

Dear Youth Ministers and Supporting Adults/Staff,

On behalf of the Diocese of Knoxville Youth Ministry Office we would like to take this opportunity to introduce, or re-acquaint, you to the SEARCH Retreat experience and invite your Parish Juniors and Seniors to get involved! SEARCH is a retreat facilitated by teens for teens with the guidance of SEARCH Coordinators. The main focus of the event is three fold: Motivating the youth to seek a personal relationship with Christ, getting young people involved with their respective Parish youth groups, and promoting leadership.

Over the course of the weekend “New Searchers” will be guided through activities such as small group discussions, small and large group activities, witness talks, Mass, and so much more. They will be led through this unique experience by peers: 2 Co-Director’s, who are typically Seniors in high school selected through both prayerful personal discernment, and prayerful discernment by the SEARCH Coordinators. Supporting the Co-D’s is a large group of high school teens who previously attended a SEARCH Retreat as a New Searcher. These teens are “Team” and assist by giving witness talks, lead discussions, and work in various leadership roles throughout the weekend. The Team is also selected through prayerful discernment after which they are required to attend 4 leadership training sessions.

We invite you to use SEARCH as an avenue to enrich your Youth Ministry.

Enclosed are a registration form, flier, and a VALUES informational sheet.

Please use the contact information on the registration form or flier for any questions. I will be happy to assist!

Peace and prayers,

Deacon Dan Hosford