



# TEEN LEADERSHIP TEAM APPLICATION 2020-2021

## Divine Word Catholic Church

A TLT member is a teen who is going into their sophomore year in high school and has spent time in prayer discerning an increased leadership role within the Junior High group, IGNITE and the High School Group, ILLUMINATE at Divine Word beyond simply attending events/nights. They are an active member of ILLUMINATE and attend Life Nights regularly- advising peers and leading by example. TLT members desire to take the extra step to learn, grow, live, model, and serve as an active leader in Christ. They should live by this simple quote, "Be a light amidst the darkness." Additionally, teen leaders have a call to build and form community as a team, while personally choosing to deepen their own faith. As on-going 'learners' of the faith, they are not simply a 'program helper,' but are full members of the youth ministry movement alongside their peers, with added responsibility of modeling what faith can look like in a young person's daily life. They will have the opportunity to help with roles such as parts of Life Nights, IGNITE middle school leadership, peer mentoring, service/social event planning, and various small groups— with the possibility of other opportunities, as we see the strengths and charisms of this year's team.

### **A member of the Teen Leadership Team for 2020-2021:**

- Must be a sophomore in high school or higher (in the fall of 2020).
- Possesses the following: a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and the Holy Catholic Church, a commitment to a continually developing personal prayer life, a desire to strengthen their own involvement and life in the Church as well as encourage the involvement of others, heeds the call to serve in the Church, with an openness to using the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their daily life, possesses a desire to learn more about their Catholic faith and to practice living and growing in heroic virtue by upholding, living, and proclaiming the teachings of the Church daily to the best of their ability.
- Is able to uphold the following practical commitments: Sunday Mass/  
Weekly participation in Sunday Mass, regular participation in the sacraments.  
Sacraments Sunday ILLUMINATE meetings with regularity - present more often than

not at any point during the year.

TLT Meetings Usually once a month, September-May,  
up to 3 unexcused meeting absences per year. Youth group set up-  
When available.

IGNITE Support - TLT members have the opportunity to help with leading our  
middle schoolers.

- Must continue to live and upkeep the mentioned commitments listed above during their duration on the TLT.

Each TLT member participates in at least ANY TWO other youth ministry or parish opportunities during the course of the year in addition to the necessities above. These two things can be anything: retreats, trips, service opps, social opps, parish mission, special events, joining a parish ministry, Eucharistic Minister, etc. Most teens on TLT are usually involved by this point that most will accomplish this without even realizing it!

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: VA Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) First Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Occupations: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Emergency) Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall '20): 10 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 Divine Word. 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 Taylor.

**TEEN DISCIPLESHIP  
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## 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 Teen Leadership Team?
3. What makes for a good and effective leader?
4. What gifts/talents do you possess that you could bring to the TLT and Divine Word?

## 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 youth group meetings or 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?  
Please list below the two most convenient days of the week to meet and a preferred time.

Conversations will take place in August and will be conducted by Taylor.  
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 hereby 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 Directly to Taylor in the Youth Ministry office located in Hanson Hall. or Parish Office, Taylor Long. They may also be emailed to [tlong@divinewordkirtland.org](mailto:tlong@divinewordkirtland.org)

