



For: ALL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TEENS, GRADES 9TH-12TH

When: Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm September through April

Where: In the homes of your “Godparents”-- a catholic married couple from St. Bonaventure, St. Isidore, or St. Anthony’s parish who are faith-filled, friendly, and fun!

Who: You and other teens in your grade level--
freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors

WHAT IS THE GODTEEN PROGRAM?

The Godteen Program (formerly known as Godparents) consists of small peer groups of teens meeting in the homes of their “Godparents” to talk about faith, how it applies to their daily lives, and support for living their faith. The atmosphere is one of openness, honesty, trust, and support. **The program began at St. Bonaventure in 1995 and now has 22 Godparent couples and over 250 students from all three high schools!**

Our evenings include icebreakers, prayer, lessons, activities designed to springboard into discussions of current topics and issues, Scripture, Christian music, and applying our Catholic faith perspectives to the issues we discuss. The final 30 minutes is social time reserved for great food, socializing, games, and fun!

The *Godteen Program* is for ***all high school teens in Columbus regardless of whether you attend a Catholic or public high school.*** It is ***not a religion class.*** You will have the opportunity to make new friends, take a peaceful pause in the midst of your hectic schedules, and experience creative ways of looking at and talking about your faith. Godteen groups form a special bond and become like a second family. It’s one of the most beneficial things you can participate in during your high school years!

**Registration is attached so please return by June 1st, 2020
so we know how many couples we need to recruit and train!**



Christmas Party



Icebreakers



Halloween Fun

Calling all Parents!!!

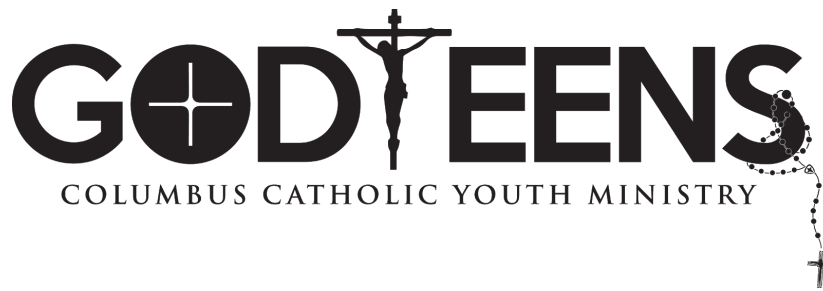
The only way this program continues is if we have faith-filled married couples stepping forward to lead our new freshman groups!



Please prayerfully discern if you are being called to get involved with
The Godteen Program. Let us know if you have any questions.

Contact Sarah or Lynn for more information.

columbuscym@gmail.com



Freshman Registration Form

Name _____ School _____

Grade Level 2020-2021 9th Birthday _____ Parish _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

Parents' Names _____ Parent Cell Phone _____

Parent E-mail _____ Teen Cell Phone _____

\$50.00 Godteen Program Fee - Checks should be made payable to:
CCYM (Columbus Catholic Youth Ministry) and need to be attached.

Please return this form to: CCYM, 1869 39th Avenue, Columbus, NE by June 1, 2020.
There will be a \$5 late fee for any forms received after July 1, 2020.

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Icebreakers – They help us to get acquainted, feel more comfortable, begin to reveal safe things about ourselves, build trust within the group, and have some relaxed fun.

Lighting the candle – “God’s Time” – Lighting the candle ritualizes the beginning of a sacred environment, and it burns throughout the evening to remind us that God is present in our entire session.

Activities – They are very effective ways to step into topics and experience the feelings and beliefs that we have. Reflection and discussion after activities help us understand our own beliefs and feelings as well as to hear and try to understand other’s beliefs and feelings.

Discussion – We learn to articulate our beliefs and feelings and to respectfully listen to others. We challenge and affirm one another – respecting the differences.

Journaling – Quiet time with background music is suggested during journal time. Teens are given a notebook and asked to respect one another’s privacy. The teens have an opportunity to write about their activities, challenges, goals, or to process what they felt during the topic of the evening. Godparents write a short response to the teen before the next gathering.

Social Time – It’s a time to visit, play games, listen to music, relax, and enjoy great snacks!

Sarah Doerneman & Lynn Heinrich
CCYM Coordinators

Parental/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver

I, _____, grant permission
for _____,

Parent or Guardian Name

Participant Name

to participate in the Godteen Program during the 2020-2021 school year. As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant").

I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend the Godparent couple, St. Bonaventure, St. Isidore, St. Anthony, and the Archdiocese of Omaha, chaperons, or representatives associated with the program, arising from or in connection with my child attending the sessions or events or in connection with any liability, claims, property loss/damage, illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the parish, it's officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of Omaha, chaperons, or representative associated with the program for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

Signature _____ Date _____

Phone numbers for emergency contact: _____

