

*St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Rd. Utica, MI 48317*



Called To Serve™

Called To Serve™ is an interactive workshop for *high school aged teens*. The program is designed to guide, empower and encourage teens to promote and model safe and nurturing behavior in their job, service and volunteer roles within their schools, parishes and the greater community. In a three-hour presentation, they will learn to recognize appropriate behavior and understand physical, emotional and behavioral boundaries, particularly in relation to their work with younger children.

Location ~ St. Lawrence Youth Room
Date ~ Thursday, February 16, 2012
Time ~ 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

There is no cost to attend. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Parent permission is required.

You *must* pre-register with the CRE office - 586.731.5072

Our next scheduled Called to Serve class will be on June 14th, 2012



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are grateful your son/daughter is currently involved, or plans to be involved, in a service role as an employee or volunteer within the parish or larger community. We are committed to equipping your teen with the skills needed to ensure their safety and the safety of those they serve. To do so, we ask your teen(s) to participate in the **Called to Serve**SM workshop.

This 3 hour workshop invites teens to explore the many dimensions of safety needed as employees and volunteers in parishes and schools as well as the greater community. This workshop focuses on and enhances the teen skills in:

- ◆ Working with and role modeling for children,
- ◆ Communicating and working with adults,
- ◆ Interacting appropriately with peers, and
- ◆ Recognizing and responding to inappropriate behaviors.

Called to ServeSM inspires and empowers them to live their baptismal “call to serve”.

Archdiocesan policy requires all teens [grades 9-12] who work or volunteer in any capacity with children to participate in this workshop. Your teen(s) need a signed permission slip to participate in the workshop. A condition of your teen’s employment or volunteer ministry with children is participation in **Called to Serve**SM.

Please sign, date and return the permission slip below.

Thank you for supporting your teen’s contribution to serving others!

My son/daughter, _____, currently in grade _____,
has my

Print name of participant

permission to participate in the **Called to Serve**SM workshop at

_____ on _____.
Name of Parish *Date of workshop*

Parent/Guardian Signature *Date*



**Teen Volunteer & Church/School Personnel
Background Certification**

Archdiocese of Detroit

Check the appropriate boxes:

- I attest that I have never been convicted of any misdemeanor or felony.
- I attest that I have been convicted of the following:

DATE	OFFENSE

I attest that the above information is true.

_____	_____
Print Teen's Name	Print Parent/Guardian's Name
_____	_____
Teen's Signature	Parent/Guardian's Signature
_____	_____
Date	Date

Note that the information disclosed will remain strictly confidential; discussed only with the service supervisor and pastor. It will not jeopardize a teen's ability to participate in parish activities or affect the type of service performed.

A pastoral response keeps the teen involved in faith community and allows the teen to be of service in places and with conditions that reduce potential risk to those served.

Please return this sheet in a **sealed** envelope marked "Teen Volunteer Background Check".