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WHAT IS A PEER DISCIPLE?

THE PEER DISCIPLE LEADERSHIP TEAM is a group of teens who want to learn about leading others the same way that Christ did: by serving as a physical representation of His Love for us. During leadership and evangelization training you will learn skills to bring leadership qualities back to their parish. You will learn how to grow deeper in your spiritual life. You will be the witness of Christ's love to all the conference attendees through out the conference weekend by your full, conscious and active participation in and out of the conference sessions.

This training program of bible study, prayer, and experiencing the sacraments will challenge and encourage you to grow deeper in your relationship with God. Spending time with other peers, and role model Captains, you will learn what it means to live your life daily for Christ, and how to share it with others. It starts the Monday before the Conference and ends on last day of the Conference.

The Peer Disciples will spend a lot of time together sharing and encouraging each other's faith and talking about how to be a leader in Christ by serving others. you'll go over such things as how to share your faith, how to be spiritually strong in a spiritually dead world, peer pressure, etc. The overall combination of fun, service, and growth in Christ promises to offer an experience in which you truly realize what it means to live our faith!

PEER DISCIPLESHIP is for you if you have:

- 1) have committed yourself to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and have a heartfelt desire to grow and serve the Lord.
- 2) are going to be a junior or senior in high school or have just completed your senior year.
- 3) have attended a past High School Youth Conference.

(Note: Students who have previously served as a Peer Disciple can apply for a second time. We fill the Peer Disciple Team with first-time applicants. If there are spaces available, we will open the invitation to students who want to come back for a second time.)

WHAT IS THE COST TO BE A PEER DISCIPLE?

The cost of being a Peer Disciple is \$152.00. This price includes your training, your conference registration, housing, meals, snacks, leadership training, special materials, activities, and a Peer Disciple T-shirt.

WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

To grow in your faith, to see God's awesome presence in your life and in others' lives, and to learn how to be a leader in Christ through service.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Fill out the attached application and have it reviewed by your youth minister or Parish Priest.

WHEN IS THE APPLICATION DUE?

May 30th

WHEN SHOULD I EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF MY APPLICATION?

All results will be mailed some time after June 15th,

WHERE DO I SEND MY APPLICATION?

Mail this application back, filled out by you and your youth minister or priest to:

St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference
Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine
C/O St. Ambrose Church
347 Old Loudon Road
Latham NY 12110
Attn Peer Disciple program

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 30th.
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!!**

ST. ISAAC JOGUES YOUTH CONFERENCE 20__
PEER DISCIPLE APPLICATION

Participant's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: __ zip'. _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____ Class of: _____ Age: _____
Group Name: _____ Group number: _____
Sex: (M) (F) Birthday: _____ T-shirt Size: (Adult Sizes — S, M, L, XL, XXL)
Church Name: _____
Youth Minister: (Person who is filling out recommendation.) _____

Have you been to a Youth Conference before Yes No

If so, when and where did you attend? _____

Have you ever served as a Young Apostle/Peer Disciple? Yes No

If yes, where? _____ What year? _____

Church or Community activities that you are involved in'.

Choose one of the statements that best describes your personal faith journey.

- My faith has been a gradual deepening process.
- My faith life was active as a child-, I pulled back for a period of time-, I have since returned.
- I've always had an actively practicing faith life, but at a point in my life, my faith came alive.
- I had a conversion experience that changed substantially the direction my life was headed.
- I am still searching a lot in my faith and looking for more direction.

Other:

Are there any serious issues that you have been dealing with? (Depression, eating disorder, serious family issues, etc.) Please be honest. Yes No If yes, please briefly explain: (Limit of 250 words)

Please include your response to this question in a separate, attached page.

On a separate sheet, write a paragraph about each of the following, and attach it to this application'.

All answers must be TYPED and each question should have no more than 250 words.

1. Briefly describe your decision to follow Christ in your life?
2. Other than being involved in activities, how do you see yourself being a witness back in your home parish after being a young apostle?
3. Name one person, other than a parent, who inspired your faith. Please elaborate.
4. Finish this sentence: I want to be a Peer Disciple because...

ST. ISAAC JOGUES YOUTH CONFERENCE 20__
PEER DISCIPLE APPLICATION
PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

(Please Read before signing)

I, _____, the parent/guardian of

_____ have read the attached information sheet explaining the Peer Disciple Leadership Team and other related information, as well as the portion of the application filled out by my son/daughter. I give permission for my son/daughter to be a part of the 20__ Peer Disciple Leadership Team. Furthermore, my son/daughter agrees to abide by the disciplines of no swearing, smoking, drinking, or use of drugs or tobacco during his/her Peer Disciple experience.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Applicant

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YOUTH LEADER/PARISH PRIEST NOMINATION Page 1 of 2

Name of Applicant _____

I understand that Peer Discipleship is an experience for **mature** youth and is intended to encourage spiritual growth and develop leadership skills. Students on the Peer Disciple Leadership Team will be involved in leading skits, music, and other services at St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conferences. I believe the above applicant has the ability and maturity to make a positive contribution to the 20__ Peer Disciple Leadership Team, and therefore have answered the following questions completely and accurately:

Youth Leader/Priest _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail

Youth Leader/Priest—Signature _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How frequently are you in touch with the applicant? _____

How well do you know this applicant?

____ Very Well ____ Well ____ Not Well ____ Very Little

How familiar are you with the St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference?

____ Very Well ____ Well ____ Not Well ____ Very Little

How familiar are you with the peer Disciples Leadership Program?

____ Very Well ____ Well ____ Not Well ____ Very Little

In what way(s) has this person demonstrated leadership abilities in their parish/youth group, etc?

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Using the scale below, please rate the applicant in the following:

5 Always **4** Frequently **3** Sometimes **2** Rarely **1** Never

_____ The applicant has the ability to follow through with responsibilities and commitments.

_____ The applicant has the ability to lead their peers.

_____ The applicant has the ability to follow peer leadership.

_____ The applicant respects authority.

_____ The applicant exhibits responsible behavior including dependability and self-control.

_____ The applicant has a cooperative, friendly, courteous personality.

_____ The applicant is respected by their peers.

From the list above, please elaborate on one strength and one area of needed improvement.

Is the applicant's character such that he/she would be a desirable role model for their peers?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Unknown

Please Explain:

Is there any other information that would be helpful to know?

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PLEASE NOTE: This recommendation is confidential.

It is for the use of the Peer Disciple Application Committee Only.

ST. ISAAC JOGUES YOUTH CONFERENCE 20____
LIABILITY/MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
PEER DISCIPLE PARTICIPANT
ONE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING!

Participant's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
 Address: _____ Year of Graduation: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____ Local Parish Name: _____
 Youth Minister's Name: _____ Phone number: _____
 Parent/Guardian

I, _____, (name of Parent/Guardian) give permission for my son/daughter to attend the St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference & setup to be held from Monday July ____ thru Sunday July ____, 20____ as part of the Peer Disciple support team. If needed for any physical or mental health reasons, I give permission for my child to be evaluated, diagnosed, treated, and/or given medication in accordance with standard medical practice by licensed medical personnel. I relieve the St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference and the Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine of all responsibility and consequences that may arise as a result of this treatment. I will not hold the St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference or the Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine liable in the event of injury. Further, I agree to accept any and all financial responsibility as a result of scheduling medical treatment. I understand that the St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference nor the Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine will not be held liable if my child fails to cooperate with the regulations, and that any infraction of the rules may result in dismissal from the support team and/or the conference at my expense.

I give permission to the Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine and St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference staff to photograph videotape and /or film my child and to use their image in photographs, video, and/or film for the purpose of promoting the mission, activities and programs of Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine and St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference. I understand that I and my child are not entitled to any compensation or rights in these materials, and I release Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine and the St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference from any liability for the use of my image for the above stated purpose.

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies:

Environmental (i.e. pollen, dust...): _____

Medications: _____

Food _____

Current

Medications _____

Medical History (be specific):

 (Continue on back if necessary)

Mental Health Information (be specific):

 (Continue on back if necessary)

Medical Insurance Provider: _____ Insurance No: _____

In case of any emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship to Participant: _____