



**CHATTANOOGA SEARCH PROGRAM**

This application is an expression of your desire to participate in the **SEARCH** program. Please fill out the application and return to:

**Donna Jones**  
**501 South Moore Road**  
**Chattanooga, TN 37412**

**Or turn in to your Youth Minister or Notre Dame's office**

There is a \$55.00\* fee for the weekend. The fee covers all the expenses for the weekend. **SEARCH** weekends take place at All Saints Academy (**310 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402**). There are limited spaces available. Therefore, reservations are taken on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please turn in your application by the deadline so that there will be enough time for the team to plan and purchase the necessary supplies.

Deadline for application

SEARCH 134	September 16-18, 2011	Friday, September 2, 2011
SEARCH 135	November 4-6, 2011	Monday, October 24, 2011
SEARCH 136	February 3-5, 2012	Friday, January 20, 2012
SEARCH 137	March 30-April 1, 2012	Friday, March 16, 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Your Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/Church \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Address \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*Please make checks payable to **Chattanooga SEARCH program**  
\*\* If you are unable for financial reasons to pay this fee, please speak with Donna Jones. We may be able to waive the fee.

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**501 South Moore Rd \* Chattanooga, TN 37412**  
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## **SEARCH for Christian Maturity**

### **Philosophy & Purpose**

SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a retreat program that tries to help high school juniors and seniors see how they can be faith leaders in their schools and parishes. This is done by having the participants come to know God, themselves, and others in a more loving, personal way.

SEARCH is not a means purposely set up to correct one's character, morals, emotions or troubled school or family life. It is a method of providing people with a way of encountering themselves, others and God in a way which is unique and powerful. SEARCH helps people to see the need to bring their spiritual life into more conscious contact with their day-to-day living.

The essential component of SEARCH is its youth-to-youth approach, referred to as peer ministry. This component cannot be stressed enough; other programs can be valuable, but no one can talk with and relate to another better than a peer.

So, SEARCH is basically a weekend experience in Christian living. It is designed to help people see their value as human beings and members of a loving community. This happens as the team and the Searchers share their thoughts, feelings and ideas. Participants are then challenged to take their growth and ideas back to their families, schools and parish communities.

### **Central Elements**

There are six elements that we hope each SEARCH weekend will highlight and that each participant will take away from the retreat. These central elements are:

Trust, Sharing, Community, Prayer, Growth and Fun.

### **Time Frame for the Weekend**

SEARCH is a full, time-consuming weekend that begins immediately after school on Friday for the team members (7 pm for the participants) and ends on Sunday afternoon at 5 pm, for participants, and 7 pm for team members.