

Parents – Your Teens Need You!

We are blessed this year to have SO many teens in TYM! For safety and supervisory purposes, the Diocese states we should have one adult for seven teens; we need many chaperones for each TYM session or we will not be able to maintain our program and pass our awesome faith on to our teens!

For TYM Chaperone needs, I have created an online sign-up through Sign Up Genius (**there's an App for that!*). I will store the emails I have and send invitations this week for everyone to sign up via a link contained in the email. Setting up an account on the website is optional – just look closely at the check boxes as you input your information!

For those who do not have connectivity, please review our TYM calendar, pick the dates you can help and complete the included form – I will input your information in the online sign-up. Please be sure to make note of your selected dates – I may not be able to make reminder calls!

Language is *not* an issue – we're all here for our teens. We just need each other's presence.

Here's what I need:

- One adult/parent for each teen to commit to chaperoning
- Each adult/parent needs to sign up to chaperone for at least two TYM sessions; if you can sign up for three (or more!) we would then be fully covered throughout the year (accounting for possibility of no-shows, illness, etc.)
- All adults/parents will need to attend Safe Environment Training if you have not done so as yet. I am coordinating those sessions (in November) and will communicate via your teens. I'm doing my best to offer those sessions while TYM is taking place so you won't have to come on a weeknight. In the meantime, if you've already attended Safe Environment and can sign up for earlier TYM sessions, I'd appreciate it.

**if you already attended Safe Environment Training but are not sure if your clearance is still active, let me know and I will confirm*

Chaperone responsibilities are on the back of this sheet.

Thanks in advance for your understanding and support!

In order to communicate as effectively as possible with everyone, I need to use as much technology as possible – to avoid more snail mail black holes! I understand that not everyone has email addresses and texting capability via their phones; if you DO have connectivity but do not use email, I respectfully ask that you create an email address that I can use for TYM communication purposes. There are many times throughout the year that I need to communicate – sometimes at the last minute – and there's not enough time in the day for me to call over 100 households! There are many email providers that are free, Yahoo and Gmail being two of the biggest providers.

All adult volunteers are needed as chaperones during our 6:00-8:00 sessions. Chaperones need to assist with quiet as a presenter is speaking, keep teens on task during activities. I ask that adult volunteers **not** assist at a table where their child is sitting, this way a teen may feel more comfortable to participate in small groups if their family member is not within earshot! ☺

Breakdown of additional responsibilities needed throughout the evening:

- 2 adult volunteers to assist with check-in (beginning at 5:40)
- 10 adult volunteers to assist with set-up (tables, chairs, etc., beginning at 5:40)
- 3-4 adult volunteers to assist with set-up/put away of snack foods, beverages (usually around 7:00/7:15), then re-join group after all serving containers are thrown out/put away (teens are expected to clean up after themselves, you are NOT their maids ☺)
- All adult volunteers to coordinate/supervise with clean up – teens put chairs & tables away, adults need to make sure tables and chairs are neatly placed on all racks and nobody gets hurt
- Flexibility is key! Sometimes things just happen – we all need to go with the flow and we'll get through whatever pops up together!

We are blessed to have A LOT of teens registered at TYM! When we are all in St. Francis Hall it's going to be . . . cozy! I will do my best to plan our evenings and split out into smaller, more manageable groups when feasible.

Chaperone Sign-Up for Adults Without eMail/Online Connectivity

Your Name: _____

Name of Teen(s) you are accompanying: _____

Dates you are available to chaperone: _____

*two dates required, if you are available
for more, it would be great!

**Please make note of your dates – I may not be able to place reminder calls!*