



CORE CONTRACT

Dear Core Member,

Thank you so much for saying “yes” to serving the teens of our parish and being an integral part in leading them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church.

You should not underestimate the importance and gravity of the role you are taking on. As a Core Member, you are not only a catechist and spiritual mentor – you also take on the role of being a representative of the Church to teenagers. What they see in you will, to some degree, influence their view of the Church and Christ.

As a Core Team Member in St. Anthony Youth Ministry I agree to make the following commitments:

COMMITMENT TO THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

- I commit to actively seek Jesus Christ in my daily life through prayer.
- I commit to observing the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist as “the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church (CCC 2177)” and attend Mass every Sunday of the year.
- I commit to actively living my life as a follower of Jesus. In doing this I commit to living the moral life prescribed by the Church and to be in good standing with the Catholic Church.
- I commit to frequenting the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Confession.
- I commit to seeking the mercy of God at all times. When in a state of sin, I commit to seek His mercy through repentance and the Sacrament of Confession.

COMMITMENT TO TEENS

- I commit to praying and interceding for the teens entrusted to me, by name, on a regular basis.
- I commit to teaching only what the Church teaches, and never my own opinions while in my role as a Core Member, especially if my opinion is at odds with the Tradition of the Church.
- I commit to ministering to the teens entrusted to me for a minimum of one school year.
- I commit to the “ministry of presence” by attending all Youth Ministry nights (Life Nights, EDGE nights, Confirmation nights, Anchor Sessions) that I am a Core member for, and by being present at Mass.
- I commit to do my best in building intentional, Christ-centered relationships rooted in the Church, with the teens entrusted to me both inside and outside the walls of the Church.
- I commit to building community within the group of teens that I am entrusted with.
- I commit to attend retreat with the teens unless otherwise discussed with my ministry Coordinator.



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COMMITMENT TO THE TEAM

- I commit to attend Holy Mass every Sunday and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly.
- I commit myself to prayer, the Sacred Scriptures, and the Sacraments.
- I commit to being prepared for all nights (Life Nights, EDGE Nights, Confirmation nights, Anchor Sessions) which I am responsible for.
- I commit to receiving the required training that is asked of me as a Core Team Member.
- I commit to being CMG Safe Haven trained and background checked before beginning active ministry

You have answered the call to serve in Youth Ministry this year, and it is important to communicate the expectations and Ministry guidelines of being a Core Member at St. Anthony's. Here are the major expectations and commitments of being a Core member:

- Attending Holy Mass every Sunday and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly.
- Give your life in prayer, fellowship, the Sacred Scriptures, and the Sacraments.
- Life Nights, Confirmation Class, and/or EDGE Night – it is essential that you are there for the teens on your ministry's given night. Building consistent relationships with the teens is the most important task of the Core member.
- Be prepared for each Life Night, Confirmation night, EDGE night, and/or Anchor Session – Make sure you have gone over the topic for the night. Especially prepare the portions of the night/session that you are leading.
- Build Community within small groups – find appropriate ways outside of Life Night, Confirmation Class, and/or EDGE Night occasionally to build relationships with your small group.
- CMG Certified and background checked (when newly volunteering or again after expiration)

By signing below, I am indicating that I have thoroughly read through the above commitments and agree to them. I understand that any serious breach of these commitments on my part might result in me being removed from Core Team. I will constantly strive to live out the mission of St. Anthony Youth Ministry to lead teens into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church and will always seek to rely not on myself, but on the grace that comes from the Lord – knowing that I am imperfect, unfinished, and a work in progress but that the grace and mercies of the Lord “are new every morning (Lamentations 3:23).”

YOUR NAME IN PRINT

YOUR SIGNATURE HERE

TODAY'S DATE

**“MODERN MAN LISTENS MORE WILLINGLY TO WITNESSES THAN TO TEACHERS,
AND IF HE DOES LISTEN TO TEACHERS, IT IS BECAUSE THEY ARE WITNESSES.”**

-POPE ST. PAUL VI