

# SAINT ANTHONY YOUTH MINISTRY

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## **Welcome to SAYM High School Ministry!**

There are three goals that guide the Catholic Church's ministry to youth: To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today; to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community; and to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person (Renewing the Vision). Using these goals to guide our ministry, the SAYM team of adult leaders and advisors strive to actively seek out ways to better serve and minister to the youth in our community. In youth ministry, key aspects are used as building blocks in creating and executing a ministry that can accommodate teenagers in the best way possible, such as school, homework, sports, extra-curricular activities, family life, and social life. It is important to understand and consider the nature of youth ministry within the many parts that make up its role in a teenager's life: 1) Accepting a young person wherever he or she may be on their faith journey; whether they are active in their faith, in the process of discovering their faith, or finding their way back to their faith. As God calls each one of us Catholic Christians to Him, it is the youth ministry's responsibility to welcome youth with open arms; 2) Youth ministry upholds and believes in surrounding and embracing the teenage youth with unconditional love, unwavering support, and constant presence. Each child of God is special and important. It is in following Jesus' footsteps that the youth ministry and its leaders know and affirm this belief by genuinely caring for each and every teen that walks through the doors (even teens who hesitate to walk in!); 3) Understanding that young people are busy, period. With each year, they only continue to become overwhelming scheduled. This is a natural understanding within the realm of youth ministry. Therefore, it is the youth ministry's duty to continuously reinvent, revamp, and recharge its ministry to youth. This is the everyday challenge for youth ministry today: what are we, the community, doing to serve our youth and draw them closer to God?



## Why check out SAYM?

- + Meet other Catholic youth from different schools in the Sacramento area.
- + Explore and deepen your faith through various activities, events, and retreats.
- + Discover ways to serve the parish and local communities through service projects and events.
- + Build community...a community that will support you and one that you can have fun, learn, and grow with.
- + Discover opportunities to establish and develop meaningful and faith-filled friendships.
- + We love to have fun while living out our faith!

For the 2017-2018 school year, SAYM is having High School Youth Nights on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until 8:00 beginning September 13.** Please join us as we continue to serve YOU, the youth of our parish community, and strive to “empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today; draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community; and foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person” (Renewing the Vision, pgs. 9-17).

## What you need to register:

- 1) **Diocesan Youth Form** - this form is effective for all SAYM youth events during the 2017-18 school year.
- 2) **Registration Fee of \$40** – this fee includes an SAYM t-shirt and helps us with expenses incurred by youth ministry activities during the school year.  
**\*\*We would like to introduce another payment option for credit or debit. Sign up and pay with Faith Direct. Please visit: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/CA749> and follow the “Recurring eGiving” instructions.** Simply indicate on your Diocesan Youth Form (white page) this is how you made registration payment. *(This system also works beautifully for your offertory donations as we strive towards going paperless!)*
- 3) **(Optional) YM Team Transportation Permission Form** - this form allows the youth ministry adult advisory team to pick up/drop off teens to/from home if needed. Some teens may want to come to a high school youth gathering but may not have the means to get to and from their destination. The Diocesan Youth Form covers consent for transportation by selected adults and/or youth ministry parents to and from off-site youth events and field trips.

**Please return your completed registration and membership fee by September 1.**

The youth ministry team knows very well that you, as high school youth, are extremely busy; but we can't wait to see you! If you have any questions, please call or email me at 392-6362 or [christine@stasac.org](mailto:christine@stasac.org).

With peace and prayers,

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