

Adult Core Team

A big component of a successful Life Night is the presence and guidance of the adult Core Team. Core Team leaders are faithful members of the community who are eager to be a witness of their faith in the lives of our teens. Members of the core team do not need to have a degree in Theology or be an expert in understanding Scripture and doctrine. Any adult interested in being part of the core team simply needs to be willing to share their love of Jesus with the teens and show them how loved they are by God and the community. Any adult interested in being part of the Core Team should contact Diana for more information at d.arizmendi@st-raymond.org

What does a Core Member do during Life Nights?

Core members are present every Sunday to help welcome teens and facilitate small group discussion with their group of teens.

What is the time commitment on a Sunday gathering?

Since we will start the year off meeting virtually, Core members are asked to be present from 6:00pm-7:45pm. We will start the gathering with a core team meeting at 6:00pm where we will look over the schedule for the night and have some time for prayer and fellowship. Teens will be able to join the call at 6:15pm and we will end the gathering at around 7:30pm. After all teens are logged out of the call Core members will be asked to share some thoughts about the night, especially things that might have come up in small groups.

Does a Core member have to do lesson planning?

No, initially the session topic talks will be given by the youth minister or guest speakers. As the year progresses Core members will be invited to give talks, but will receive all materials to guide them in preparing their talk. Core members will facilitate small group discussions and will receive small group questions ahead of time to help guide the conversation.

What is the age requirement to be part of the Core Team?

You must be at least 21 years of age in order to be a Core member.

Does a Core member need to have a background check?

For the protection of all teens in the program, the Archdiocese of Chicago asks that all adults involved in the program complete a background check and Virtus training. Diana will give all interested adults more information regarding this requirement.

How long does a Core member have to commit to the program?

In order to maintain some consistency and foster a true sense of community in the small groups, we ask you to commit for the entire school year.

Are there other ways to serve in the program without leading a small group?

Yes! Since we are hosting Life Nights we need adults who want to be part of the Digital Core Team. Members of the Digital Core Team will help supervise the call and the chat box and will help with the waiting room before teens are allowed to enter the call. Digital Core members will also help break teens into their small groups and assist with other technical details such as sound and video projection.