

Judge Memorial High School

Peer Ministry Application 2022-23



Name: _____

Peer Ministry Description: Peer Ministry is an academic, leadership, and service opportunity at Judge Memorial Catholic High School. Beyond planning and ministering at Liturgies and retreats, Peer Ministers have the opportunity to choose, initiate and lead specific ministry and service experiences for the students at Judge. In addition to outward ministry, leadership, and service, peer ministers participate in a theology class that explores Christian apologetics, Catholic Social Teaching and service through *Tattoos on the Heart* by Greg Boyle, personal prayer, and leadership. While the experience is rigorous, peer ministers learn immensely from class and ministering to their peers.

Requirements: In order to be considered, junior students must complete this application in full. If any part of the application is late, the application will not be considered. The application includes a teacher nomination, personal written responses to all questions in this packet, an interview with a current Peer Minister teacher or coach recommendation, and an in-person interview. Please know that part of the selection process is campus ministry giving teachers an opportunity to describe their experiences of applicants in their classroom and throughout the school, focusing feedback on work ethics, character, behavior, leadership, and spirituality.

Peer Ministry Application Checklist:

- Application Packet
- 1 Teacher Nomination for Peer Ministry
- Interview a Peer Minister
- Interview with Mrs. Poppe and Faculty
- 1 Teacher or Coach Recommendation (printed, turned in with packet)

Timeline:

- Monday, Dec. 13th: Peer Ministry Applications available
- Jan. 3-14: Interview current Peer Minister (set up on your own time)
- Monday, Jan. 24th: Application and recommendations due by **8AM**
- Jan. 25-28th: Interviews with Mrs. Poppe and Faculty
**You may not sign up for an interview until your entire application has been turned in*
- Week of Feb. 1st: Applicants are contacted by e-mail (both accepted and non-accepted)

Recommendation & Letter: All applications must be submitted with the Teacher Nomination and a recommendation from another teacher or coach.

- The Teacher Nomination should be filled out by a teacher who knows you and can comment on your leadership abilities. It may be turned in with your application or before your application is complete.

- The Teacher Recommendation should be written by teacher or coach who understands peer ministry, and can recommend with both strengths and weaknesses that should be known about an applicant for peer ministry. Sealed hard copies with the adult's signature on the seal should be delivered with your application.

*Please give recommenders ample time to write, and do not send via email.

Please obtain the Following Signatures:

Dean: _____

Counselor: _____

Principal/ Vice Principal: _____

JMCHS Peer Ministry Application

Name: _____ School(s) before Judge: _____

Judge Theology teachers you've had: _____

- Faith Tradition: _____
- If you are Catholic, have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? _____
- Place of worship: _____
- How often (and with whom) do you attend religious/faith services outside of Judge?

Please answer the following questions by typing responses, printing them out, and attaching them to this application. Responses should be answered honestly, authentically, and with depth.

- 1.** Describe your prayer life (40 words or fewer)
- 2.** Describe your relationship with God, including several fruits and challenges (strong times and difficult times) in this relationship. What do you do to enrich this relationship? What spiritual activities speak most to you? Which are least helpful at this point in your life? (answer all questions in 100 words or fewer).
- 3.** Describe yourself as a student and your academic journey through high school. Tell us about a class or experience that posed a challenge for you and how you responded or failed to respond) to this challenge/ Outside of life as a student, how would you describe yourself? (answer all questions, 100 words or fewer).
- 4.** How would your peers, your family, or teachers describe the strengths and weaknesses of your character in times when you are flourishing? How do these differ during a time of external or internal crisis? (answer all questions, 100 words or fewer).
- 5.** What clubs, activities, service projects and/or sports are you involved with at Judge? What clubs, activities, service projects and/or sports do you plan on being involved with next year? Also, list any Honors or AP classes you are considering taking next year. In what activities or service projects do you participate in outside of Judge?
- 6.** Do any of the following skills apply to you? If so, write which ones and how you have a gift in that particular area. Feel free to include others not listed that you think would be important for us to know: Photography, Technologically savvy, artistic, writer, public speaker, altar server, Eucharistic Minister, lector, singer, musician, other.
- 7.** What does it mean to be a minister, in your own words? (100 words or less)
- 8.** The Peer Ministry mission is "developing the faith of Judge Memorial Catholic High School by fostering

prayer, service, and community through emanating God’s love and connecting peers with Christ.” Many students are interested in faith, leadership, and serving other people. However, not all are suited for faith ministry. What makes you well suited to minister to, for, and with your peers? Why should you be selected as a Peer Minister? (this response should be between 300 and 500 words).

9. As part of the application process, please sit and talk with a current peer minister for 10 minutes. Please use this opportunity to ask about their experience in peer ministry and inquire what ministry experiences they think are needed at Judge and could be started in the next few years. Please name who you talked to and describe your conversation in addition to your other written responses.

Judge Memorial High School Peer Ministry Teacher Nomination 2022- 23



I recommend the following Judge Memorial student for a Peer Ministry Position for the 2022-23 school year.

Student Name _____

Please evaluate the student above in the following survey (1 being low and 5 being high)

		1	2	3	4	5
1.	This student is kind and helpful to others.					
2.	This student is willing to move out of their comfort zone when challenged to take on new tasks.					
3.	This student is personable.					
4.	This student shows integrity in their school work.					
5.	This student shows integrity in their interactions.					
6.	This student demonstrates responsibility regularly.					
7.	This student is dependable, will complete given tasks.					
8.	This student shows a personal spirituality.					
9.	This student works well with others.					

10	This student is competent.					
11	This student is skilled at working in small groups.					
12	This student has a genuine positive disposition.					
13	This student is willing to volunteer to assist others on a regular basis.					
14	This student is diligent and proactive about making up missed class periods.					
15	This student would be a good leader of the Judge Memorial community.					

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____