this application before proceeding. Type your answers into the spaces provided. Remember, the purpose of these questions is for us to get to know you on a more personal level. All information will be held in strict confidence by the St. Tim's Youth Ministry staff.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Are you a **registered** parishioner at St. Timothy Parish? Yes or No

If no, please explain: _____

How long have you been a member of the parish? _____

High School Attended: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Please list colleges/universities attended, degrees earned and graduation dates, if applicable:

(Check One and answer applicable questions below.) Married Single Divorced Widowed

If **MARRIED**, please indicate spouse's name: _____

Was your marriage celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church? Yes or No

How long have you been **MARRIED**? _____

Do you have any children? Yes or No

Please indicate their names, genders and ages below:

Faith Life

1. When and how did you come to know the Lord Jesus in a more personal way? How has this conversion changed your life?

2. How is your prayer life? Explain how often you pray and how.

3. Why do you want to be a Core Member?

Personal Life

1. Briefly describe your immediate family.

2. What is your relationship with your family like?

3. How does God play a role in your family life?

4. Do you have any health problems (mental or physical) we should know about?

Youth Ministry

1. What experience, past and present, have you had with youth ministry?

2. List any events (conferences, retreats, etc.) that you have been to as a **participant**:

3. What is your vision of youth ministry?

4. What are your other commitments (if any) that take up a substantial amount of your time?

5. Please fill the next section using the phrase "I ____ the following gift for youth ministry:"

Possess

Need to Develop

Gift

- Praying with youth
- Acting out skits and dramas
- Providing Christian entertainment
- Planning retreats
- Relating to youth "culture"
- Planning prayer services and liturgies
- Doing one-on-one faith sharing
- Developing and giving talks
- Developing skits and dramas
- Conversing with teenagers
- Leading small group discussion
- Singing

Other (please specify): _____

6. Please indicate your response by checking the appropriate boxes:

| Responsibility | Potential Problem | No Problem Whatsoever |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Teen Mass</i> | | |
| Mingle & sit with teens at 5pm Mass | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FULLY and ACTIVELY participate in the Teen Mass (attention, singing, prayer) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Demand respect from the teens (in a loving but firm manner) during mass | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dress appropriately for mass | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>LIFE Nights</i> | | |
| Attend weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Be prepared (read and pray on the night's topic) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Assist with clean-up afterwards | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Spend time with teens (not other Core) before, during & after the nights | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pray before and during the nights | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Core Commitment</i> | | |
| Attend Sunday 4pm Core meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attend Core semester retreats | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Be a team player | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Outreach to Teens</i> | | |
| Perform relational ministry weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Engage in conversations with teens | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approach and meet teens | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

7. Have you participated in **Safe Environment Training** for the Diocese of Phoenix?
Yes or No If yes, when? _____

INTEGRITY STATEMENT

Your signature will be considered an acknowledgement of the following:

"I have read over all the information and filled out the appropriate responses on the application form, and am interested in becoming a member of the Life Teen Core Team. I understand the members of the Youth & Young Adult Ministry staff will hold my answers in the strictest of confidence. I agree that all of the information on this sheet is **TRUE** to the best of my knowledge. In addition, I grant permission to the Youth & Young Adult staff to contact, in connection with this application and periodically thereafter, any governmental agencies, organizations, corporations, entities, or individuals it deems necessary in order to verify the continued accuracy of information given in connection with this application. I agree to complete any and all forms required by the Life Teen Core Team (including, but not limited to, an application for child abuse/neglect screening form to be submitted to the Department of Social Services)."

Signed _____ Date _____

Thanks for taking the time to fill out this application! We'll be contacting you soon to discuss it!