

MINISTRY POSITION: Core Member

MINISTRY LEADERS: Mark Hawkins (mhawkins@tcoha.org) (815) 385-4254

TIME COMMITMENT: Approximately 8 hours a month, including planning meetings

GENERAL SUMMARY: A Life Teen Core member is a dedicated, adult volunteer (usually 21+) who helps lead high school teens closer to Christ within the parish's Life Teen ministry by creating welcoming environments, building intentional relationships, planning and facilitating events like "Life Nights," and providing spiritual guidance and authentic Christian witness.

Key responsibilities include attending events and meetings, leading small groups, assisting with setup and cleanup, and maintaining a personal commitment to their own spiritual growth and a daily prayer life.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Age:** Confirmed Catholic adult (usually 21+)
- **Training:** Complete training, such as VIRTUS
- **Authenticity:** Be an authentic and joyful witness of a Christian lifestyle while having a love for Christ and a desire for high school teens to succeed in life.
- **Spiritual Growth:** Demonstrate a commitment to continual personal spiritual growth and a daily prayer life.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Spiritual Leadership:**
 - Love and connect with youth, showing them God's love and helping them develop their relationship with Christ.
 - Lead and facilitate discussions in small groups based on the gatherings theme and lead small group prayer.
- **Event Planning and Execution:**
 - Collaborate with the youth minister to plan and prepare Life Nights (gatherings) and other youth events.
 - Co-lead activities, games, and talks during youth events.
- **Relationship Building:**
 - Actively meet and build meaningful relationships with the high school teens who attend Life Teen.
 - Be a supportive and reliable presence in the lives of the teens.
- **Teamwork and Commitment:**
 - Attend mandatory monthly Core Team meetings to plan upcoming activities.
 - Commit to attending Life Teen events, often on a regular basis like Sunday afternoon for the entire ministry year (September-April).
 - Be present and ready to help meet the needs of the ministry.