

Application 2007-2008: Emmaus Peer Ministry

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3 Easy Steps for YOU ...

STEP 1

Read your packet thoroughly, then fill out your packet. If there is anything you are unsure of, please contact Jim Soltau at any time: by phone (510) 471-7766 ext. 19 or by email stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net.

STEP 2a

For your Parent Input Form, please have one of your parents fill it out.

STEP 2b: FOR NEW APPLICANTS

For your Adult Recommendation Form, ask an adult age 21 or over who is not your parent to fill it out.

STEP 3

Turn in your application before or on Friday, May 11! Bring it to Jim or at any time to the Parish Office at 32223 Cabello Street. There is a mail slot to the right of the door if the office is closed. We will call you to schedule an interview.

About Emmaus Peer Ministry

(1) **EMMAUS PEER MINISTRY** has been a fundamental part of St. Anne Youth Ministry for 18 years. Peer Ministry involves young people, grades 10-12 or in college, in leading and supporting peers as they develop a deeper experience of God's love and stronger sense of being Catholic. Emmaus Peer Ministry takes its name and values from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 24 verses 13-35. Just as the two disciples on the road to the town of Emmaus did after meeting a stranger, we recognize Jesus in our midst and strive to spread his Good News.



Emmaus Peer Ministry plans and leads Monday Youth Ministry meetings through games, skits, group discussions or activities, talks, prayer, and other areas such as liturgy or community service. Peer ministry members must be willing to explore the opportunities of being involved in ministries at Sunday Mass. Peer ministry members must: attend monthly meetings for enrichment, meet on a weekly basis to plan youth ministry meetings, lead youth ministry meetings, and participate regularly in attending Sunday Mass. Additionally, those who are in Emmaus are required to be involved in a liturgical ministry at Mass.

PREPARATION & ACCEPTANCE

*Acceptance is based upon application, interview and number of spots available.
Commitment to the ministry is from June 2007 to June 2008.*

EMMAUS PEER MINISTRY: Accepted members initially prepare for this ministry by attending their first Emmaus meeting on **Monday, June 18, 2007** and the Emmaus Peer Ministry retreat scheduled for **Friday to Sunday, July 13-15, 2007** at the Diocesan Youth Retreat Center in Lafayette. The anticipated cost per person has not yet been determined. *Consideration may be given to those unable to attend the retreat.* We will have a meeting in the summer regarding this retreat.

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Essential for this group is: maturity, responsible attitude, accountability, consistent attendance, commitment to prayer, conscientious preparation and the willingness to serve young people. *Emmaus Peer Ministry involves time management and awareness that personal action and word are reflections of the parish and program.*

As required by the Oakland Diocese for all parish volunteers, those accepted to Emmaus Peer Ministry are mandated to fulfill the annual Safe Environment for Children training. Additionally, persons 18 and over undergo a Megan's Law check as required by the Oakland Diocese.

THIS EXPERIENCE WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!!

Individuals interested in applying should:

- *Have a personal understanding of Christ;*
- *Be actively practicing the Catholic faith and its' sacraments;*
- *Be willing to acknowledge Church teachings, law, Tradition and Scripture;*
- *Have an openness to growing in faith;*
- *Have a desire and willingness to share an understanding of faith with others;*
- *Be spiritually and emotionally healthy;*
- *Be able to balance school, church, family and other needs in life;*
- *Be willing to invest in open communication with young people and adults;*
- *Be free of serious wrong-doing in their life.*

Thank you for your interest!

Please keep this page for your personal reference!!

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APPLICANT

First-last name:

_____ **DOB** _____

**Address - City - Zip
Code** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell**

Phone: _____

Grade Sept 2007: _____ **School - City:**

Current GPA: _____ **Have Internet access? Yes No**

Email address: _____

Work- place and hours:

Current or future extracurricular activities:

Your packet is due before or on Friday, May 11th.

Read the directions carefully. The following parts of your packet (A to E) are:

- Ø A) Your Personal Statement.
- Ø B) Your responses to the Applicant Questionnaire.
- Ø C) Your signed Covenant/Lifestyle Agreement.
- Ø D) Your completed Parent Input form.
- Ø E) Your Adult Recommendation form.

A) Personal Statement: Compose a one-page personal statement stating why you should be accepted for Emmaus Peer Ministry.

B) Applicant Questionnaire: For these questions, provide your responses in the space provided. Please write neatly and be as thorough as you are able.

9) What time and where do you attend Mass? How often do you attend Mass? How often do you receive the Sacraments of Communion and Reconciliation?

10) Lastly, what type of liturgical ministries do you want to or already participate in i.e. Lector or Eucharistic Minister or choir (singer, musician, etc.)? What ministry do you want to know more about?

C) COVENANT – LIFESTYLE AGREEMENT

Jesus, in his life and ministry, showed us how to live in the world while remaining dedicated to God. Emmaus Peer Ministry chooses to use Jesus and his disciples as the model which they will attempt to follow.

- **I** will commit myself to respect peer ministry and to serve group in the manner required of me. I will be accountable for my words and actions.
- **I** will help build the community by consistent attendance, open communication, conscientious preparation and by treating everyone with respect.
- **I** desire to follow Jesus. Therefore, I commit myself to serving others, remembering that what I do should bring glory to God and not to myself.
- **I** will do my best to share the good news of Jesus Christ through my words and prayers, and especially by my actions.
- **I** will choose to follow the teachings of the church, and to observe carefully what the church has established in law, Tradition and Scripture.
- **I** will choose to follow the Safe Environment for Children Project guidelines, and to observe carefully the guidelines the Diocese of Oakland has established.
- **I** will commit myself to a lifestyle that will be a model to my peers. I will avoid the use of drugs, alcohol, sex, violence, profanity, irresponsible behavior and needless hurtful gossip.
- **I** will commit myself to pray on a daily basis for myself and my team members. In my prayer life, I will seek guidance from Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

In signing this Covenant – Lifestyle Agreement, I am saying that I am willing to adhere to it and will be an example of an active, practicing Roman Catholic Christian.

Signed _____ Date _____

D) PARENT INPUT FORM

HELLO PARENT(S)! Please answer the following questions as best you can. These questions will help us in considering your child as an applicant. Thank you for your time!

- 1. In your judgment, should your child be accepted? Please state the reasons.**

- 2. Please list and describe two strengths and two areas of challenge for your child.**

- 3. If your child is accepted, and besides providing transportation, how will you support your child's obligation to peer ministry?**

- 4. What might interfere with his/her involvement from June 2007 to June 2008?**

- 5. If accepted, what hope(s) do you have for your child?**

6. Questions or additional comments:

E) ADULT RECOMMENDATION FORM

Adult must be age 21 and over, who is not a parent.

Hello there!

The person who gave this to you is applying for Emmaus Peer Ministry at St. Anne Church. The time commitment to the ministry group of choice is June 2007 to June 2008. Either ministry is committed to sharing Roman Catholic Christian faith through lifestyle, example, creativity, actions and words. If s/he is accepted, s/he will be involved in a leadership role, working with young people. This role is seen as representing the parish and program.

Because of the seriousness of the commitment, her/his application will be considered very carefully. Your responses will greatly help in the decision process. The application is due Monday, May 14th, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Soltau, Youth Ministry Coordinator at St. Anne Church, (510) 471-7766 ext. 19. If convenient, you may forward your responses to him by mail, P.O. Box 292 - Union City CA 94587, or by fax (510) 487-6540 or by email, stayouthministry@sbcglobal.net.

Please provide your answers for QUESTIONS 1 TO 5. Thank you for your time!

1. Please provide your name and your contact information. In addition, how long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. Please comment on what you know of the applicant's relationship with God and/or Roman Catholic Christian lifestyle.
3. Please describe the applicant's personal strengths and weaknesses that could surface should s/he be involved in peer ministry.
4. What is an area of challenge for the applicant in becoming a leader in peer ministry?

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