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Tuesday, July 21st, 2009

Dear Veteran Peer Ministers,

Hope you are having an amazing summer! It's that time again to finalize the new Peer Ministry year.

As veterans, you have three choices: 1) No, I will not be signing up for another year of Peer Ministry. 2) Yes, I would like to recommit for another year of Peer Ministry, and/or 3) I would like to apply to a part of the PM Core Team. Please take time to consider your options.

This year, Peer Ministry will rely so much more on small group community. PM Small Groups will take on a whole new dimension. The larger we get, the more creative we must be in order to maximize the intimate nature of our community. We will continue with our PM Small Groups one Sunday a month, one Outreach a month, and a quasi-optional monthly social activity. We will continue with our regular time slot of Sunday evening from 7-9pm. Of course, the Outreaches will remain open to everyone as will as our new every other month Big Events (scavenger hunt, Christmas in Chicago trip, etc).

The PM Core Group will consist of a smaller subset of Peer Ministers, generally only juniors and seniors (exceptions may apply), who will more deeply be invested in leading Peer Ministry and YM events. Each month Core members will meet for one full meeting (1-1½ hours) outside of the regular Peer Ministry gathering, as well as be asked to arrive 45 minutes early to Outreaches. The Core Team will also be small group leaders.

After prayerfully considering where Peer Ministry fits into your life for next year, please fill out the attached response sheet. We will need all forms to my mailbox in the Parish Center by Friday, August 7th (this includes first time applicants as well, so please let your friends know).

All Peer Ministers/Core Team members will need to be available for an Overnight Retreat on Sat/Sun, August 23rd/24th. Please prayerfully consider where you and God feel you should be.

God's Peace,
Kevin O'Connell
OLW Dir. Of Youth Ministry

OLW Peer Ministry APPLICATION 2009-2010

Application is due no later than Friday, Aug 7th.
This form is for Returning Peer Ministers Only:

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

1) No, I will not be signing up for another year of Peer Ministry: _____

2) Yes, I would like to recommit for another year of Peer Ministry: _____

3) I would like to apply to a part of the PM Core Team. _____

(I am attaching the separate PM Core Application)

Address: _____ High School: _____

City/Zip: _____ Grade: _____

Phone: (847) _____ Cell : () _____

E-Mail: _____ Birthday: _____

Adult T-Shirt Size: _____

As you know, the opening Peer Ministry retreat is so incredibly important for a successful year. The PM Retreat runs from 3:00pm on Saturday, Aug 23rd and concluding with the 11:30am Teen Ministered Mass on Sunday, Aug 24th. This is one of our few mandatory commitments. Please make sure your schedule is open and that you have all your homework/summer readings completed before this event. Please plan ahead. You will not regret the effort.

I am available for this overnight retreat _____ (please initial)

On the back side of this paper, please describe your experience of Peer Ministry so far. Also, please include why you want to continue with Peer Ministry, what you wish to receive from this experience, along with how as a veteran member, you believe you can lead others in this community? Feel free to add any of your own comments as well.