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CYO/Youth &
Young Adult Ministry



April 10, 2019

Dear Youth Minister/Campus Minister,

It is time to appoint teens to represent your parish/high school on Teen C.R.O.S.S., the Archdiocesan youth council. **Teen C.R.O.S.S.** (Catholics Reaching Out in Selfless Service) is made up of teens from each parish and Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The focus of the group is to develop leadership skills, represent the concerns and ideas of young people to the archbishop, and assist with the planning and implementation of archdiocesan-wide youth events. These students serve a one-year term (May 2019 - April 2020).

We firmly believe that parish and school commitments come first, and we continue to stress the importance of this to the Teen C.R.O.S.S. members. We do expect, however, presence and participation from those who do agree to serve. It is critical that your teens review the dates and understand the need to attend meetings and events.

We are looking for *current* freshmen or sophomores with leadership ability who would serve as sophomores/juniors in 2019-2020. Please give consideration about which of your young people would:

- a. Assist and lead ministry efforts with the young Church of the Archdiocese through planning and implementing archdiocesan-wide youth events
- b. Be willing to assist in communication efforts between the schools and parishes of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office
- c. Benefit from the opportunity to further develop their gifts and leadership skills
- d. Represent the ideas and concerns of the young Church to the archbishop

Attached is paperwork to help you recruit young people to join Teen C.R.O.S.S. In this set, you will find:

- 1- A description of Teen C.R.O.S.S. (expectations)
- 2- Teen C.R.O.S.S. meeting and event calendar to share with your candidates so they understand the meeting commitment expected of them prior to being appointed
- 3- An "approval/recommendation" form that **YOU** need to fill out for **each** young person you are appointing. Please complete and return to us (by mail, scan/email or fax to 504-836-0552) by **Friday, May 3, 2019.**

*****We will mail the membership packet directly to the young people you nominate. They will bring the completed packet with them to the 1st meeting they attend.**

It is important that every parish youth ministry and Catholic high school be represented. Please understand that having a truly representative youth council with all of the cultures, races, and geographic areas of the archdiocese depends on your appointment of teens from your parish or Catholic high school. A limited number of scholarships are available for economic need. Please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance in your decision-making process, or if you have questions regarding which teens have received at-large nominations. Thank you for your support of youth leadership.

In Christ,

Timmy McCaffery, Jr.
Director



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Teen C.R.O.S.S.
(Catholics Reaching Out in Selfless Service)

PURPOSE/MISSION:

Teen C.R.O.S.S. exists to:

- + further develop the gifts and leadership skills of youth
- + improve communication between the schools and parishes of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office
- + assist and lead ministry efforts with the young Church of the archdiocese through planning and implementing archdiocesan-wide youth events
- + represent the ideas and concerns of the young Church to the archbishop

Teen C.R.O.S.S. provides different services to the Catholic youth ministry community. Emphasis will be placed on tasks which:

- + further outreach to Catholic youth
- + encourage faith development among young people
- + respond to youth-at-risk issues
- + educate for justice
- + serve the (civic) community

(These tasks will include involvement in annual events including World Youth Day, Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference, Junior High Retreat, and Abbey Youth Fest.)

COMPOSITION:

Teen C.R.O.S.S. is made up of 2 individuals (preferably sophomores and juniors in high school) from parishes and Catholic high schools across the archdiocese.

SELECTION:

Adult youth ministry coordinators from parishes and schools recommend (via letter) the young people. This takes place in early spring. The CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office also makes selections of "at-large" members during this time or at their discretion.

QUALITIES/ABILITIES SOUGHT:

- + high school student (preferably sophomore or junior in 2019-2020)
- + person of FAITH; witness to Catholic Christian lifestyle
- + active in local (parish/school) youth ministry efforts
- + leadership ability (planning skills, communication skills, work with groups, responsible/dependable, organized)
- + willing to work (speak their opinion, spend time--during meetings and between meetings--on assigned tasks, communicate progress and problems)

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT:

Teen C.R.O.S.S. members are asked to serve a one-year term (May to April). Renewable terms are an option after review with the Teen C.R.O.S.S. member, local adult youth minister and the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office.

There will be monthly general Teen C.R.O.S.S. meetings each year. One of the general meetings is a two-night retreat at Camp Abbey. Additional committee meetings may be necessary, for example, preceding World Youth Day. World Youth Day and Abbey Youth Fest are mandatory commitments. Members will be required to choose an additional ministry such as the Junior High Retreat and Lectoring at the Cathedral, etc.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- + serve as a Christian example to youth and adults
- + remain active in local (parish/school) youth ministry setting
- + communicate information and needs to/from local setting and CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office
- + attend Teen C.R.O.S.S. meetings
- + assist with various youth ministry events (World Youth Day, Abbey Youth Fest, etc.)
- + assist with Teen C.R.O.S.S. goals and projects

SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT:

The CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office, the Office of Black Catholic Ministries, the Hispanic Apostolate, the Office of Religious Education, the Office of Catholic Schools, and appointed adult advisors give support and supervision. Final accountability lies with the director of the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office. (Mid-year appointments and removal from Teen C.R.O.S.S. will be handled on an individual basis.)

BENEFITS:

- + Opportunity to share faith, ministry, prayer, and friendship with youth from across the Archdiocese of New Orleans.
- + An active voice in youth ministry
- + On-going leadership development
- + Learn more about youth ministry at archdiocesan, regional, and national levels.
- + Discount on March for Life Trip



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Teen CROSS 2019-2020 Commitments

*Denotes Optional Sign Up

Date	Time	Location	Event
Monday, June 3, 2019	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Monday, July 8, 2019	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Tues, July 30-Thurs, Aug 1, 2019	1 PM Tues.- 6 PM Thurs.	Camp Abbey	Leadership Retreat
Monday, August 12, 2019	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Monday, August 26, 2019	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Saturday, September 21, 2019	9 AM- 12 Noon	Transfiguration	Meeting
Monday, October 7, 2019	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Monday, October 21, 2019	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Monday, October 28, 2019	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Saturday, November 2, 2019	Morning/Afternoon	Morial Convention Center	WYD Set Up
Sunday, November 3, 2019	All Day	Morial Convention Center	World Youth Day
Monday, November 11, 2019	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2019	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Sunday, December 15, 2019	2-4:30 PM	Rock-N-Bowl	Christmas Party
Monday, January 6, 2020	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Friday, January 10, 2020*	8 AM-3 PM	Pontchartrain Center	Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference*
Saturday, January 11, 2020*	8 AM-2 PM	Pontchartrain Center	
Monday, February 3, 2020	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Friday, February 14, 2020*	Evening	Camp Abbey	Junior High Retreat (Retreat Team Member)*
Saturday, February 15, 2020*	All Day	Camp Abbey	
Sunday, February 16, 2020*	Morning	Camp Abbey	
Monday, March 9, 2020	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting
Saturday, March 21, 2020	All Day	St. Joseph Abbey	Abbey Youth Fest
Monday, April 6, 2020	7-9 PM	Transfiguration	Meeting



**2019-2020 TEEN C.R.O.S.S.
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Name of teen: _____ Circle: Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home Phone _____

E-mail: _____ Cell number: _____

Church Parish: _____

School attending: _____ Grade level (2019-2020): _____

Please indicate your estimation of the teen in each category by circling the appropriate box.

Initiative/ Originality	Needs Occasional prodding	Does assigned work of own accord	Completes suggested extra work	Original, independent, imaginative	Have not observed
Personal and social maturity	Below Average	Average	Above average	Exceptionally mature	Have not observed
Dependability and reliability	Doubtful reliability	Usually reliable	Above average reliability	Unquestioned reliability	Have not observed
Emotional maturity	Very excitable	Easily upset	Usually stable, Poised	Stable, well balanced	Have not observed
Leadership	Satisfied to follow	Occasionally a leader	Frequently a leader	Outstanding leader	Have not observed
Verbal Skills	Below average	Moderately articulate	Above average	Articulate, clear, fluent	Have not observed
Acceptance of feedback and instruction	Resistant to constructive feedback	Sometimes resistant to feedback	Accepts feedback	Seeks out feedback	Have not observed
Personal spirituality	Untapped	Seeds of faith need nurturing	Has shown faith alive	Comfortable with expressing faith publicly	Have not observed

Name/Title of adult making recommendation: _____

Parish/school representing: _____

Please fax to 504-836-0552, e-mail to cyo@arch-no.org, or mail to:

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c/o CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office

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New Orleans, LA 70122

DUE BY FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019



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