



# EDGE<sup>®</sup>

"Not just another activity"

St. Anne's  
Youth  
Ministry

Fall Letter

More Service. More Fun. More Faith Formation. More Prayer. More...

## WELCOME TO THE EDGE!!

### What's New, You Ask?

I think a better question is, what isn't new?

\* **DIANE RICHARD** Diane moved to Portland in August, so she will no longer be coordinating middle school youth ministry at St. Anne's. We appreciate all the time, energy and love she put into youth ministry, and we will miss her!

\* **KELLY ROUSSEL** I will be the new coordinator for EDGE Middle School Ministry. I am excited about EDGE because I believe in their goal to lead teens (and tweens) closer to Christ. Jesus Christ changes lives. In order for that to happen, we have to know him. We learned last year in our study of the Creed, that the gift of faith is like a seed, and like any seed, it needs to be nourished. For me, youth ministry is more than just another activity. It's a way to nourish that seed!

\* **EDGE** Last year, we "added" something called EDGE to our existing YM program, but EDGE in itself is a comprehensive Catholic Youth Ministry program that presents the Catholic faith in a fun, engaging, relevant way. (I will be giving more info about EDGE in the coming weeks.)

In many respects, middle schoolers are "on the edge" because they are experiencing so much change in their lives physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially. EDGE is designed to meet the youth right where they are and bring them into a greater understanding of the Catholic Faith and a deeper, more committed relationship with Christ.

\* **CORE TEAM** Youth Ministry isn't meant to be a one-person show. I've heard from parents and youth that you want more service, more fun, more faith formation, more prayer. It's all good!! I believe EDGE can meet all of those needs, but success of EDGE or any YM program depends on a team of people. **EDGE needs a CORE Team** of

Catholic men and women who 1) love God and sharing their faith, 2) are committed to prayer, especially weekly attendance at Mass, 3) desire to work with youth and 4) are willing to be Christian role models. \*\* If you or anyone you know feels called to join our team, please let me know.

In addition to myself, my husband, Rich Roussel as well as a recent convert to the Catholic faith, Paul Morse, will be part of our team this year. BUT, We need more members with a diverse set of gifts willing to share their faith! (There are many training and faith formation opportunities available for CORE members. Please see me if interested.)

\* **PARENTS** YM is also meant to be a partnership with parents. There are many ways for you to help (as many of you know from previous experience!) Please see the "**How to Get Involved**" form included with this letter. We would love to have you as a part of the CORE Team, but there are also many others ways to serve. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to be involved this year.

As we get started on the EDGE, we ask for your prayers and your continued support. We look forward to a fun, faith-filled year!!!

May God Bless you and your families!!

Kelly Roussel, EDGE Coordinator

### What About High School Youth?

\* **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** At this time, we do not have a Youth Minister for High School - (hint, hint. I have some awesome 8 week bible studies designed for Teens!!) However, **ALL High School Youth are invited to participate in EDGE and/or help with EDGE in various ways.** At a minimum, we are currently looking for someone to coordinate/organize the Diocesan Retreats for High School Youth - Journey Retreat in November and Catholic Youth Convention in April.