

**DIOCESAN EVANGELIZATION TEAM  
APPLICATION FORM  
2023-2024**

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 28, 2023**

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.**

What do you know about the Evangelization Team? What are some characteristics of a great E-team member?

How would your best friend describe you to someone else?

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

Why are you applying for the Youth Evangelization Team?

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

How did you come to know Jesus? What does your relationship look like today? In other words, how has it grown?

What does prayer mean to you? Tell us about your personal prayer life. What do you believe God has been showing you in your prayer life?

What do you believe are your two strongest character traits? What area(s) do you feel you need to grow in, and how are you working on it?

Describe the role you play in your youth group?

How do you plan to live out the mission of the Youth Evangelization Team everyday if you are selected?

Do you have any activities that will keep you from being a committed member of the team? (Monthly meetings)

**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.

Do you have your own transportation to and from meetings?

Please also send us a video of yourself to [jwhite@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jwhite@charlestdiocese.org) with the following (No longer than 3 minutes):

- 1) Name, age, year in school
- 2) Why you want to be on the team
- 3) Show or explain one of your gifts that you bring to the team

The following criteria is necessary to be a member of the Diocesan Evangelization 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 in Columbia, SC. Date to be announced. It will run from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
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 parish 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 High School 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 18-20, 2023 at Camp Kinard. (The cost of the three-day training is \$195.00, which includes the shirt fee, and all future monthly training. This does not have to be paid all at once, and some scholarship money is available.)
7. You must be able to attend the following conferences: Jr. High Conference - November 2023; High School Conference - March 8-10, 2024.
8. Be able to attend the mandatory team meetings September 22-24, 2023, October 27-29, 2023, December 1-3, 2023, January 19-21, 2024 and February 23-25, 2024. (These are tentative dates.)
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 are 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. 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 team’s or youth minister’s obligation – it is the family’s duty to get the team member to Columbia. 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 2023 (Date to be determined)
E-Team Meeting Dates	August 18-20, 2023, September 22-24, 2023, October 27-29, 2023, December 1-3, 2023, January 19-21, 2024, February 23-25, 2024
High School Conference	March 8-10, 2024

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 ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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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?**

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