SAINT ANTHONY YOUTH MINISTRY

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Welcome to SAYM High School Ministry!

There are three goals that guide the Catholic Church's ministry to youth: To empower voung people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today: to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community; and to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person (Renewing the Vision). Using these goals to guide our ministry, the SAYM team of adult leaders and advisors strive to actively seek out ways to better serve and minister to the youth in our community. In youth ministry, key aspects are used as building blocks in creating and executing a ministry that can accommodate teenagers in the best way possible alongside school, homework, sports, extracurricular activities, family life, and social life. It is important to understand and consider the nature of youth ministry through the following: 1) Accepting a young **person** wherever he or she may be on their faith journey; whether they are active in their faith, in the process of discovering their faith, or finding their way back to the faith. As God calls each one of us Catholic Christians to Him, it is the youth ministry's responsibility to welcome youth with open arms; 2) Youth Ministry upholds and believes in surrounding and embracing the teenage youth with unconditional love, unwavering support, and constant presence. Each child of God is special and important. It is in following Jesus' footsteps that the youth ministry and its leaders know and affirm this belief by genuinely caring for each and every teen that walks through the doors (even teens who hesitate to walk in!); 3) Understanding that young people are busy, period. With each year, teens (and families) continue to be overwhelmed by their schedule. This is a natural understanding within the realm of youth ministry. Therefore, it is the youth ministry's duty to continuously reinvent, revamp, and recharge its ministry to youth. This is the everyday challenge for youth ministry today: what are we, the community, doing to serve our youth and draw them closer to God?



Why check out SAYM?

- + Meet other Catholic youth from different schools in the Sacramento area.
- + Explore and deepen your faith through various activities, events, and retreats.
- + Discover ways to serve the parish and local communities through service projects and events.
- + Build community...a community that will support you and one that you can have fun, learn, and grow with.
- + Discover opportunities to establish and develop meaningful and faith-filled friendships.
- + We love to have fun while living out our faith!

SAYM PROGRAM 2020-21

- + Monthly CFF & YM Drive-Thru Gatherings to say 'hello' and pick-up a monthly take-home for teens
- + Evening Prayer & Reflection on <u>Sundays at 7:00 p.m.</u> (Zoom)
- + Youth Nights on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Zoom)
- + High School YM Hangout on Fridays (Time TBA; Zoom)

Please join us as we continue to serve YOU, the youth of our parish community, and strive to "empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today; draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community; and foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person" (Renewing the Vision, pgs. 9-17).

What you need to register:

- 1) <u>Diocesan Youth Form (front & back)</u> this form is effective and required for all SAYM youth events during the 2020-21 school year.
- 2) Registration Fee of \$30
 - **We would like to introduce another payment option for credit or debit. Sign up and pay with **Faith Direct**. Please visit: https://membership.faithdirect.net/CA749 and follow the **"Recurring eGiving"** instructions. Simply indicate on your Diocesan Youth Form (white page) this is how you made registration payment. This system also works wonderfully for your offertory donations.

Special Note: We know and understand this to be a new and very different school year. Please know the safety and health of all youth remain our top priorities while doing what we can to assist teens and their families on their faith journey. Our office will communicate updates and changes as we move forward. Thank you for your patience and support as we joyfully walk this path with your family in the best and safest way possible.

Please return your completed registration and membership fee by September 18, 2020. If you have any questions, please call or email me at 392-6362 or christine@stanthony-sacramento.org. We look forward to seeing you this school year!

With peace and prayers,

Christine Soriano St. Anthony Youth Ministry