



# CROSS ROAD

## PEER MINISTER OVERVIEW

### **Program Description:**

The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi Peer Ministry program strives to develop strong Catholic leaders and Christian disciples to serve in the various components of the High School Youth Ministry Program of the parish and greater community. Through the program, these specifically chosen Peer Ministers, 10th through 12th graders who exhibit a willingness to serve, lead, and support their peers, will develop a deeper relationship with God, a stronger Catholic identity, and a clearer understanding of their place of importance in the community. Through a wide variety of ministry roles, SFA Peer Ministers will help lead their fellow teen to a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. With our call to discipleship as its cornerstone, SFA Peer Ministry is a prime opportunity for all youth to foster their servant leadership potential, build community, and seek out the many ways they can serve as disciples of Christ. Through training and first-hand experience, they will grow a heart for service, learn leadership skills, improve their prayer life, and become an active voice in the church.

### **Peer Ministry team members should:**

- Have a personal understanding of Jesus and a willingness to share that understanding with others
- Possess an openness to growing in faith
- Be willing to have a servant's attitude, putting others before themselves
- Be spiritually and emotionally healthy and mature
- Be free of *serious* wrong-doing in their life
- Act in a way befitting a Christian disciple
- Be performing well in school
- ***Be enrolled in grades 10 through 12 for the upcoming school year***

### **Peer Ministry team members will also be expected to:**

- Participate in a Peer Ministry Training Program
- Attend appropriate planning meetings for their ministry areas
- Participate regularly in High School Cross Road events  
(*i.e. attend at least 10 of 16 Cross Road sessions*)
- Provide Leadership during Year 1 & Year 2 Confirmation Retreats
- Attend one overnight retreat and one daytime retreat per year

**Commitment:** Applicants need to know and understand this commitment to SFA Peer Ministry involves a deep responsibility in time and challenge. Consistent attendance at required meetings, a commitment to daily prayer, and the willingness to serve your peers is essential. As a member of the Peer Ministry team you will experience hard work, lots of fun, and the support and encouragement of the vibrant faith community of St. Francis of Assisi. In addition, a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment, spiritual challenge and growth, and the satisfaction of serving others will be yours! **Your involvement as a Peer Minister will call and challenge you to be more than you are today. Are you up for the task?!**

### **Application Procedures:**

Please read over the following procedures for your SFA Peer Ministry application and note the requirements and the due date. Applications must be submitted on or before the given due date.

- Read over all of the information and prayerfully consider your call to serve as a Peer Minister.
- Discuss the commitment with your parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Fill out the Peer Ministry Application Form, below or online as completely as possible.
- Carefully read over the Peer Ministry Covenant and sign if you are willing to adhere to it. Complete the Applicant Essay questions. Forms can be filled out below or online.
- Get TWO letters of recommendation from adults that are non-family members who can tell us about you and why you would make a great Peer Minister. Letters can be emailed **directly** from recommender to [Marisa.Ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org](mailto:Marisa.Ferrara@stfrancisraleigh.org).
- Complete the Peer Ministry Application Form, Peer Ministry Covenant, Applicant Essays and two letters of recommendation within the time frame given by the youth minister.
- Applicants will be notified of their acceptance.