



LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Saint Michael the Archangel | Glen Allen, Virginia

TEEN LEADERSHIP TEAM APPLICATION 2017-2018

A TLT member is a teen who has spent time in prayer discerning an increased leadership role in the Life Teen movement at St. Michael. They are an active member of Life Teen and attend Life Nights regularly- advising peers and leading by example. They assist the adult Core Team and Youth Advocate in planning social/special events, service opportunities, retreats, and Life Nights in part or whole. TLT members desire to take the extra step and agree to take on leadership roles at Life Nights when needed and be the welcoming force and model for the rest of the teen community. Additionally, teen leaders have an active desire to build and form community as a leadership team while personally choosing to deepen their own faith. They have the opportunity to help with other roles including EDGE middle school leadership and various discipleship small groups if they so desire. Leading by example, TLT bring others to CHRIST while walking with their peers and continually seeking to grow in faith.

A member of the Teen Leadership Team:

- Must be a junior or senior in high school (in the fall of 2017)
- Possesses the following qualities: a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and the holy Catholic Church, weekly participation in Sunday Mass, regular participation in the sacraments and in the Life Teen movement, a commitment to a continually developing personal prayer life, a desire to strengthen their own involvement in the Church as well as encourage the involvement of others, and openness to using the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their daily life.
- Attends weekly Life Nights **with regularity (more often than not)**, attends monthly TLT meetings **with regularity**. (usually held on the 2nd Wednesday night of each month)
- Must continue to live the mentioned commitments in the paragraphs above during their duration on the TLT.
- As the TLT is a part of the Life Teen movement at St. Michael, TLT members are expected to register and pay the yearly fee for Life Teen using the Faith Formation registration process. There is no additional cost for TLT itself. TLT members do receive a special rate for fall/spring retreats.
- As a reminder: Teen Leadership Team members are free to unconditionally terminate their relationship/commitment as a TLT member at any time. At the same time, the ministry of Life Teen at St. Michael retains the option to ask you to step out of this ministry if it becomes clear to that you might not be called to this ministry at this time.



TLT LEADERSHIP & GROWTH



The **Tau Cross** is the symbol of this retreat. While often associated with St. Francis of Assisi and the Franciscan order, it was adopted by early Christians as a symbol of their spiritual conviction in the salvation of mankind in the Cross. It is a sign of Christian devotion and of commitment to following the poor and crucified Christ— living a life of humility and service of others. As the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, it is also a reminder of Christ's return on the last day to save His faithful and share in new life with Him.

Koinonia Retreat

This is the signature weekend retreat for the Teen Leadership Team! This annual opportunity allows for team community, prayer, and reflection, while also taking some individual silent time to reflect on the personal calling to live the Catholic faith and the significance of being a part of the Body of Christ. *Koinonia* is the Greek word for communion. This experience will foster and equip retreatants with the necessary understanding to become skilled leaders in building community and relationships, in a spirit of sharing faith, both within the St. Michael Life Teen community, as well as with their peers as a whole. The Koinonia experience is modeled after the witness of the apostles: community life, breaking bread, prayer, discipleship to one another and the communities they serve, keeping their minds and hearts fixed upon the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Teens have the opportunity to make this retreat either in the fall of the junior or senior year while on the TLT. If making the retreat as a junior, teens will have the ability to lead the retreat as a senior.

Save the Date! Koinonia 2 will take place Friday, July 14 - Sunday, July 16, 2017



A **Stone Covered Cross** is the symbol of this reflection & ceremony experience. It is a reminder that no matter where our life's travels take us, Christ, through his death and resurrection, stretches out a guiding hand of salvation— in which we place our trust, life, and decision making. He is revealed Truth, a solid foundation of stepping stones for a journey of holiness and joy.

Living Stones Reflection & Ceremony

...and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house... "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." -1 Peter 2:5-6

At the end of their senior year, a teen who has faithfully committed their senior, or junior & senior years to the Teen Leadership Team will participate in a reflection experience and ceremony, which will also include Mass and fellowship time together. As senior teens prepare to enter life beyond high school, the theme of the experience focuses on a desire to be firm in faith and the call to be "built into a spiritual house" as they move out into the larger world. Teens will be challenged to continue to grow in faith and seek out ways during the future stages of their life journey to nurture a firm faith foundation in their lives, allowing Christ to function as the cornerstone of their lives.



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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY:

Full Name: _____

Birthdate: _____/_____/_____ Sex: M F

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: VA Zip: _____

Your Cell Phone: _____

Parent(s) First Names: _____

Parent Contact Phone: _____

Your E-mail: _____

High School: _____ Grade (Fall '17): 11 12

INSTRUCTIONS:

First, take some time to pray and discern as to whether you feel you are called to apply for the Teen Leadership Team at St. Michael. Then, please type or print your answers to the questions on the back of this form on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form when finished. Be sure your answers are listed under the proper heading and are numbered correctly. It is highly recommended that you read through all of the questions first before you try to answer any of them. This will save you the tediousness of duplicate answers and themes. The purpose of these questions are to give us an opportunity to learn more about you personally and spiritually before your in-person conversation. Rest assured, all of your answers will only be read by Mike and the current TLT or Core member who will meet with you for your TLT conversation.



PERSONAL LIFE AND FAITH:

1. Briefly describe your personal spiritual journey. How have you come to know and follow Christ?
2. How has God worked through you in helping others along their spiritual journey?
3. Describe your prayer life. When and how do you pray? Are there any resources you use to pray? What are they?
4. In what areas do you struggle in your faith?

CATHOLICISM:

1. What is your favorite part about being Catholic? What challenges you about being Catholic?
2. What is one aspect of the Catholic faith that you don't truly understand and want to know more?
3. Do you have a devotion to a favorite saint or do you have a favorite sacrament? Pick one and tell us why they or it is your favorite!
4. If given the opportunity, what suggestions would you have to help the Catholic Church minister more effectively to young people?

LEADERSHIP:

1. What do you see the mission of the TLT to be? How do you think you can help live that mission?
2. Why do you want to be on the Life Teen TLT?
3. What makes for a good and effective leader?
4. What gifts/talents/charisms do you possess that you could bring to the TLT and St. Michael?

WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS, LIKES, AND PET PEEVES?

At the end of your response sheet, give us a couple sentences about who you are and what likes/dislikes you have! Go wild!

AVAILABILITY:

1. On your response sheet, please list any activities or commitments that may prohibit you from being available on either weekly Sunday nights or 2nd Wednesday nights of the month during the coming year. Please list dates and times of these commitments if you are aware of them.
2. When would you be available to meet for an in-person conversation? (Before June 10th)

Please list below the two most convenient days of the week to meet and a preferred time. Conversations will take place during late May and early June and will be conducted by either Mike, current TLT members, or Core members. You will be contacted to set up a conversation based on your preferences, if possible.

Best Day of the Week/Time Frame #1: _____

Best Day of the Week/Time Frame #2: _____

I herby attest that the information I have provided in this written application is true to the best of my knowledge. I submit this application faithfully with a clean conscience and a desire to live my faith more fully and actively.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. We will see you at your conversation!

Completed discernment applications may be dropped off at the Parish Office, Life Teen Mailbox in the Commons, or in the collection basket, c/o Mike Horvath. They may also be emailed to mhorvath@saint-mikes.org

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THIS ROUND IS TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017