

The Church of Holy Apostles Confirmation Prep (8th-11th)



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 Core member is a volunteer who serves as a role model, spiritual mentor, and small group leader for middle school youth (usually year 1) and high school teens (usually year 2), guiding them closer to Christ through Confirmation Preparation program by co-facilitating bi-weekly sessions, offering prayer, and connecting with teens personally.

The role involves a ministry year (September-March)-long commitment, requiring VIRTUS training, and includes activities such as helping with opening and closing prayers, facilitating discussions, giving witness talks to the large group or performing skits.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Age:** Confirmed Catholic adult [usually 21+] or qualified high schooler
- **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 to share one's faith.
- **Spiritual Foundation:** The role requires a commitment to a deep love for God, prayer, living out Catholic values.
- **Personal Growth:** Gain opportunities for personal faith enrichment and connection with Jesus through serving the youth.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Spiritual Guidance:**
 - Share the Catholic faith with teens and help them understand and deepen their love for God through co-facilitating with youth minister based on the session theme.
- **Mentorship:**
 - Act as a positive adult (or qualified high schooler) role model, encouraging and believing in the teens, and showing authentic interest in their lives.
- **Example of Faith:**
 - Be an example of a committed Confirmed Catholic adult [usually 21+] or qualified Confirmed high schooler for teens to look up to and learn from.
- **Community Building:**
 - Facilitate community by co-facilitating large and small group activities, fostering a sense of belonging and trust.
 - Be a supportive and reliable presence in the lives of the teens.
- **Teamwork and Commitment:**
 - Collaborate with other Core members and the youth minister by attend mandatory monthly Core Team meetings.
 - Commit to attending bi-weekly sessions often on Tuesday evenings (Year 1) or Wednesday evenings (Year 2). Couples or teaming up with another Confirmed Catholic adult [usually 21+] or qualified Confirmed high schooler to facilitate a small group is WELCOMED.
 - Be present and ready to help meet the needs of the program.