



May 16, 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

We are so excited to welcome you to the high school ministry program here at St. Gregory the Great! My name is Liesl Ott and I am grateful for the opportunity to be your Director of Youth Ministry. This will be my second year working with students and families of Scripps Ranch, and I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

At St. Gregory the Great we offer a comprehensive youth ministry program that fosters the total personal and spiritual growth of each student. Because our program is comprehensive, Confirmation is only a part of what we do. Weekly youth group meetings mingled with special events and activities provide our students will opportunities to engage in community life, prayer and worship, leadership and development, justice and service, and evangelization. These events offer our teens a chance to gather in an atmosphere of faith, trust and joy to explore our own stories together as we tie them into the Gospel stories.

Confirmation sessions will begin at the end of September and are every other Sunday from 6:15-8pm. Enclosed in this letter are registration forms necessary for the 2010/2011 year. Please fill out the forms and return them along with the registration fee to the parish office by August 1st. We will be sending out the calendar for the year at the beginning of June and there will be a mandatory registration meeting on Sunday September 12th from 6:30- 8:00pm in the parish hall that we ask all parents and students to attend.

The most powerful force in a young person's life is his or her family and we know that parents can and should be a key part of Catholic Youth Ministry. I would like to invite you to team with me to make our Confirmation program and youth group activities an engaging experience for our teens. I am looking for volunteers for the parent advisory committee, service events, community life nights, retreats and conferences, and Confirmation small group facilitators. There are endless opportunities to get involved. We are all on this faith journey together and the program could not run without the help of wonderful parents and volunteers.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and encourage you to participate in making St. Gregory's the wonderful spiritual family that it is. Please feel free to contact me at any time!

Sincerely,

Liesl Ott

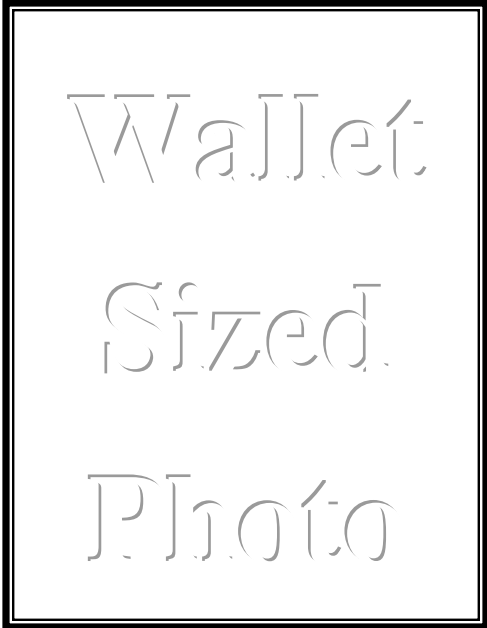
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2010-2011 REGISTRATION FORM

Mission 3:16 Youth Ministry
YEAR ONE REGISTRATION



Teen Information

Last Name

First Name

e-mail address

Cell Phone

Birth Date	Grade in Fall 2009	School	High School Sports / Activities

Family Information

Family Last Name

Parent First Name(s)

e-mail address

Street Address

City

Zip

Home Phone

Emergency Contact Information

	Name	Cell Phone	Work Phone	Lives with Student?
Mother:				
Father:				
Emergency Contact: <small>(not living with student)</small>				

The San Diego Diocese requires that parents/guardians sign the following *Release From Liability*:
I hereby release, both individually and collectively, Saint Gregory the Great Parish, its catechetical teaching staff and volunteers, from any and all liability arising from the care and supervision of my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



What Is Youth Ministry?

Youth Ministry is more than programs and events. It is "the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people, and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community." (*A Vision of Youth Ministry*, p. 6, quoted in RTV 1).

Goal One:

To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Goal Two:

To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.

Goal Three:

To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each person.

Eight Components of Youth Ministry

- 1.) Advocacy
- 2.) Catechesis
- 3.) Community Life
- 4.) Evangelization
- 5.) Justice & Service
- 6.) Leadership Development
- 7.) Pastoral Care
- 8.) Prayer & Worship

Registration Fees

1st Year Confirmation

Option 1: \$200

Resource Book & Sponsor Guide, Sponsor Events & Optional Activities, Weekend Retreat

Option 2: \$265

All the above plus pizza, salad, breadsticks, water and a cookie at each session (\$5 per session with 12 sessions total)

Please make checks payable to "Saint Gregory the Great". Registration fees can be paid in total or in increments. No family is ever denied enrollment due to an inability to pay fees. Please see Fr. Nick for special consideration. Thank you.

Registration Check List

- Registration Form
- Wallet Sized Photo
- Registration Fee
- Medical Release Form
- Sponsor Information
- Baptismal Certificate
- Volunteer Request

Parent Volunteer Request

Comprehensive Youth Ministry is a ministry to, by, with and for young people that involves their families, their parish community, and the larger community. At the heart of ministry with young people is the presence of caring, supportive relationships where youth experience the love of God.

In order for our program to work we ask each family to please volunteer for one area. Check the area/s that interest you and we will contact you with more information.

Parent Board Member: _____

The Parent Board meets monthly and advises the youth minister on a variety of issues that concern the ministry. Such topics include: budget, curriculum and activities.

Small Group Leader: _____

Small Group leaders facilitate discussion and foster community at the 10 confirmation small group sessions. Small group leaders are good listeners, sincere in their faith and have great senses of humor. Each group leader is assigned a trained teen from the leadership team to help lead discussions.

Retreat Volunteer: _____

Retreat volunteers help organize attendance, transportation, and weekend activities for the retreat December 10th-12th. Retreat volunteers get to attend an amazing weekend at beautiful Oakbridge Camp in Ramona.

Hospitality Volunteer: _____

Hospitality volunteers help with serving dinner to the Confirmation classes that meet immediately following the 5pm Youth Mass.

Tree Lot Volunteer: _____

Tree lot volunteers help with the sales, orders and payments for Christmas trees. Also, tree lot volunteers help run the tree lot!



Medical Release Form

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TEENS NAME _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

MEDICAL MATTERS: I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health, and I assume responsibility for the health of my child. Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only those in accordance with your wishes:

Emergency Medical Treatment: In the event of any emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the even of any emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

NAME & RELATIONSHIP: _____ Phone: () _____

FAMILY DOCTOR: _____ Phone: () _____

Family Health Plan Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

1.) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Other Medical Treatment: In the event it comes to the attention of the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Diocese of San Diego, chaperones, or representatives associated with the activity that my child becomes ill with symptoms such as headache, vomiting, sore throat, fever, diarrhea, I want to be called collect (with phone charged reversed to myself).

2.) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Medications: My child is taking medication at present. My child will bring all such medications necessary, and such medications will be well labeled. Names of medications and concise directions for seeing that the child takes such medications including dosage and frequency of dosage are as follows:

3.) Signature: _____ Date: _____

No medication of any type whether prescription or nonprescription may be administered to my child unless the situation is life-threatening and emergency treatment is required.

4.) Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby grant permission for nonprescription medication (such as aspirin, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed advisable.

5.) Signature: _____ Date: _____

Specific Medical Information: The parish will take reasonable care to see that the following information will be held in confidence.

Allergic reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.) _____

Immunizations: Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization: _____

Does child have a medically prescribed diet? _____

Any physical limitations? _____

Is child subject to chronic homesickness, emotional reactions to new situations, sleepwalking, bedwetting, fainting? _____

Has child been exposed to contagious disease conditions, such as mumps, measles, chickenpox, etc.? If so, date and disease or condition: _____

You should be award of these special conditions of my child: _____



Sponsor Form

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To be enrolled in the confirmation program, you need a sponsor. Your sponsor will be involved with you throughout your time in the confirmation program. Your sponsor should be someone who is an example of faith to you and someone whom you feel comfortable talking honestly with about your faith journey. Sponsors will be asked to attend a separate informational meeting about their role and responsibilities and will be provided with resources that will assist them in working with the candidate.

Reminder:

When selecting your sponsor, please consider the following:

- Your sponsor must be a practicing member of the Catholic Church who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Your sponsor CANNOT be one of your parents.
- Your sponsor should be at least 16 years old and responsible for the task.
- Your sponsor should live close enough in order to meet with you on at least a once a month basis.

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

YOUR SPONSOR'S ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____



Confirmation Requirements

High school - Confirmation

Confirmation Requirements for 1st Year Students

- **Complete Registration Process**
 - Registration Form
 - Wallet Sized Photo
 - \$200 Registration Fee
 - Medical Release Form
 - Sponsor Form
 - Copy of Baptismal Certificate
 - Schedule One-on-One
 - Parent Volunteer Request
- **Attend Mass Weekly**
 - Turn in 2 Homily Reflections initialed by the Priest or Liesl each month
- **Attend Every 1st Year Session (Yellow & Purple Dates on the Calendar)**
 - One absence is fine if approved. More than one absence will require meeting with Liesl in order to continue.
- **Attend Weekend 1st Year Retreat**
- **Schedule and attend one-on-one with Liesl**
- **Write a letter to Fr. Nick about your experience doing service this year (based on 10 hours of community service)**

Confirmation Requirements for 2nd Year Students

- **Complete Registration Process**
 - Registration Form
 - Wallet Sized Photo
 - \$200 Registration Fee
 - Medical Release Form
 - Sponsor Form
 - Copy of Baptismal Certificate
 - Parent Volunteer Request
- **Attend Mass Weekly**
 - Turn in 2 Homily Reflections initialed by the Priest or Liesl each month
- **Attend Every 2nd Year Session (Green & Purple Dates on the Calendar)**
 - One absence is fine if approved. More than one absence will require meeting with Liesl in order to continue
- **Attend Weekend 2nd Year Retreat**
- **Attend Sponsor/Candidate Confirmation Practice and Ceremony**
- **Write a letter to Fr. Nick about your experience doing service this year (based on 10 hours of community service)**
- **Schedule and attend one-on-one with Liesl or Fr. Nick**

St. Gregory the Great- Confirmation COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM

Conversion and formation are ongoing responsibilities of the mature Christian. Candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are required to complete 10 hours of service each year. At the end of the each year the candidate will be required to write a letter to Fr. Nick describing his or her service experiences. Use the space below to document your hours and reflect upon your experiences.

Student Name: _____

Date Performed	Hours Worked	Name of Agency/ Place where Performed	Type of Work performed	Supervisor's Name	Reflection Questions: What did you learn from this project? How did you grow in your relationship with Jesus through this project? What have you learned about Christian life from this project? What have you learned about yourself?

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