



## Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Application for Servant Leadership (Peer Ministry)

Thank you for your interest in Peer Ministry! We are so excited that you are interested and willing to help your parish community in this way. Please read through this whole application carefully! If you are a new applicant, you will also need to go through and interview before being accepted.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parents Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Your signature is acknowledgement that you are aware of your child's interest in serving and the commitments involved in doing so.)*

Contact **Tom Mackin** with any questions or concerns [tmackin@saintmarkfallston.org](mailto:tmackin@saintmarkfallston.org) or (443) 981-3190

**By submitting your application, you are indicating that you have thoroughly read this packet and are willing to follow through with all commitments this program requires.**

### Student Information

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last Name	Frist Name	Middle Name	Nickname
_____	_____	_____	
Date of Birth	Current Age	Grade & School attending Fall of 2021	
_____	_____	_____	_____
Street Address	City, State		Zip Code
_____	_____		_____
Home Phone	Cell Phone		
_____	_____		
Email Address	_____		

### Peer Ministry Qualifications

1. Must be a confirmed Catholic
2. Must attend Mass weekly
3. Must be practicing their faith openly
4. Must be committed to making Peer ministry a priority
5. Ability to talk about their own faith with peers
6. Willingness to be a part of the St. Mark's community outside of Peer ministry

**Peer Ministry is ministering to your peers through the following programs:**

- Religious Education 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Confirmation Class 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Youth Ministry – Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) and High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**Commitment:**

Arriving 15mins before official start time to pray, prepare and greet students

Ability to commit to the program which you are chosen to be a peer

Attend monthly peer planning meetings

Attendance at yearly 9<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Retreat (All peers required to attend)

**PLEASE NOTE:** To be a peer minister for the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class, you must have already served one year in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education Classes or Youth Ministry (Middle or High School).

**NEW PEER APPLICANTS Only - Please Respond to the following questions. Answer honestly.**

We are trying to get a whole picture of you, so just be yourself 😊

**Returning Peers – Please skip these questions and begin with questions on page 6**

1. List some things that you are good at and that you love doing:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Do you hold any leadership positions outside of church? (Example: sports, school, scouts, etc.) If yes, what club, sport: season & team (varsity, jv, club), troop number:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What are two of your biggest strengths?





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14. We must allow ourselves to be ministered to and be spiritually fed if we are going to be ministering to others. "You can't give, what you don't have." All Student Servant Leaders must continue their religious formation throughout their time of service. In what ways are you currently continuing your formation or planning to do so?

15. Please provide us with a brief witness/testimony of a time you realized that Christ was actively working in your life.

**Returning Peers ONLY** (Please answer the following questions)

1. In your opinion, what makes someone a good leader? what personality traits should a leader have? In your own words what does "Servant Leadership" mean (hint: John 13:1-20)
2. Tell us about a past experience that you've had that you've learned from and has helped you grow in your relationship with Christ.
3. What things did you/did you not do last year that you would like to do this year?
4. What things did you like about this year and what things did you not like about this year? what are some ideas/changes in the programs you would like to see in this coming year?

**Servant Leadership Code of Conduct & Covenant**

**Please read the following and pray the Covenant Prayer before signing the agreement**

1. I am called to be an Ambassador for Christ to my friends and family. For this reason, I must avoid illegal and un-Christian activities throughout my daily life—at church, at school, at home, on social media, and with friends. This includes stealing, violence, bullying, reckless driving, drinking, smoking, chewing tobacco, and recreational drug use.
2. I will always respect adults in authority, whether it is the Program Director or someone appointed by them. (Catechists/Core Members, Volunteers, etc...)
3. I must and will refrain from inappropriate physical contact with ANYONE attending a church function. I must also refrain from sexual harassment (verbal or physical), inappropriate jokes, inappropriate displays of affection, cursing, foul language, using God's name in vain, and any other comments not befitting a representative of the Church.
4. I will be welcoming and inclusive of any student, especially those visiting for the first time.
5. I will stay focused and devoted to the task at hand, but also remain flexible in the event that plans change.
6. When I use social media, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, or any public website, I will only share opinions and posts that are authentic to Catholic Church teaching. If I am unsure of the teaching on a particular topic, I will not post until I have discussed the matter with a practicing Catholic or a staff member of St. Mark. I will not share negative or disparaging remarks or comments about the Catholic Church, the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Saint Mark Catholic Church, or any individuals connected to Confirmation, Youth Ministry or Religious Education.
7. I am open to being challenged to grow, especially in areas of humility, patience, and overall spirituality.

**Covenant Prayer**

A Christian Leader lives "a life worthy of the call you have been given" Ephesians 4:1

I believe that I have been called by God.

I have been called to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him.

I have been called to live a life of ongoing, deepening relationship with Him.

I believe that He loves me in an extraordinary and personal way,  
and that He is calling me to share His love with others.

I believe that God is calling me to be an active member of His Church.

I believe that God is inviting me to live out this call in Christian Leadership, and I will answer this call.

I commit to striving toward being worthy of the call that the Lord has given me.

I commit to praying daily so that I may continue to grow in my love for Christ and His Church,



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and so that I may more fully and powerfully receive and accept His love for me.  
I commit to remembering that my Catholic faith is not just something that I do but who I am.  
It is who I am called to be. It is my identity. It is my self. It is my call to grow in holiness,  
It is the way that God asks me to help others grow in holiness.  
I will seek to serve Christ by ministering to my peers.  
I will seek to let Christ serve me by letting my peers and others in the Church minister to me.  
I will seek to find Christ in everyone I meet,  
and to really encounter Him personally through the Sacraments and private prayer.  
Because I am a Christian Leader. Because I have been called.

I have read the above contract and covenant and agree to all terms and conditions. I am interested in being a Peer Minister for the 2022/2023 school year. I know what is expected of me, and I am eager to serve the Church in this way.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Once we have received your peer application, it will be reviewed and we will be in touch to schedule an interview with you before selecting our Peer Ministry Team for 2022-2023.

Peace and Blessings,

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