



Saints Michael and Theresa Youth Ministry Program

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An IMPORTANT STATEMENT from Saint Michaels and Theresa's Youth Ministry Program Sunday January 20, 2019

As was announced to all members gathered this evening at the Sunday January 20th STMTYM meeting by Rich on Friday January 18th Rich met with Fr. Giovanni, the Pastor of St. Theresa's, and submitted his resignation as the Coordinator of Youth Ministry for St. Theresa's Parish. This will be effective February 1st, 2019. Rich will continue his position as the Coordinator of Youth Ministry at St. Michael's and will continue to work alongside with Valeria Downey, the current Associate Coordinator for Youth Ministry.

So what exactly does this mean?

As of February 1st the program will no longer be known as Saints Michael and Theresa Youth Ministry or STMTYM as we have called it. It will simply be St. Michael's Youth Ministry Program.

How does this effect the average member ?

Currently we have members attending from over 14 different schools. The program will continue to be open to any and all teens that want to be a part of it.

So I live in Kenilworth or I go to Mass at St. T's. Does that mean I can no longer come anymore?

No! Not at all! As has been in the past with Rich and Valeria - we invite all teens that want to be a part of the program. No one is getting kicked out or asked to leave!

What does this mean moving forward?

As of February 1st we will no longer be doing events, fundraisers, etc at St. Theresa's. All of our events, fundraising and departing/ returning from trips will now take place at St. Michael's.

What about our Social Media?

For the remainder of this year our website domain will stay the same - www.stmtym.com. We would look to change that during the summer. In regards to our Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Remind we are currently looking into the easiest way to make a seamless change in regards to the current names being used.

What about next year ?

The assumption would be that St. Theresa's Parish would look to create their own program and would be recruiting/ advertising to teens from the parish of St. Theresa's. Teens currently living in Kenilworth or that attend Mass at St. Theresa's are more than welcomed to be a part of the St. Michaels's Youth Ministry Program, but we would completely understand and would assume many would look to join the new program at St. Theresa's.

Who would be invited next year to be a part of the program?

Next year we would only be recruiting/ sending information about the youth ministry program to teens from St. Michaels Parish and to those that were in our program this year. Any and all teens from other schools/ parishes/ towns would always be invited, but we would not be sending information to the teens of the St. Theresa's Confirmation Class or the 8th grade classes.

What can I do ?

As always continue to evangelize about our faith to your friends and invite teens to come be a part of our family and join the program. Most important continue to pray for the success of the program here at St. Michaels and for what might eventually be started at St. Theresa's.

**Should you have any further questions you could always contact Rich at rich@stmtym.com
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