

Sacred Heart Peer Ministry Application



What is Peer Ministry?

Peer Ministry is a leadership program for High School students (grades 9 – 12) interested in learning, leading, serving and supporting their peers as disciples of Jesus Christ. Peer Ministers also help bring peers to an authentic encounter with Jesus through building relationships and building community. Peer Ministers must be open to growing in their faith, have a desire and openness to share that faith with others, be spiritually and emotionally healthy and be committed to a lifestyle that is pleasing to God.

What can you expect? Expect high standards, hard work, the support of a Christian community, spiritual development, the joy of serving others in a positive way, personal growth and a ton of fun.

What Do I Do?

1. Interview

All applicants will go through an interview process with the Director of Youth Ministry and an adult leader to determine if Peer Ministry is for you.

2. Plan

The Peer Ministry Team gathers on the first Wednesday of the month from 6:45 – 8:30 PM. Meetings are essential for planning Youth Group, practicing roles, and building community.

3. Lead

As a Peer Minister, you are a leader to the entire community of Sacred Heart, not just your peers. Peer Ministers will lead using their gifts / strengths in a variety of ways in the parish community (liturgy, festival, VBS, committees, social concerns, etc.) along with being responsible for 5th Grade Youth Night and the 9th Grade Retreat. Youth Ministry at Sacred Heart is run and promoted by those on the Peer Ministry Team.

4. Retreat

One of the many benefits of being a Peer Minister is the opportunity for additional retreats (Summer / Winter). **It is our expectation that all Peer Ministers attend our Summer retreat (June 18 – 20).**

5. Review

All Peer Ministers will have a mid-year review to evaluate roles, check-in and continue to ensure we are going the right direction. These reviews will generally take place in January within your schedule.

What Will We Do for You?

1. Build Skills

As a member of the Peer Ministry Team, you will build skills / strengths that will aid you in many areas (school, work, sports, etc.) for the rest of your life. Throughout the year we work on communication, problem solving, and working together. Each Peer Minister will also take StrengthFinders upon joining the team.

2. Support

The Peer Ministry Team is designed so that each member can be a support for one another. You can expect a loving and caring environment with a pastoral approach to meet you where you are at.

3. References

The skills of a Peer Minister are ones that employers and colleges want. Take your role seriously, work hard and you are guaranteed a reference or letter of recommendation from one of our staff or adult leaders.

Peer Minister Applications are due Wednesday, April 9th.

Contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486 OR jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)
Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Sacred Heart Peer Ministry Application

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Your Cell Phone Number: _____

Text: Y/N

Birthday: _____

Your Email: _____

Parent(s) Names: _____

Please complete the following questions as completely and thoroughly as possible.

1. What are some of your hobbies?
2. Why do you want to be part of the Peer Ministry Team?
3. Please name and explain a church experience that you either enjoyed or changed your life.
4. Please describe your relationship with God.
5. Please list and briefly describe **two strengths** or gifts you would bring to the team.

6. Are you involved with any sports or activities? Y/N

If so, what?

7. Do you have a job? Y/N

If so, where? _____

How many hours a week? _____

8. Why do you feel that you will be able to fully participate as a member of the Peer Ministry Team addition to the activities previously listed?

9. I would be interested in the following role (Circle one or two):

- a. Program Team - The people up front, planning the games, content, speakers, music, and lead peers and adults – especially for Jr. High night.
- b. Tech Team – Responsible for running the social media page, creating promotional graphics and videos, takes photos and videos from each night. Also responsible for taking care of any media needs (slides, sound effects, etc.).
- c. Skit & Entertainment Team – Help come up with skits or entertainment for evenings that match the theme. Includes script writing, coming up with characters, costumes, etc.
- d. Worship Team – Helps lead music during prayer and or leads prayer for the evening.

10. **Grades 10-12 only:** If given the chance, would you be willing to serve on a Parish Committee or Team?

- a. Yes ___ No ___

11. **Grade 12 only:** How do you vision yourself serving your senior year?

Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____