

2019-2020 Jr. High Youth Group Registration

Dear Parents and Teens,

Welcome to the 2019-20 Youth Group Year! This year we have included a letter to introduce the registration form so as to better layout the year ahead. Please remember that registration forms are due **September 1st**. Please fill out the form completely and let the Youth Office know if you have any questions. Here is to a great year!

- Kyle LaFonte, *LOTW Youth Minister*

What is Youth Group?

The Youth Ministry at Light of the World Roman Catholic Church engages and prepares youth to be counter-cultural and to live radical, authentic, and unapologetic Catholic lives.

We believe that our society needs our young people to bring the light of Christ to the nations and our program seeks to do that through prayer, education, worship, community, service, and lives centered on Christ.

Our Jr. High Program consists of the following:

- Jr. High Youth Group that meets on a regular basis on Wednesday nights from 7:00PM - 8:15PM.
- Attend and participate on a weekly basis at Mass. Teens are also encouraged to be involved as lectors, altar servers, helping with collection, and other ministries in the liturgy.
- Teens will meet and build community in a large group during every session. However, teens will also split into small groups for more individualized relationship building and faith sharing. These groups meet during Jr. High program.
- This year we are introducing a monthly teen dinner where we will show a video of some aspect of Catholic Social Teaching. Refer to the calendar for these dates.
- There are multiple retreat opportunities throughout the year. See the calendar for dates.
- Teens will be asked to participate in 2 service projects over the course of the Year with their small groups:
 - Trunk or Treat: Thursday, October 31st at 4:30pm in the upper east Parking lot.
 - Spring Service project TBD.

New to the Light of the World Youth Group?

Schedule a meeting with the Youth Minister so you and your teen can meet with Kyle LaFonte. He wants to get to know as many of you as possible, on a more personal basis. To schedule a meeting, send an email to kyle@lotw.org.

Confirmation/RCIT (*Rite of Christian Initiation For Teens*)

Enrolling your teen in the Jr. High Youth program, DOES NOT mean that they will be automatically enrolled in the Confirmation/RCIT program and set to receive their sacraments during Easter time. To register for the Confirmation/RCIT program, complete the separate **2019-20 Grades 6-12 Confirmation Registration**.

Every Teen registered in the Confirmation/RCIT Program must also be registered in their appropriate Youth Group and be an active participant in the Youth Program.

Youth Group Passport:

Every teen that is a part of the confirmation/RCIT Program will need to have their Youth group Passport stamped at every Youth group Meeting. The stamps will change every week. Each teen is allowed a total of **5 absences** at which point we will sit down and discuss their readiness for the Sacraments and if they should continue. These will be turned in each month.

Separate Confirmation/RCIT Classes will be held on the first Sunday every month from 12:30PM-2:00pm in the Community Center. Missing more than one of these Sunday classes will result in the teen having to repeat sacramental preparation in order to receive their sacraments during the following year; or whenever they can make the small commitment of attending these ONCE A MONTH classes.

Want to learn how to pray and also spend time with Jesus? Every Tuesday night from 8:00-9:00PM the Light of the World Youth group has a Youth Holy Hour In the Adoration chapel. Each teen will learn how to perform structured prayer lead by the Youth Minister. It is a beautiful opportunity to build a constant conversation with Christ. Conversion cannot happen if one does not know Christ and allow the Holy Spirit work in the hearts of his children.

Are you nervous to meet new people at Youth Group?

Tips to meeting new people:

1. Bring a friend. (This is a great way to become more comfortable with your surroundings and meet new people. Yes, it is perfectly fine to bring friends who are not Catholic.)
2. Participate in Youth Group, fundraisers, and small group activities/projects. (The more others see you, the more likely it is that people will get to know you.)
3. **Attend Youth Holy Hour on Tuesday nights from 8:00PM-9:00PM. (Nothing will keep a person more involved than by building a personal relationship with Christ.)**
4. Be open and stay off your phone. (Nothing alienates a person more than being closed off to the community. Put down your phone and talk to someone new.)

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Student's Name _____ Gender: M F
Teen Cell Phone _____ Teen Email _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
School _____ Birthday: _____ Grade: 6th 7th 8th

Does your Teen have any disabilities or severe allergies that we need to know about so we can better care for their needs?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

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Sacraments Received (check all that apply):

Baptism First Reconciliation Confirmation First Communion

Church: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Date: _____

Mom

Dad

Name _____ Name _____

Email _____ Email _____

Cell _____ Cell _____

Registered at LOTW? Yes Not yet

Are you registered on the **Youth Ministry** Flocknote? Yes Not yet *(Please note: that the Youth Ministry Flocknote Group is not the same group as the Parish Flocknote Group or the Elementary Faith Formation Flocknote Group. This is where we send out all info and reminders for the year; i.e. Youth Group cancelations, retreat info, etc.)*

Primary Residence is with (check one): Father Mother Both

Step-Mother's Name _____ Step-Father's Name _____

Home Phone of non-custodial Parent (if applicable): _____

\$50 per parishioner or \$60 per non-parishioner - Due September 1st

I have submitted payment with this form Please send me a need based scholarship form

I will submit payment on ___/___/2019

Name of person completing this form: _____

I hereby grant consent and release to Light of the World Catholic Church to use photographs of my child for the church website, displays in church or other church media, and/or bulletin. Initial: _____

x _____

By signing, I am giving permission for my child to participate in the program indicated on this form.

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Paid \$ _____ () Check # _____ () cash Date ___/___/___ _____