

St. Gertrude Parish Youth Ministry Principles and Rules *(Parent and teen must both sign at bottom)*

General Principles:

1. Visitors are welcome. Please introduce them to the core team and the other teens. To attend consistently you must register and have an Archdiocesan Permission Slip on file. You do not need to be a member of St. Gertrude's Parish to be involved our Youth Ministry programs, however, parishioners will get first preference on activities with limited numbers.
2. Sunday evening meetings are from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, following the 6:00 pm mass. If you will be late arriving or need to leave early your **parent or guardian** must inform us directly. Your parent may call the office of youth ministry before the starting time of the meeting, or you may bring in a written note from your parents indicating why you are late or why you must leave early. **Without this permission you may not leave early OR arrive late.** (This is an Archdiocesan policy)
3. All high school teens are invited to all youth ministry events. To repeatedly attend social events, however (e.g., ski trip, canoe trip), it is expected that one also be involved in some of the more spiritual or service related activities of our parish and Youth Ministry program. We are not a travel agency.

Rules:

1. Unless otherwise announced the meetings will take place in the lobby of the Parish Center. You may not wander in and out of that room (including the hallway), inside or outside the building, without first talking to a core team member.
2. During any meeting or talk it is expected that courtesy, respect, and confidentiality will be extended to everyone. This means no talking unless participating in the discussion, and attentive listening to whomever is speaking. Confidentiality means that anything said in the room of a personal nature, stays in the room, and is not repeated outside of Youth Ministry unless given permission by the discloser.
3. When assigned to a small group, there will be no transferring to other groups without permission of an adult core team member. Each member must stay in the area of his/her group discussion until the discussion has ended. **There is to be no wandering around between groups.**
4. It is each member's responsibility to help with set-up and clean up at each meeting or event. We will attempt to rotate responsibilities, but if given a particular task, you must pitch in.
5. Please remember that appropriate dress is expected at all Youth Group meetings and functions. Clothing must cover undergarments and midriffs. Bikini tops, low cut tops, mini skirts, short shorts, low-riding pants, or other inappropriate attire are not to be worn for any activities. Clothing with offensive language, obscene pictures or depicting non-Christian attitudes are also inappropriate.
6. Disruptive behavior, foul language, interfering with the participation rights of others, unsafe driving and all other forms of insubordination may result, without further warning, in immediate removal from the meeting and notification of parents. Your parents may be called and asked to come get you. Such behavior may constitute grounds for suspension or permanent expulsion from specific youth ministry activities at the judgment of the Core Team.

Signature of youth

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Is there anything you feel we need to be aware of to help serve your child better? Please describe below, or if of a more personal nature, please call (527-3975) or e-mail (TheBobmeister@juno.com) the youth minister at any time.
