



NEW BEGINNINGS # 44

Do you have a teen in your senior high (Grades 9 – 12) youth group that everyone else follows?

Is there a teen who other kids share their problems with?

If you have teens in your parish that could share the love of Christ and help model Christian fellowship to middle schoolers, we would like to meet them!

Dear Youth Worker:

New Beginnings is a weekend retreat for middle schoolers, run by high schoolers and adult leaders. During the weekend, participants meet peers from across the diocese, enjoy skits, listen to talks, and participate in small group activities and discussions. Essential to this ministry is the youth leadership that models our Christian community with its love and acceptance of every member. Leadership roles include small group leaders, small group co-leaders, music team, speakers, and weekend advisors.

Strong youth leadership has always been a part of this fun and important ministry, but it has often come from a limited number of parishes. We would like to include young people from all around our diocese in these leadership roles. It is not a requirement that youth have previously attended New Beginnings to be considered for team.

MARK THESE DATES:

Team applications due:	October 3, 2008
Team notifications:	October 6, 2008
Team meeting:	October 18, 2008
New Beginnings #44:	October 24-26, 2008

If you know a young person who might be interested in serving as a team member, or if you would like to find out about serving as a team member adult or sponsor, or just want more information about New Beginnings, you may contact either:

**A) Katherine Tate, Diocesan Director of Youth, Young Adult and Higher Education
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OR

**B) Roy Allison, Chair of the New Beginnings Steering Committee
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God's peace,

The New Beginnings Steering Committee
Roy Allison, Chair