

## **CAMPUS/YOUTH MINISTRY**

Dear Parish Family,

Although I have not had the opportunity to meet everyone yet, the welcome I have received from many of you at St. Joseph has been warm and wonderful! Thank you for your prayers as we continue to unfold our ministry to the youth of our Parish Family.

The program is in its first stages of design, and will embody catechesis, social justice, liturgy and sacraments, pastoral care/peer ministry, service, prayer, retreats and social activities. The first goal is to establish a Youth Council and Youth Commission made up of youth from the parish, grades 7-12. They will act as the leadership of the youth group. The council and commission members will be trained in group facilitation skills, peer ministry and conflict mediation. A commissioning of this leadership team will take place at a parish liturgy in November.

I have had the opportunity to meet with our Principal, Mr. Holzapfel, Deacon Steve Gies, and of course, Fr. Tom. They are very supportive of our efforts! Youth Ministry will meet on the 2<sup>rd</sup> floor of the school, Room 212, for Campus/Youth Ministry. I can't wait to meet our youth and start giving life to the program! Implementation of the program will begin in the coming months.

It is truly a pleasure and privilege to serve the Parish Family of Saint Joseph! I ask for your continued prayers, and rekindled encouragement to your children for full participation when we are off and running!

With peace,

Darlene Khoury  
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