

Spring 2024

Local Youth Ministers,

In conjunction with the Intense Youth Conference, we are excited to offer the ***Ignite Leadership Retreat***. Ignite is a leadership development retreat designed for teens who have a solid foundation in the Catholic faith and who are ready to “ignite” the spirit within to take their discipleship and evangelization to the next level - bringing both themselves and others closer to our Lord.

Ignite is a four-day, Christ-centered, sacrament-soaked, prayer fueled immersion in Catholic teachings on leadership, evangelization, and discipleship. Youth leadership flows from a personal relationship with Christ, so we will begin by giving teens the tools to grow closer in their relationship with Jesus and then give them the essentials for servant leadership and evangelization. Additionally, they will play an active role in assisting with the Intense Youth Conference.

Dates & Location: This four-day overnight retreat will take place at Oldenburg Academy (Oldenburg, IN) from June 4th (10:00am arrival) through June 7th leading up to the Intense Conference. Teens must be committed to staying for the entire duration of the program.

Application Process: Applicants are required to have adequately discerned their participation both through prayer and through a conversation with their local youth minister and/or priest who could provide a referral on the student’s behalf. We are asking that you make direct recommendations of teens who are ready for a level of leadership. In addition to the cost of the conference, the retreat fee is \$100.00 payable via check to All Saints Parish. Financial assistance is available for those who may need it. By May 20th, recommended individuals should complete the application [linked here](#), or on the Intense website.

We need your help! Please prayerfully consider the teens who are ready for this opportunity. In order to identify those who are ideal candidates, please review the attached rating scale. Teens ready for this opportunity would have a rating of “True” or “Very True” for the large majority of these items. This is a tool for your use and will not need to be submitted on behalf of the student.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either of us.

Sincerely,

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**Ignite Youth Leadership Retreat
Selection Tool for Youth Leaders**

Please state, to the best of your ability, how 'true' or 'untrue' the following statements are for the teen at this time.

	Very True	True	Somewhat True	Somewhat Untrue	Untrue
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I believe that the applicant is trying their best to serve Christ every day and has shown a real hunger to learn more about their faith.

The applicant is teachable and possesses a cooperative disposition.

The applicant has an openness to what God wants in their life.

The applicant is able to lead peers.

The applicant regularly attends Mass and any available youth group meetings.

The applicant demonstrates mature behavior and is responsible including

dependability and
self-control.

The applicant follows
through with responsibilities
and commitments.

The applicant is not afraid to
stand up for their faith.

From the qualities listed above, please elaborate on one of the applicant's strengths.

From the qualities listed above, please elaborate on one of the applicant's areas of needed growth.

Please explain why the applicant should be considered for the Ignite Youth Leadership Retreat and comment on the applicant's faith and involvement with the Catholic Church.