



## St. Rose of Lima Peer Minister Contract

- I will fulfill my responsibilities as a Peer Minister. If for some reason I cannot fulfill an obligation for an event or task, I will notify Jenny Morris and/or Sean White and find another peer minister to take over my responsibilities for the event or task.
- **I understand that this is a yearlong commitment and will participate through the summer barring trips. Camps, or vacations due to summer academics, family, or sports obligations.**
- I will remember that I represent not just myself, but also St. Rose of Lima and the Youth Ministry Program; therefore, I will do my best and give it my all to have a Christ-like attitude.
- I will be mindful of those around me, especially those that are younger than myself and I will not talk about inappropriate things around youth group members that are younger than myself. This ensures that the youth group is not a source of violating any innocence younger members may still have.
- I will follow the code of conduct for all St. Rose of Lima events which include but are not limited to:
  - I will help maintain a safe and clean facility during all events and/or trips
  - I will dress appropriately and modestly for all St. Rose Youth events
  - I will not visit the sleeping quarters of the opposite gender
  - I will not engage in inappropriate sexual behavior
  - I will refrain from drinking, purchasing, possessing, or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs.
  - I will refrain from any form of vandalism or theft
  - I will refrain from smoking, possessing, or holding tobacco products
  - I will not leave the program site without consent of the group leader
  - I will observe all event and/or trip curfews
- I will follow any additional instructions given by the Youth Ministers or group leaders.

*I have read and understand the peer minister application process, responsibilities, privileges, termination procedures, and contract. I understand that my violation of any of these rules in this contract may result in me being removed from my role as a Peer Minister and any additional consequences that the Youth Minister's consider appropriate. I agree and abide by this contract from August 24, 2016-May 25, 2016*

**Name of Applicant (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read and understand the peer minister application process, responsibilities, privileges, termination procedures, and contract. I understand that my child's violation of any of these rules in this contract may result in him/her being removed from their role as a peer minister and may result in additional consequences that the Youth Ministers consider appropriate. I believe my child is fully prepared to handle this ministry responsibility and will be able to make the time commitment required by this ministry. I will support them in fulfilling their responsibilities and help hold them accountable to their duties.*

**Parent of Applicant (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent of Applicant's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## St. Rose of Lima Peer Ministry Youth Leader Responsibilities

The following are a list of responsibilities expected of all Peer Ministers. If you cannot fulfill a certain responsibility, it is understood that you will notify Jenny Morris or Sean White and also find someone to cover those responsibilities.

### Attendance

- Must Attend Youth Leadership Workshop
- Consistently participate in Life Teen Wednesday Nights (minimum of once in a 2 week period)
- Show up at 5:30 to Life Teen/ Edge Wednesday nights to help set up and greet other youth
- Attend bi-weekly Peer Minister meetings on Sunday (you must attend a minimum of two-thirds of all meetings)
- Participate in at least 2 Service events a semester

### Retreats & Youth Events

- Help with the Parish Picnic each year
- Assist with the Parish Ministry Fair at the Youth Ministry table
- Help lead one of the Middle School retreats (Sealed November 6; and the St. Rose School Confirmation Retreat)
- Be available and willing to assist with an Edge topic one semester
- Facilitate and lead group discussions during Youth Group
- Lead Prayer
- Welcome and help integrate new teens
- Attend Search (as a participant or team leader)
- Call youth who have become inactive from Life Teen after 2-3 weeks and invite them back

### St. Rose Peer Minister Privileges

The following is a list of privileges given to peer ministers to aid them in their leadership role:

- Youth Leadership Workshop (YLW) sponsorship
- Free Youth Group (Peer Minister Version) sponsorship
- 10% discount on registration for all High School Youth Group Events
- Events specifically for Peer Ministers
- Great way to add leadership experience to your college resume!



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## Peer Minister Application Process

- Application Eligibility
  - Must consistently attend Life Teen (once in every 2 weeks minimum)
  - Must be a rising Sophomore to apply
  - Previous minister who have attending less than two-thirds of all Peer Minister Meetings must reapply
- Application Requirements & Selection Process:
  - Step 1: Write a 1.5-2 page double spaces essay and submit by **September 21, 2016** . Include a works cited page if references are used.
    - TOPIC: Pope Francis has called the Church to a missionary renewal which emphasizes the new evangelization. As a peer minister, this call applies to you. Please discuss the following questions in your essay:
      - What does it mean to be a minister?
      - What is the new evangelization?
      - How does this call apply to the St. Rose Youth motto: Dare to Be Saints?
      - How can high school students be ministers of the new evangelization?
  - Step 2: Meet with Jenny Morris, Sean White, and Michaela Miller after your essay submission
    - Selection is geared toward building a collective peer ministry team which can minister to a variety of people in different stages of their faith journey.
    - Factors that improve your chances of selection:
      - Previous service/leadership experience in other groups (include your resume if you have one)
      - Previous involvement in other parish and diocesan ministries and activities (i.e. Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, PSR Teacher, Pro-Life Events, ect)



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### Youth Leader Code of Behavior:

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*I understand that my violation of any of these rules can result in me being removed from my role as a Peer Minister and Youth Leader and any additional consequences that the Youth Minister consider appropriate.*

***I have read, fully understand, and agree to abide by this Contract***

**Name of Participant (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participants Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## St. Rose of Lima Termination Procedures

The following are the conditions and procedures through which a peer Minister will be terminated from their position:

### Conditions:

- Any violation of the code of behavior is considered a breach of contract
- Failure to fulfill responsibilities without prior communication with Youth Ministers is considered a breach of contract

### Procedure:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Incident: Meeting with Youth Ministers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Incident: Termination from Peer Ministry Office

\*New Peer Minister will be selected within 3 weeks