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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FAQ • Youth & Young Adult Ministries • Fall 2020

What are the ministries and who are they designed for?

- There are 4 different programs that make up our Youth Ministry family:
 - **Sac Prep** (teenage sacramental preparation)
 - *Sac Prep is designed for middle and high school teens who are **already baptized** but have yet to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, and/or Confirmation. Teens and youth leaders gather to explore Sacred Scripture in relevant and fun ways and discuss our Catholic faith as it relates to the Sacraments of Initiation.*
 - **Spark** (middle school youth group)
 - *Spark is designed for 7th and 8th graders who seek meaningful friendships with others and an authentic relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Middle schoolers and youth leaders gather to play silly games, hear relevant talks, engage in small group discussions, and pray with one another.*
 - **TLC** (high school youth group)
 - *“Teens in Love with Christ” (TLC) is designed for 9th—12th graders who desire to dive deeper into their Catholic faith together and explore topics like: what it means to love and be loved by God, how we can follow the examples of the saints, and why suffering exists. High schoolers and youth leaders gather to play silly games, hear relevant talks, engage in small group discussions, and pray with one another.*
 - **Ignite** (young adult community)
 - *Ignite is designed for men and women between the ages of 18 and 35 who are eager to connect with other likeminded Catholics in lively fellowship, communion, and solidarity. Young adults gather to celebrate the end of the week and engage in the 4 “S”es of Catholic formation—various social, spiritual, service, and serious (intellectual) activities.*

What does Youth Ministry “do,” exactly?

- The purpose of Youth Ministry is to provide an opportunity for young people to celebrate and grow in their Catholic faith together in rich, exciting, and impactful ways. We do everything from attending Mass together, to scavenger hunts, to serving breakfast to our community, to spiritual retreats, even to hosting haunted houses!

When does each ministry meet?

- **Sac Prep:** Mondays 5:00 – 6:00pm
- **Spark:** Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:00pm
- **TLC:** Sundays 1:00 – 2:00pm
- **Ignite:** Fridays 7:00 – 8:00pm

Is there a registration fee for any of these ministries?

- **Sac Prep:** \$30 *in addition to retreat expenses (fundraising opportunities available)*
- **Spark:** \$0 *apart from retreat expenses (fundraising opportunities available)*
- **TLC:** \$0 *apart from retreat expenses (fundraising opportunities available)*
- **Ignite:** \$0 *apart from meal and activity expenses during social outings and retreats*

Are there any requirements for any of the ministries?

- For Sac Prep, we require middle schoolers to attend a day retreat and high schoolers to attend a weekend retreat before receiving the Sacraments. However, the nature, duration, and scheduling of these retreats may be adjusted depending on our ability to gather during the COVID pandemic. Dates are yet to be determined and may be subject to change. Consistent attendance is required for Sac Prep.

How can parents/guardians/older siblings get involved?

- Youth Ministry is one big family! If parents or older siblings of teens would like to volunteer, we can always use help setting up environment for events, preparing food for gatherings, etc. If you are interested in volunteering or joining the Core team officially and consistently, give us a call!

How are the ministries changing in response to the COVID crisis?

- The YM season kicks off the first week of October and concludes the week before Christmas.
- All 4 ministries feature a hybrid program (both virtual and in-person gatherings) so that there's something for everybody!
- Sessions will be shorter (1 hour each).
- We are experimenting with this new approach and invite you to “roll with the punches” with us this season. We recognize that everything is tentative, and that what's true today may not be true tomorrow. Furthermore, your feedback, suggestions, and ideas during this unique time in Church history are most helpful, appreciated, and impactful. Thank you for your patience and understanding! 😊

TLC and Spark: alternating in-person and virtual
Sac Prep: 1st Mondays = in-person, all others = virtual
Ignite: 1st Fridays = in-person, all others = virtual

<u><i>Virtual Gatherings</i></u>	<u><i>In-Person Small Group Gatherings</i></u>
Educational and faith formation emphasis	Spiritual, scriptural, and/or social emphasis
Available for all ministries	Available for all ministries
5 sessions in Fall for Spark and TLC	5 sessions in Fall for Spark and TLC
7 sessions in Fall for Sac Prep	1 st Monday in Oct., Nov., & Dec. for Sac Prep
7 sessions in Fall for Ignite	1 st Friday in Oct., Nov., & Dec. for Ignite
Up to 100 participants	Up to 10 people in one room
Interactive, engaging	Spatially distanced
	Sanitary precautions
	Masks required
TLC, Spark, and Sac Prep:	TLC, Spark, and Sac Prep:
➤ <i>New topics & guest speakers each week</i>	➤ <i>Topics TBD</i>
➤ <i>No sign-up necessary</i>	➤ <i>Sign-up required in advance</i>
	➤ <i>Up to 16 teens total per session</i>
	➤ <i>2 adults for up to 8 teens in 2 rooms</i>
	➤ <i>For those desiring to go deeper in their faith</i>
	➤ <i>Consistent group members</i>
Ignite:	Ignite:
➤ <i>Video-chatting discussions & prayer</i>	➤ <i>Typically off-campus</i>
➤ <i>Topic: “The Search” 7-part series</i>	➤ <i>Fellowship-oriented (socials)</i>

Service and other opportunities may become available.

Refer to the Fall calendar for gathering dates and times.

Contact Lindsay to sign up for a small group gathering or with questions.

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