



# MISSIONARY APPLICATION

SEPTEMBER 2013 – AUGUST 2015

## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Employment \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT INFORMATION

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND FILL IN THE NEEDED INFORMATION**

## EDUCATION:

\_\_\_\_\_ I graduated from high school in \_\_\_\_\_ (year).  
\_\_\_\_\_ I received the equivalent of a high school diploma in \_\_\_\_\_ (year).  
\_\_\_\_\_ I am in my \_\_\_\_\_ (year) of college.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I completed college in \_\_\_\_\_ (year) with a degree in \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Additional Education: \_\_\_\_\_.

## CATHOLIC/SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been baptized. I was baptized on: \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I was confirmed in the Catholic Church at the age of \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ During the past year I have attended Sunday Mass each week and on Holy Days.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I converted to Catholicism at the age of \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ faith.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I attended Catholic school in grades \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I attended a Catholic college/university for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

\_\_\_\_\_ I participated in my parish junior high or high school youth program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I received official training in the following Catholic formations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

## **PERSONAL LIFE AND FAITH:**

1. Briefly describe how and when it was you came to know Jesus in a more personal way.
2. Give solid examples of how your life has changed through your relationship with Jesus.
3. At this time, what are some areas of your life that the Lord is still working on?
4. Describe your prayer life.
5. Describe three strengths you possess in relating positively with others.
6. Describe three weaknesses you possess in relating with others.
7. At this time, what do you most enjoy about life?
8. At this time, what are your greatest struggles in life?
9. Name one person, other than a parent, who has inspired your faith. Explain.
10. Other than church-related activities, what are your hobbies and interests?
11. Do you play any musical instruments or have experience with singing and choirs?

## **FAMILY:**

1. What does your family think about you applying to the Life Teen Mission Formation Year?
2. Briefly describe your immediate family.
3. Briefly describe your relationship with each member of your immediate family.
4. What about your family do you most appreciate?
5. What about your family do you struggle with the most?
6. What part do God and prayer play in your family life?

## **HEALTH:**

1. Please describe your overall health.
2. Please describe any health issues for which you are being treated or taking medication. How do these issues affect your daily life?
3. Describe any health concerns or conditions of which we should be made aware.
4. Are you in counseling or ever been to counseling? Explain.
5. What health insurance do you currently have?

## **CATHOLICISM:**

1. What do you most value about your Catholic faith?
2. What teachings of the Catholic Church do you find most difficult to embrace?
3. How would you describe your own Eucharistic spirituality? Give examples of your experience with this. (XLT, Steubenville Conference, parish adoration, etc.)
4. How has Life Teen made an impact in your life? Please explain.
5. What are some things that you would like to learn about our Catholic faith?

## **MISSION COMMITMENT:**

1. Why are you applying to be a missionary- rather than a youth minister or staff position?
2. Why are you applying to be a missionary with Life Teen?
3. How do you feel about fundraising and gathering a team of mission partners?
4. Life Teen Missions is a two-year commitment – one year at Covecrest and one year at another base (Atlanta, Houston, and possibly St. Louis). How do you feel about this two-year commitment?
5. How many hours a day on average do you spend:
  - listening to music
  - on the computer
  - on the phone
 How will you embrace the challenge to use technology moderately in order to be more available to God and to your community?
6. Share your thoughts on living in community and even sharing a bedroom.

## PERSONAL INVENTORY:

Using the scale below, please rate yourself in the following:

Almost Always	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
1	2	3	4	5

- \_\_\_\_\_ I follow through with responsibilities and commitments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I possess the ability to lead peers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I possess the ability to follow peer leadership.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I exhibit responsible behavior, including dependability and self-control.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I choose to have a good attitude even when I don't feel like it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I tend to avoid confrontation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am confident in my ability to resolve conflicts in a loving way.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I receive criticism well.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have a difficult time being held accountable by others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I feel confident in holding others accountable when it is my responsibility.

From the above list, please elaborate on one strength.

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From the above list, please elaborate on one area of needed improvement.

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Is there anything else you believe we should know and take into consideration?

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**Additional Issues:**

1. Have you ever been accused of child abuse? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please provide the date, place and account of the circumstances surrounding each allegation. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Are you under the supervision of any federal, state, or local agency as a result of any allegations of child abuse? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are there any legal issues that we need to be aware of? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

"I agree that all information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I grant permission to Life Teen, Inc. to contact all parties that it deems necessary to verify the accuracy of the information given. I also consent to a background check handled through Life Teen, Inc."

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***With this completed and signed application, please submit a short video (4-6 minutes) that helps us get to know you. This is not about convincing us of your holiness or theological knowledge. It is simply a sneak peak at who you are.***

**Essential Information****Dates:**

Year I Begins: September 9, 2013 at Covecrest in Tiger, GA

Year I Ends: Mid-August

Year II Begins: End of August depending on Location

Year II Ends: August 2015

**Major Breaks each year:**

- Two weeks during Christmas
- Spring Break
- Home visit in August between Year I and Year II

**What is the application process for the Mission Formation Year?**

1. Complete the Life Teen Missions Application and Background Check.
2. Submit the Application (including the short video), Background Check, and three Letters of Recommendation to Covecrest.

Life Teen Missions  
25 Falls Drive  
Tiger, GA 30576

3. You will receive a call confirming the receipt of your application. At that time, we will set up a phone interview with you.
4. You will then be invited to visit Covecrest. All applicants must come to an official "Come and See" weekend. You will experience first hand the Life Teen missionary life. You will also have the opportunity to talk with current missionaries in the formation year as well as the rest of the Covecrest community. Dates for the 2013 "Come and See" weekends are:

March 9-11

April 27-29

If these dates are impossible for you, let us know and we will work out another date for your official visit.

4. We would like to receive applications by **February 15, 2013**. However, we will continue to accept applications as long as we have spots available.

### **Mission Year I Details:**

1. Dates: September 9, 2013 – August 2014
2. Location: Covecrest (Tiger, GA). All missionaries will complete Year I at Covecrest. Missionaries will be sent out to Life Teen Bases in Year II.
3. Age requirements: Applicants must be one full year out of high school by the beginning of Mission Year I in September 2013.
4. Fundraising Goal for the year: \$7,000
  - In Year I, this money will cover housing, transportation, eight day silent retreat, books, outreach expenses, formation, food on weekends and during the summer, gas for personal vehicle when used for mission purposes, foreign mission expenses (not including project money and alms) and a \$150/month stipend.
  - This money does not include health insurance. All missionaries are required to have major medical insurance. If you raise more than \$7,000 for the year, you may purchase individual missionary health insurance using your mission partner money. The premium for this insurance is typically under \$1000 for the year.
  - Missionaries are responsible for personal transportation (breaks, holidays) and personal car expenses. If missionaries raise above the fundraising goal for the year, they may use mission fund money for these personal expenses as well.
  - \$5,000 must be raised by each missionary and sent in before your arrival on September 9, 2013. Missionaries may raise the rest of the money throughout the year. You will continually invite mission partners to join you on God's mission.

### **What happens during the Mission Year I?**

September through April is the Formation Phase of the year. May through August is the Outreach Phase where the missionaries cover all Life Teen Events including Summer Camp, Convention, and Life Teen Leadership Conference with missionary zeal and passion. Over the course of Year I, missionaries are trained and formed to serve the missionary movement of Life Teen. The typical day from September to April:

7:00 AM	Personal Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament
8:00 AM	Community Morning Prayer – Liturgy of the Hours
9:00 AM	Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays

9:30 AM	Formation Class (Wednesday-Friday)
11:30 AM	Angelus, Lunch and Freetime
1:30 PM	Covecrest Ministries and Work Formation
5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
6:00 PM	Dinner – Men/Women; Family Dinner; or on your own
9:30 PM	Night Prayer in homes

Additionally, missionaries are committed to: Life Teen and Edge youth ministry at the local parish one day a week, one afternoon a week set aside for communication with mission partners, Life Teen Staff Calls, Life Teen Holy Hour on Thursday at 2 PM, weekend hospitality of the retreat groups that come to Covecrest, foreign mission trip, eight day silent retreat, retreats that we lead occasionally during the week, and Life Teen national training. Summer Camp schedule is also very different from the typical schedule throughout the year. Missionaries serve as leaders during Life Teen Summer Camp for over 3000 teens at our camps throughout the country.

### **How do I fundraise?**

All Life Teen Missionaries live completely on Divine Providence. You will invite friends, family, co-workers, and parishioners to be “Mission Partners.” Mission Partners commit to prayer and financial support throughout your mission year. You, in turn, commit to praying for them and their intentions, as well as sending them monthly updates on how God is moving through you and, thus, through their investment in you as mission partners. Your Mission Partners are your personal prayer team, your army of prayer coverage as you go out to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. The preferred method is to invite people to give monthly. This forms an ongoing relationship and reflects the reality that your mission partners are truly on mission with you. Each missionary is expected to enlist at least 50 mission partners with a fundraising goal of \$7,000 per year. We will provide webinar training, sample letters, response cards and fundraising ideas that will help you in this most important ministry to mission partners. If you believe in your missionary call, share your story and invite others into this mission, God provides.

### **Prayer:**

Prayer is the foundation of all Christian life. As missionaries, we are called to be “contemplatives in action”. All our activity flows out of our prayer life, which includes both personal and communal prayer. The typical day of prayer:

7:30 AM	Holy Hour
8:30 AM	Liturgy of the Hours - Morning Prayer
9:00 AM	Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays
12:00 PM	Angelus
5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
9:30 PM	Night Prayer – in your homes

In addition, we explore the riches of the Catholic treasury of prayers including Rosary, praise and worship, scripture study, journaling, novenas, Consecration to Jesus through Mary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In developing a more personal relationship with Christ, missionaries will learn the listening skills that ultimately lead to con-

temptation. Missionaries will also go on a personal, guided eight day silent retreat at Covecrest in January.

### **Community:**

Our prayer life is lived out in community. Our missionary communities consist of Catholic Christians committed to a full Catholic life in Christ. Life Teen mission communities share a common vision, pray and discern together, and do all things for the Glory of God. Each member lives this out by embracing their unique role and by building trust through vulnerability, affirmation, and encouragement. Community life offers a safe but challenging place to live out our faith. Many people who live in Life Teen mission communities say, “The best part of Life Teen mission life is community. The most difficult part of mission life is community.” We cannot escape one another so we have many opportunities to deal with difficult issues in a healthy way. Practically, all missionaries share bedrooms and living spaces. All male missionaries live together and all female missionaries live together. Men are encouraged to build their strongest relationships with other men and women with women. The relationship between male and female missionaries is one of honor. First Year Missionaries commit to not dating or engaging in romantic relationships of any kind. The purpose of this is to protect and honor this committed year between God and each first year missionary. Also, we have weekly community recreation where we have fun together – from kickball to board games to Rock Band. Once a week we have family dinner where small groups of missionaries join one of the community families on Thursday nights at their table. Family Dinners have been one of the favorite aspects of community life for first year missionaries.

### **Formation:**

While every aspect of the Mission Year I is designed to “form” the missionaries, formation refers to committed time to study and explore Catholic Missionary Spirituality. The spirit is formed through prayer and exercising the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The mind is formed through studying Holy Scripture, teachings of the Church and spiritual reading. The will is formed through humility and obedience to Life Teen Missions’ Rule of Life. Formation primarily takes place in a small group setting facilitated by the Mission Coordinators and guest speakers. Main themes include: God as loving Father, Missionary Heart, Eucharist, Mary, Evangelization, Prayer, Holy Spirit, Life Teen Core Values, and Theology of the Body.

### **Mission:**

Most importantly, be missionary in the every day! Life Teen missionaries are the hands, feet and heart of Christ in their communities. Missionaries learn to turn all aspects of their daily life into mission. The very identity of the Church, which is us, is missionary. By our baptism, we are missionary. It is not just what we do; it is who we are. Blessed John Paul the Great encouraged us to “become who you are.” As we do that, we find that we are missionary. Specific opportunities include local outreach, leading retreats, foreign mission trip, and serving as the evangelization team for Life Teen Summer Camps. At Covecrest, we serve as the primary youth ministry team for the local parish of St. Helena in Clayton, GA. In addition, missionaries will work alongside Life Teen staff in various fields. This could include camp work projects and office work. Life Teen Missions is a hands-on mission experience developing youth ministry skills, public

speaking, teaching, organization, logistics coordination, and leadership to serve the missionary movement of Life Teen.

**Discipleship:**

Another aspect of forming life-long missionaries is discipleship. Each missionary is assigned to a community member who is committed to meet with his or her missionary every other week. The goal of this time together is to assure that each missionary is supported and encouraged to “become who they are.” This is not just to be holy but also to be whole – physically, spiritually, and relationally. St. Ireneaus said, “The glory of God is man fully alive.” We are committed to helping missionaries become “fully alive” prayerfully, personally, and communally.

Please find the Life Teen Missions Rule of Life at [lifeteen.com/missions](http://lifeteen.com/missions) and we look forward to prayerfully discerning your call to missions with you.