



Welcome to HSM

We would like to say welcome! Welcome to High School! Welcome to Parenting a teenager (that is if this is your first teenager), welcome to our **High School Ministry** Program! We are super excited about this upcoming year! We are confident that God is going to blow us away with His love and the outpouring of His Spirit in the lives and hearts of your teens and your families.

Among the many additions that we are making this year to our program, the one we are most excited about is our **Parent Life** Ministry. This is going to be a ministry **TO** Parents and a **OF** Parents. Now you may be asking yourself...Isn't this a "**High School Ministry**?" Why would we have a ministry for "parents?" Great question! Here's the answer:

Why Parent Ministry?

The goal of youth ministry is to lead young people closer to Christ. For too long, we feel like we haven't worked enough with parents (you). But you are, beyond doubt, the most valuable resource and advocate we have for the youth and our ministry! We recognize the importance of you, the parents, in the lives of the Church:

"The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute. The right and duty of parents to educate their children are primordial and inalienable."

Catechism of the Catholic Church 2221

"Family Catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privilege place for the catechesis of children and parents."

Catechism of the Catholic Church 2226



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September LIFE Nights

FAMILY DINER

As the leaders of your family, we want to help equip you to be the model of spirituality in your home. We are going to provide you with discussions, that you can have over dinner. These topics are the same as what your teenager is learning about at our LIFE Nights. So, if you're not having a family dinner at least once a week, we want to encourage you to start. And if you are already sharing a meal once a week, then we want to encourage you to add another family dinner.

If you notice in the Gospels, many times Jesus models the love of His Father over a meal. So much learning and advice and encouragement takes place when we share a meal.

Picture Perfect—9.11.2011

CCC 1111; 1116-1118; 1131-1132

The Life Night this week is the introduction to our semester on Sacraments. The goal is to help teens understand what a sacrament is and why they were given to the Church. Take some time with your teen this week talking about the seven sacraments of our faith.

Follow the Recipe—9.18.2011

CCC 1123; 1125; 1127-1129; 1131; 1997; 1999

This night will highlight the very visible signs that are present with all of the sacraments. The teens will see the matter and form, which are necessary for each sacrament to be valid in the eyes of the Church. Help your teen(s) prepare for this night by making a list and see if, as a family, you can list the matter and form (spoken word) necessary for each sacrament. Follow up after the Life Night by comparing the list to what is learned and see how well you do! Here are some discussion questions for this week:

1. Why do you think Jesus uses matter in the sacraments instead of letting us just simply pray words?
2. Why do you think the form (spoken word) cannot be changed in a sacrament?
3. What are the invisible realities that are made visible to us in each sacrament?



Give It Away Now: Oh Baby!

CCC 2258; 2270-2275; 2443-2449

The 4th Annual Give It Away Now Global Life Night. For the past 3 years, LIFE TEEN Programs around the world have come together for a global Life Night and Service Project.

2008 – Clothing Drive. The goal was 50,000 lbs. of clothes. When it was over, there was 400,000 lbs of clothes.

2009 – Food Drive. The goal was 200,000 food items. The result was over 205,000 food items donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society's and food shelters.

2010- Change Drive. The goal was \$50,000 to build 4 clean water drinking wells in Africa. In conjunction with 200 LIFE TEEN Programs, we helped raise over \$200,000 and were able to help build 18 wells!

This year, we will once again join LIFE TEEN Programs around the world in a Baby Item drive. The goal is to raise 150,000 baby items. We, at St. Peter's, will donate our items to the New Life Center in Opelousas.

We want to invite you to help us get baby items. And in addition, we want to encourage you as a family to talk this week about how your family can live out the Pro-Life message of our Church.

**“THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE A
BABY ITEM DRIVE!”**

Ministry of Support

With our Parent Life Ministry, our primary focus is to be a support to you – the parents. We want to walk with you, pray with you and minister to you! We want to be an advocate for you so that you can be the best parent you can be. We are here to help you, not to take your place and not to tell you how to be a parent.

In order for us, as a ministry, to be able to help you and assist you, we also need your support. We have an amazing group of volunteer leaders, who give of their time and talent to help mentor and guide your teenager into a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. But they can't do it alone.

That is why the 2nd part of the two-fold Parent Life Ministry is a Ministry of Support. It is our hope that you can give some time to be involved in our Program. We need you!

You may be wondering what you can do? Below is a list of ways you can get involved.

1. Bringing and serving food at a Life Night
2. Cooking and serving food at a ROC Luncheon
3. Driving to events
4. Staffing our Kitchen on Retreats
5. Being Chaperons in our Cabins for retreats

If you are interested in helping us in any capacity, please contact Mrs. Jody at parentlife@carencroyouth.org. Thank you!



RISE 2011

Very little can prepare you for what you will experience at RISE. It's probably one of the most powerful spiritual experiences you will ever encounter. RISE drains you physically through lack of sleep and physical exhaustion, but I promise you will never feel more fulfilled in your entire life. We go out into the community and we bring Christ to those in need.

This year was my first RISE retreat, and I went in not really knowing what to expect. To my knowledge RISE was a week of construction work with mass every morning, but it ended up being so much more than that. I have been to other retreats through high school ministry and I was changed for the better so I thought I would give RISE a shot.

My group and I were assigned to a demolition site where we were to take down a house that was destroyed in a fire. Upon arrival at the site we found out that the fire was an arson, and that the homeowner's son was killed in the fire. I think our stomachs cut a little flip then. Throughout the week as we worked, eight city trucks with cranes came to pick up the debris that we had moved to the road. We really experienced Jesus at the site.

Every time the homeowners showed up at the site they just couldn't stop crying. I can't count on my hands how many times they told us we were a blessing to them. Their gratitude for our service was overwhelming and it was the motivation for the two groups on site to keep working when it was hot, or we felt tired, or it just seemed like there was too much work. RISE was something way bigger than any of us that worked that week and it wouldn't have been possible without all of you in the Parish who donated.

Every single morning we prayed for all who donated, all those who cooked for us, anyone who offered their time, money, or resources to make this week possible because it literally could not have happened without you. You provide the ultimate opportunity for us teens, the leaders and the people we serve, an opportunity to grow closer to Christ; and that is something that has no measurable value.

-Ethan Champagne (Junior)

Two Month Preview

SEPTEMBER

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SEPTEMBER

9.5.2011	Labor Day
9.11.2011	ROC Luncheon @1230
9.11.2011	LIFE Night @645
9.18.2011	LIFE Night @645
9.21.2011	RISE Reunion @630
9.25.2011	Give It Away Now! @645
9.28.2011	Engage – Wed. Life Night @7

OCTOBER

10.2.2011	DEADLINE Fall Retreat Registration
10.2.2011	LIFE Night @645
10.5.2011	Sponsor Meeting @6
10.5.2011	Engage- Scripture Study @7
10.9.2011	ROC Luncheon @1230
10.9.2011	LIFE Night @645
10.12.2011	Engage – Scripture Study @7
10.14 – 10.16	Fall Retreat: Live Out Loud
10.19.2011	Fall Retreat Follow-Up
10.23.2011	Service Project @2
10.23.2011	LIFE Night @645
10.26.2011	Engage – Scripture Study @7
10.30.2011	LIFE Night @645

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