

April 8, 2019

Dear Sixth Grade Families –

Although this programming year is not quite done, we are already starting to plan for next year! Religious education programming for your child next year will be the EDGE Program. EDGE is a Catholic middle school youth ministry program, with the aim of bringing middle school kids into closer relationship with Jesus Christ in an interactive and fun way. EDGE is much different than the style of classes your child has been part of in the past. Rather than standard classroom teaching, each session will include activities, large group discussions, small group discussions, and various prayer experiences. If you are interested, you can find more information about the EDGE program at www.lifeteen.com/cym

EDGE will meet Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm, 3 weeks per month, September through April. In order to get the most benefit from the EDGE classes, it is recommended to be at every session. Each session is “stand alone” content, but the relationship and community building aspect that happens every week is integral to the success of the program. That being said, I completely understand that there are unavoidable conflicts. As a mom of five kids myself, I am well aware of the multitude of commitments and activities our children are part of. As the parent, you are the first educator of your child, and I respect your decision should your child need to miss class for any reason. I only ask that you call the CFC office before class begins so we are not looking for your child. There will be a Seventh Grade Welcome Night in September, designed to help the students learn about the program and get a feel for what the year will bring. Details will come out at a later date.

Please use the enclosed family registration form to enroll your child. Additionally, there are a number of volunteer opportunities you may be interested in. Please see below for more details and prayerfully consider helping us out in one of these areas. If you have any questions about the EDGE program or volunteering, please call or email Meredith Lauer at 725-0660 or mlauer@smcatholicsschools.org

I look forward to meeting your family and working together to Grow Disciples!

Warm Regards,

Meredith Lauer _____

Volunteer Opportunities (please mark and return if you are interested)

Name: _____ **Phone/Email:** _____

_____ **EDGE Small Group Leader:** EDGE participants are divided into groups by age and gender, and led by a small group leader. Small group leaders commit to building relationships with their group and facilitate discussions. Desire to work with youth and willingness to share your faith is the only requirement! Training for Small Group Leaders is provided.

_____ **EDGE Substitute Leader:** Life happens! A substitute is our “on call” leader in the event one of our regular leaders is unable to attend. Desire to work with youth and willingness to share your faith is the only requirement! Training is provided.

_____ **Prayer Warrior:** We covet your prayers! Prayers are pivotal in leading teens closer to Christ, and you will be provided with a specific group of teens to pray for on a regular basis. St. Paul tells out to Pray Without Ceasing (Thess 5:17). Will you join me in prayer?