

Family Name _____

Dear Parents and Rising EDGE Students,

We are excited that you have chosen the St. Michael Middle School Youth Ministry as your aid in growing closer to Christ and His Church. This packet includes a description of our dynamic and comprehensive youth ministry; the rules and regulations that allow us to manage and offer a fun and meaningful faith formation program; ways for parents to live out their responsibility to train their children in the practice of the faith; and finally the registration form for the program that meets your families needs. Take some time to review this material in its entirety.

Again thank you for choosing The EDGE and we look forward to serving you in the coming EDGE Year!

In Christ's Peace,
Mr. Tristan L. Evans
Director, Middle School Youth Ministry (The EDGE)

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE
FORMATION

The EDGE is made up of three components this year – The EDGE Core program (weekly face-to-face classes); The EDGE@Home program (flexible program that mirrors the core program for those who can't meet on the nights of the core program or who learn better in a home school format) and EDGE Parents (a program that supports parents in raising young adolescents and growing in faith along with their youth available face-to-face or virtually).

The EDGE Core program and EDGE Parent face-to-face program are held Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm and kick off in the St. Michael Parish Center. All other programs are administered through the Virtual Learning Center.

SPIRITUALITY

There will be two weekend retreats – one in the Fall and one in the Spring. Along with retreats we will introduce a number of extra “Grace” events where youth can deepen their faith in practical everyday circumstances.

SERVICE

We conduct at least four service projects annually to foster charity within the parish, our local community, internationally and intergenerationally. This empowers our youth to address peace, love and justice throughout the world despite age or culture.

COMMUNITY

Through a series of social activities and fun outings, we foster community among the young Christian community by showing them the joy of Christ that flows from the Church and empower them to take ownership in the mission of spreading the Good News.



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IMPORTANT!! You must complete the Sacramental Preparation form if your child/youth is planning on celebrating a sacrament this year. All forms are available online (www.stmichaels.org) and in the Parish office.

Family Last Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Family Email Address	Home Phone Number			
Father's Name	Work Phone Number	Cell Phone Number		
Mother's Name	Work Phone Number	Cell Phone Number		
Registered Parishioners: (YES) (NO)				
Note: You are required to be registered with the parish in order to proceed with enrollment in a St. Michael Faith Formation Program. Please register with the parish office by calling (919) 468-6100.				

For office use only				
Date Received:	Cash	CC		
Check #				
Amount:				
Date Entered:				
Parishioner:				
Sac	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sac. prep. form recv'd	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bapt. Cert.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-Conf. Conf.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Student Information					
Student's Name	M/F	Grade	Date of Birth	School	Adult T-Shirt Size
		7 / 8			

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____
 Phone: _____

I give permission for my child/youth, in case of emergency, to be taken to a physician or hospital by emergency personnel. I understand every effort will be made to contact me. If I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the emergency physician to hospitalize and secure proper treatment for my son/daughter.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Sacramental History	
Student's Name	Rising Grade (7 th / 8 th)
	Sacraments Received
	___ Baptism ___ 1 st Reconciliation ___ Holy Eucharist ___ Confirmation
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<p>Please submit a copy of youth's baptismal certificate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. if your child is entering 1st Grade 2. if your child is in 2nd Grade preparing for 1st Holy Eucharist and did not submit a baptismal certificate last year 3. if your youth is preparing for Confirmation 4. if your child/youth is seeking either sacramental preparation AND was baptized in another faith tradition. 	

Model Release (Permission for Photos and Video)
 Occasionally during the year, we take pictures or videos of youth and/or groups. Names are never used. Some of these may be included on our parish's website or used for other parish purposes. Do you give permission for us to photograph and publish on the parish website your children/youth? If not circled, it will be assumed photos/videos are permitted. Please circle one: **Yes No**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Medical and Allergy Information (Confidential: For office/emergency use only)			
Student's Name	Medical Condition	Medication Taken	Allergy/Dietary Restrictions
			Learning/Physical Restrictions

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Middle School Faith Formation Worksheet

Session Schedules	
Instructions: Indicate your first and second Session Choice:	
Program	Sessions
<p>EDGE Core Program (Full Year: Sept. – May) Note: Registrations will be accepted for the Core program on a first come first served space availability basis.</p>	<p>_____ Monday: 7:00pm – 8:30pm (Parish Center)</p>
<p>EDGE@Home (Full Year: This is a home study program for those who are not able to meet every Monday or who miss the registration deadline for the core program. Requires a quarterly survey and check-up meeting with ministry staff to review progress)</p>	<p>_____ Home Study</p>
<p>EDGE Parent (Quarterly 5-week Session to follow the student lessons)</p>	<p>_____ Wednesday Evenings 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm -or- _____ Thursday Mornings 10:30 am – 12:00 pm</p>

Program Registration	
Student Name	Program
	_____ EDGE Core _____ EDGE@Home
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Middle School Faith Formation Volunteer Worksheet

Instructions: Below are opportunities to serve our children and youth as they grow in their faith. Circle the opportunities that match your gifts and talents in the space provided. Since Faith Formation is a volunteer-driven ministry, we may assign you to an open volunteer opportunity if you have not indicated a preference.

Note: The EDGE is blessed to serve nearly 300 students each year and to meet our goal parent involvement is crucial. Priority is given to students whose parents volunteer in some capacity as this program cannot reach its goals without parent involvement. So please volunteer.

- **Core Team Leader (Catechists):** guide small group discussions as part of a two person team; help other adults plan 2 nights out of the entire year, and lead your small group through the plan provided to you for each EDGE Night.
- **Crew (Parent Volunteers)** - Crew members are parent volunteers who participate on their designated nights to assist the Ministry Director or Core Team Leader in fulfilling the activity goals for the EDGE Night. These may be serving as door watcher, helping distribute supplies to small groups on EDGE Night or chaperoning events.

Ministry Volunteer Registration		
Volunteer's First Name	Phone Number	E-mail Address
		Service Team
		Core Team Crew Member
		Core Team Crew Member

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REGULATIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Please read and initial these rules and regulations governing the participation in the program.	
I/We understand that by participating in The EDGE program we must abide by the following policies. We further understand that if we do not adhere to these policies it may result in dismissal from the program without refund.	
Initials	
<u>Medical Information:</u>	If your child(ren) suffer(s) from any medical complications or illnesses, it is important to document those on this registration form. This information will be kept strictly confidential, but is necessary so that we may avoid any potential health risk or complications and to better serve the instructional needs of the student(s).
<u>Behavior Guideline:</u>	All youth and adults participating in The EDGE are responsible for their own conduct. Participants in The EDGE programs are expected to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Be courteous and respect others EDGErs and their adult and volunteer leaders.2. Respect the property of others.3. Respect the authority of adult or youth volunteers and others in leadership roles.4. Use appropriate language at activities and events.5. Show kindness to others and give assistance when needed.6. Be honest and honor commitments.7. Strive for personal best and keep trying to improve.8. Accept responsibility for personal choices.
<u>Drug and Alcohol Policy:</u>	If any youth is found in possession or under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any youth event sponsored by EDGE, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, or the Diocese of Raleigh the following actions will take place: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The parents of the youth will be contacted and are expected to come to the event immediately.2) Next steps will be discussed when the parents arrive on site.

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REGULATIONS OF PARTICIPATION (CONTINUED)

	<p><u>Dress Code Policy:</u></p> <p>The EDGE enforces a strict dress code. This is a program where the ultimate focus is on Christ and building solid catholic virtues. Therefore, students are expected and encouraged to adhere to standards of dress and appearance that are compatible with their Christian dignity and an effective learning environment. Presenting a bodily appearance or wearing clothing which is disruptive, provocative, revealing, profane, vulgar, offensive or obscene, or which endangers the health and safety of the student or others is prohibited. Examples of prohibited dress or appearance include, but are not limited to, exposed undergarments; sagging pants; mini skirts; excessively short or tight garments; shorts which do not reach at least the wearer's fingertips when standing up straight; bare midriff shirts; strapless shirts; attire with messages or illustrations that are lewd, indecent, anti-Christian or vulgar or that advertise any product or service not permitted by law to minors; see-through clothing; attire that exposes cleavage; any adornment such as chains or spikes that reasonably could be perceived as or used as a weapon; and any symbols, styles or attire frequently associated with intimidation, violence or violent groups. Such garments are not consistent with our life in Christ.</p> <p>If a student's dress or appearance is such that it constitutes a threat to the health or safety of others, distracts the attention of other students or staff from their work or otherwise violates this dress code, the Youth Minister or the Youth Minister's designee may require the student to change his or her dress or appearance. A second or repeated violation of this policy may result in dismissal from the activity.</p>
	<p><u>Attendance Policy:</u></p> <p>Parents are the primary educators in the faith and The EDGE program is one tool utilized in assisting parents with faith formation for their youth. Attendance is important to success in learning the content. If you have selected any of The EDGE programs as the primary method of faith formation for your youth, then they are expected to attend regularly and participate fully.</p> <p>We will offer 31 hours of class instruction. If the youth is absent two consecutive EDGE Nights, you will be contacted. If two additional unexcused absences are documented, your youth will be dropped from the program without refund. Absences for sporting activities are not considered excusable absences. We understand that our youth are busy these days and it is our job as responsible parents to help them prioritize the important things in life. Our relationship with God is one of those very important things that should hold higher priority. If you don't agree with this then The EDGE@Home program may be the appropriate choice for your youth's faith formation.</p> <p>Also, in the Diocese of Raleigh, preparation for Confirmation requires two consecutive years of faith formation which means if your youth is going to be confirmed in 9th grade, two years of full participation in The EDGE or EDGE@Home program will qualify, otherwise your youth will need to make up the missing faith formation prerequisites in the High School Youth Ministry program.</p>

Note: These policies must be initialed and returned along with the student registration form in order to complete enrollment into The EDGE program.

