

ST. JUDE YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY FAQ AND GUIDELINES

Youth Music Ministry Preamble

St. Jude Youth Music Ministry is a facet of SHWAY Youth and Young Adult ministry. Our purpose is to teach youth the true meaning of praise and worship particularly in the Eucharist which is the source and summit of our Catholic Faith. We are inspired by the beauty of the Catholic Liturgy. We seek to instill in our youth choir members a love for Christ in the Eucharist in and outside the parish community through participation in various choir practices, Sunday 11 am mass, special masses, special events and pre youth ministry gatherings. We firmly believe that participation in any ministry is a calling rooted in our baptism, that is indicated by our realization that we are first and foremost Christians before we are singers and musicians.

The Mission...

- 1. We, the youth and young adults of Catholic Church,*
- 2. seek Christ centered unity (1 Cor. 12:12)*
- 3. for all youth despite affiliations*
- 4. with parish,*
- 5. with creed,*
- 6. with school,*
- 7. with ethnicity,*
- 8. and with region*
- 9. through love of the Eucharist (John 6:53),*
- 10. true devotion to Mary (Luke 1:28),*
- 11. instilling of family values*
- 12. and unceasing prayer (1 Thess. 5:17)*
- 13. made manifest in corporal and spiritual works of mercy (Matthew 25:31)*
- 14. In the parish and beyond...*

Goals:

- 1. To promote perpetual adoration of the Eucharist*
- 2. To promote a love for the word*
- 3. To propagate the Rosary*
- 4. To promote weekly clustered prayer groups that encourages daily prayer.*
- 5. To point the way to other ministries.*
- 6. To promote regular inter-parish dialogue through pilgrimages to other parishes.*
- 7. To encourage youth to participate in regular clustered community service projects.*
- 8. To educate teens in moral and social justice issues.*
- 9. To evangelize and be evangelized to.*
- 10. To become saints by making saints.*

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY CONTRACT

Questions? Call 561-8587

I (We), _____ firmly believe in and understand the preamble, mission and goals of Youth Music Ministry. By signing the bottom of this contract I agree that....
Choir Member's(s') Name(s)

- I am first and foremost a Christian before I am a participant in the Youth Music Ministry.
- I am aware that Youth Music Ministry is a facet of SHWAY Youth and Young Adult Ministry.
- I will be sensitive to the feeling of other members of Youth Music Ministry
- I am called by God to be in the Youth Music Ministry.
- I have a desire to be in the Choir.
- I have the ability to be in the Choir.
- I will attend at least one practice a week according to the group that Keith assigns me to.
- I will communicate with Keith when and if I can't make practice or mass.
- I will attend the Sunday 11 am Mass that I agree on attending and arrive by 10:20 am.
- I will show reverence in Mass by my behavior, actions and modest dress.
- The center of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is not the music, but the Eucharist.
- I will culturally sensitive to the many ways people worship God while being obedient to what the Holy Father and Magesterium defines Worship & Praise to be in the Sacred Liturgy.
- I will go to confession if I be in a state of grave sin before receiving Jesus in the Eucharist.
- I must be sensitive to the liturgical year and pastor's wishes for certain seasons and sing or choose songs that are appropriate for a particular season.
- I believe in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist illustrated in John 6:53.
- I believe that Mary is Immaculately Conceived, full of grace being the Mother of God, the Living Tabernacle of the Living Word, Ever Virgin Assumed into heaven and that praying to her is not idolatry but something that Jesus himself asks of us to do.
- I maybe dismissed from being in Choir at anytime if I don't agree with the terms above or don't follow them.

(Your signature must appear below or you will not be permitted to participate in the Youth Music Ministry.)

Signature of Youth

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signature of Parent