

**DIOCESAN EVANGELIZATION TEAM
APPLICATION FORM
2020-2021**

Please complete this information sheet and return it to your Diocesan Director. If you have any questions, please call the Diocesan Youth Office at (843) 261-0442. **Please include a recent PHOTO of Yourself. If a photo is not included, we will not be able to accept your application.**

(Please print clearly or type) **APPLICATION PROCESS DEADLINE – April 17, 2020**

Name _____ Age _____ D.O.B. _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____
Parish _____ Parish YM _____
School Attending _____ Grade entering in the fall ____ Gender ____ Deanery _____

As a member of the Diocesan Evangelization Team, you will be leading others on a spiritual journey. Please take time to pray about the following questions – then answer each one in detail.

Why do you want to be on the Catholic Diocesan Evangelization Team and what do you feel you can bring to this team?

Explain your role in your parish youth program. _____

What talents do you believe God has given to you to share with others? (BE SPECIFIC. Music, instrument you play, drama, creativity, computer/video skills, organizational skills, small group leader skills, computer/video skills, etc.)

What are some areas in your life that you hope will be improved by being on this team? (Public speaking skills, prayer life, organizational skills, etc.) _____

The most important aspect of a team member is his or her personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Was there a particular person, group, or event that helped lead you to have a personal relationship with Christ or has helped you significantly strengthen your relationship with Him? (Please describe) _____

Explain what being not only a Christian, but being a Catholic Christian means to you.

Do you consider prayer to be a big part of your life? Explain. _____

What does evangelization mean to you? Give specifics on how you share your faith with others?

Being on the Diocesan Evangelization Team requires both a time and a lifestyle commitment. Make sure that you are able to fulfill both of these commitments.

Describe your relationships with your family and friends.

Please list any time commitments for the upcoming year you may have and how you plan to balance these while being on the team.

As a member of the Diocesan Evangelization Team, your behavior everywhere you go should reflect high moral standards and Catholic Christian values. [By applying for this retreat team you are saying that you do not give into the temptations to drink, smoke, attend parties where alcohol is present, dress immodestly, gossip, and so forth.] How does your spiritual life assist you in setting and keeping these standards? Explain.

Share with us anything you feel we should know about you.

The following criteria is necessary to be a member of the Diocesan Retreat Team:

Please sign the bottom of this application. By signing you are saying that you understand the rules and requirements to be a part of this team and that you are willing and able to abide by each one.

1. Attend an interview session on May 2, 2020 in Columbia, SC. It will run from 10:30 am - 3:00 pm.
2. Complete the application form.
3. A parent or guardian must complete the Parent Form.
4. Two letters of recommendation are required. One must be from your priest or youth minister. These must be sent DIRECTLY to the Office of Youth Ministry. They may not accompany this form.
5. Must have attended or will attend the H.S. CLI week. Have you attended CLI? When? If not, when do you plan to attend? Yes ___ No ___ When: _____
6. If Accepted: Must attend the mandatory retreat August 7-9, 2020 at Camp Kinard. (The cost of the three-day training is \$195.00, which includes the shirt fee, and all future monthly training.)
7. You must be able to attend the following conferences: Jr. High Conference November 14, 2020; High School Conference March 12-14, 2021.
8. Be able to attend the mandatory team meetings September 18-20, 2020, October 23-25, 2020, December 4-6, 2020, January 22-24, 2021 and February 26-28, 2021.
9. Be able to fulfill and be accountable for duties required as a team member.
10. Pray daily and attend mass weekly for the success of this team's ministry.

Name (print) _____ Date _____ Signature _____

RETURN TO: Diocese of Charleston, Office of Youth Ministry, 901 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, SC 29407

Dear Parent and Student,

We are thankful that your family is considering application for the Diocese of Charleston Youth Evangelization Team. We say “your family” because this is a family decision and we hope that your family discusses the following before sending in the application. Parents, after discussing this decision with your teen applicant, please fill out the parent form that follows. We ask that you are honest in your answers, in order to help our committee make the most informed decision possible.

First, let me take this opportunity to explain what the Diocesan Evangelization Team is. The team is compiled of high school students from across the state who are on fire for the Lord, as well as a team of adults who lead the team with the Holy Spirit in their hearts! The purpose of the team is to share God’s love with the youth in our state. We do this through offering retreats and conferences to Jr. High and High school students. During these events, the team does tasks such as performing dramas to stimulate discussion about life issues the participants may be facing, leading small group discussions based on God’s Word and Catholic teachings, sharing about their own personal relationship with Jesus, along with a variety of other tasks.

Now that you know more about the team itself, the next thing I would like to share with you is the type of member our committee looks for to be on the team. First and foremost, each member must have a personal relationship with Christ and strengthen this relationship with daily prayer. Prayer is the most important part of this team, for without knowing the Lord personally we simply cannot tell others about His amazing love. A team member should be a person who abides by the Catholic Church and Her teachings, including placing the sacraments at the center of his or her faith life. Attending mass weekly and confession regularly are two very vital aspects of this. At the beginning of the year, each member must sign a covenant agreeing not to smoke, drink alcohol, use profanity, engage in pre-marital sex, attend parties with alcohol present, and any other activity the team agrees upon, that could hurt a member’s witness.

A critical part of the team is the monthly meetings. During these meetings the team prepares for the events that we are offering to the youth. We cannot be a team and cannot put on these events if we do not meet regularly! Each member must be at each meeting in Columbia and at the White Oak Conference Center. Only one meeting can be missed, and this one cannot be a mandatory meeting. The meeting dates are set at the beginning of the year, and therefore the members have ample time to make necessary arrangements to be at each meeting. It is understandable if a family incident occurs, of course, we can make arrangements as need be. Please understand that it is your responsibility to make sure that your teen has transportation to the meetings. Please do whatever is necessary to arrange this ahead of time, this is not the teams or the youth minister’s obligation – it is the family’s duty to get the team member to Columbia and to White Oak Conference Center. Being on this team demands time, including giving up weekends each month to attend meetings and completing tasks outside of the meetings. Please discuss this commitment to see whether or not the applicant has the time available to make this commitment.

Important Dates

Jr. High Conference	November 14, 2020
E-Team Meeting Dates	September 18-20, 2020, October 23-25, 2020 December 4-6, 2020, January 22-24, 2021, February 26-28, 2021
High School Conference	March 12-14, 2021

Know that the team adults are more than willing to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have. Do not hesitate to contact them!

We are thankful that you are applying for this Evangelization team to help spread our Lord’s Word to this diocese! Know that you are being prayed for daily! Parent; please send in the following parent form with your teen’s application. Also, we encourage your family to pray together as you are in the process of filling these applications out. Thank you very much and may God bless you and your family!

In Christ,

The Diocese of Charleston Youth Evangelization Team

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Teen Name _____

Teen Grade _____

Phone Number: Day () _____

Night () _____

Please answer the following, honestly and briefly. Please explain anything further if you feel it is necessary. If needed, write on the back or attach another sheet. Thank you.

Does your teen attend mass weekly and pray daily?

Does your teen attend the youth group at your parish regularly?

Is your teen involved in any other activities or is there anything else that could conflict with the monthly mandatory weekend meetings in Columbia and at White Oak Conference Center?

Will your teen have transportation to and from the monthly meetings in Columbia, SC? What will this be?
