

Search for Christian Maturity #116 or # 117 Youth Director Application

Tentative dates: # 116 – Jan. 23-26, 2009

117 – April 24-26, 2009

I am applying for ___ # 116 ___ #117 ___ Either #116 or #117

YOUTH DIRECTOR application, and all required references, MUST be submitted by the deadline in order to be considered as a possible Youth Director for the upcoming SEARCH Retreats.

IN ADDITION TO this application, **FOUR LETTERS OF REFERENCE** (These must be submitted on the provided reference requests and come from two of your peers, and two adults (not related to you) in your parish faith community), **YOUTH MINISTER OR PASTOR RECOMMENDATION AND PARENTAL CONSENT FORM.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ BIRTH DATE _____ AGE _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____ MALE OR FEMALE _____

PARISH _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

I made Search # _____ Date: _____

Please answer the question below by being specific and reflecting on where God is calling you to the ministry and service of being a Youth Director for the Search program. (Please add additional pages if space is needed to answer questions fully.)

To be a Youth Director is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and His church. What does it mean to be a disciple of the Catholic Church:

The role of YD is one of ministry and service, what gifts do you feel you have to offer this ministry: _____

The role of YD is to service, why do you feel God is calling you to serve the Search community in this way: _____

I have participated as a Team member by serving the community in the following roles (list Search and role you served in): _____

Please tell us about your spiritual journey and what role (if any) Search has played in it: _____

How have you used your call to discipleship to serve your parish and community:

What one thing would you like the YD Search committee to know about you in their discernment of the YD's for Search _____

Code of Conduct Contract for Youth Director

If selected as Youth Director, I pledge to pray for each individual on the SEARCH team, and for the new Searchers, on a regular basis throughout the preparation for **Search**. I will be encouraging and uplifting to all those I work with. I will help develop the community and spirituality of the team, and convey this fellowship to the new Searchers throughout the weekend, and beyond. I will encourage the entire Search community to actively participate in their local youth groups in order to carry on the Light of Christ that has been entrusted to us.

I will participate fully in, and abide by the rules and regulations set for at, all of the activities surrounding the *Search for Christian Maturity Retreat Program*. I understand that I am expected to conduct myself in a manner consistent with Catholic Christian teachings at all times, and that my behavior and actions should serve as a model for my peers.

I take full responsibility for any physical property damage that I may cause during any part of the weekend.

I understand there is no drugs, no alcohol or under age smoking permitted. If I fail to abide by these rules, I understand that my parent/guardian will be notified and I will be sent home.

I understand that the purpose of this weekend is not to socialize, but to fulfill the responsibilities of Youth Director.

I know I must be present for Team Training in order to participate in the weekend.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Application Deadline: March 8, 2008 *Please attach a picture of yourself to this application!*

Questions: Contact Barb Garvin, Director of Youth Ministry, at 404 885-7231

**Mail application to: Barb Garvin - Director, Office of Youth Ministry - Archdiocese of Atlanta
680 West Peachtree Street Atlanta, Ga. 30308**

**All sections of the Y.D. application MUST be received in the Youth Office
by the deadline to be eligible for consideration!**

Search for Christian Maturity #116 or #117 Youth Director Application Reference

REFERENCE LETTER

This must be given to four persons (two peers, two adults not related to you) who know you and of your character.
Please have them return it directly to the Youth Ministry Office at the address provided below.

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

Dear Friend:

The young person who has asked you to fill out this letter of reference has applied to participate in a *Search for Christian Maturity* (SEARCH) weekend as the Youth Director sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta. SEARCH is an experience in Christian living, which has been especially designed for young people. It is an international program with hundreds of such weekends being conducted annually since the origin of the program in 1962. SEARCH is based on solid theological principles. The testimony of thousands of young people who have participated in the program gives ample and convincing evidence that the program touches the participants quite deeply and has a positive influence on their value system.

In order that the Atlanta SEARCH team may be able to deal personally and sympathetically with each candidate for Youth Director, we ask that you fill out this reference form completely. It is very important for us to have accurate and honest responses in order to choose a qualified leader for this team. This is a ministry that calls the young person to serve their peers unselfishly and faithfully according to the teaching of the Catholic Church. Your comments will only be seen by the Director of Youth Ministry and the Search Coordinators.

May we ask that you pray for this person so that SEARCH might be a positive influence in his/her life and whether placed in the role of Youth Director or not that their faith be strengthened through this discernment process.

Should you have any questions or desire to know more about the SEARCH program, please call Barb Garvin, Director, Office of Youth Ministry (404 885-7231)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Coordinators of Search for Christian Maturity

REFERENCE NAME _____

FULL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Length of time known: _____

The information you provide is confidential and is used to determine if this young person possesses the qualities necessary to serve this ministry as Youth Director. It will only be seen by the Director of Youth Ministry and the adult Search coordinators.

How do you see this person serving as a disciple of Jesus Christ:

Please give us any examples you can of this young person's involvement of leadership with their parish, school, or community. (Be specific and give details of the roles they perform)

Being a YD requires a person to be mature and able to handle the stress and pressure of leadership. Please tell us why you think this person has the maturity and ability to handle the role of Youth Director:

To your knowledge has this young person had any problems / struggles in the past with drugs, alcohol, depression, sexuality that we should be aware of: (please be specific)

Please tell us about how this young person interacts with their peers:

To serve as a Youth Director a young person needs to be strong in their Catholic faith and living according to its teaching, please tell us about the faith you have observed in this young person:

Please attach an additional sheet and tell us why (or why not) you feel this young person is being called to serve in this ministry. This is the space where any additional information you have that can help us in the selection process will be helpful.

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PASTOR or YOUTH MINISTER RECOMMENDATION

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SEARCH RETREAT APPLYING FOR: **SEARCH #116 or #117**

Dear Pastor or Youth Minister:

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Coordinators, SEARCH for Christian Maturity

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PARISH _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

Length of time known: _____

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How do you see this person serving as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Please give us any examples you can of this young person's involvement of leadership with their parish, school, or community. (Be specific and give details of the roles they perform)

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Search for Christian Maturity #116 or #117 Youth Director Parental or Guardian Consent

Please return directly to the Youth Ministry Office at the address provided below.

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

SEARCH RETREAT APPLYING FOR: **SEARCH #116 or #117**

Dear Parents or Guardian:

Your young person has applied to participate in a *Search for Christian Maturity* (SEARCH) weekend as the Youth Director sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta. SEARCH is an experience in Christian living, which has been especially designed for young people. It is an international program with hundreds of such weekends being conducted annually since the origin of the program in 1962. SEARCH is based on solid theological principles. The testimony of thousands of young people who have participated in the program gives ample and convincing evidence that the program touches the participants quite deeply and has a positive influence on their value system.

In order that the Atlanta SEARCH team may be able to deal personally and sympathetically with each candidate for Youth Director, we ask that you, as their parent or guardian fill out the following recommendation and consent form. Being a Youth Director for Search takes much time and responsibility and your support and prayers will be very important to your youth's success.

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Coordinators, SEARCH for Christian Maturity

What affect has the ministry of Search had on your child and your family?

How do you see your child serving as a disciple of Jesus Christ:

Please give us any examples you can of your child's involvement of leadership with their parish, school, or community. (Be specific and give details of the roles they perform)

Parental Consent and Emergency Medical Release

I/We the parent(s) of: _____ do hereby give my/our approval for him/her to participate with the Search for Christian Maturity as Youth Director (January 23-25 or April 24-26, 2009) program that is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Atlanta. I understand that as Youth Director my teen will be required to attend meetings prior to this weekend of which they will be responsible for transporting themselves to and from. I/We do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless any and all adults who chaperone these meetings or weekends, also the Archdiocese and its representatives, successors, supervisors, sponsors, organizers and participants for any injuries in connection with the program named above. I likewise release from my responsibility any person transporting my child to and from any of the activities. I also give my permission to seek emergency care if an injury or accident should occur.

Parent or Guardian Signature (Mandatory): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

In Emergency, Notify: _____ Phone: _____ Relation: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy Number: _____

I am allergic to: _____

Medications currently taking: _____

Other medical conditions / information: _____

Date of last Tetanus Booster: _____

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