

Information / Expectations for Young Disciples:

- Attend the YD Discernment. If you cannot make it (once again- the dates will not get set until after we announce the group), you are required to attend a make up session before attending meetings & other YD functions.
- Attend the YD Meetings on Sundays. The meetings are every week at 4:15 p.m., unless otherwise scheduled. The meetings take place in the community center and are led by the YD Coordinator. YD meetings change weekly. They range from social, team-building, educational (small group training, speaking skills), informative (dates and sign ups for events), guest speaker-led, etc. We try to make sure the group not only bonds & enjoys their time, but also gains skills and knowledge for leadership.
- Attend and participate in the Life Teen Mass on Sunday evenings. We do encourage YDs to be involved in at least one ministry.
- Attend and participate in the Life Nights on Sunday evenings. There are times when the YDs may be asked to get involved with the planning as well and this could require more time.
- Attend and participate in the Life Teen retreats & outside events. We try to involve the YDs (skits, testimonies, panels, etc.) as much as possible, without ruining the retreat theme for them. YDs that are present on the retreat are usually asked to lead one or two small groups sessions with Core guidance.
- YDs are asked to help with More Youth a few times throughout the year. MY has a program called 'Breaking Open The Word' and YDs are usually invited to help those nights. They take place on Tuesday evenings (not every week...usually once a month) from 6-7:30 p.m. This is not required, but highly encouraged. It's a great way for the 8th graders in MY to become familiar and comfortable with the YDs so it breaks the walls down when it comes time for Crossroads. The annual Crossroads retreat is a HUGE part of YD Leadership. We ask that all YDs participate in this. It takes place on a May weekend (dates vary). It's the 8th grade retreat and YDs are a vital part of this.
- YDs should be responsible, kind, giving, loving, respectful, focused, relatable and most importantly; faith-centered. The teens look up to their YDs and we ask that YDs set a good example wherever they are---church, school, home, a birthday party, the movie theater, etc. This also includes the online world such as facebook and twitter. We hold each YD accountable for their actions and behavior and have no problem terminating a YD's leadership role in the program if they are not living up to the standards we set.
- Being a part of this group is a great way to earn leadership credibility in the church, at school and even for the future (i.e. college applications). We have no problem writing recommendation letters for our YDs, but we do not condone teens joining the group JUST for that purpose.

All of these details will be further discussed at the discernment. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need any clarification on the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the Life Teen Office at SDwyer03@aol.com or 361-8840.

Thank you for considering this opportunity! We look forward to working with you!