

## **LIFE TEEN CORE MEMBER**

While five-tool baseball players might be rare, my hope is that we have more five-tool Core Members in our Life Teen programs. Here's what you need:

Deep love for Jesus and the Catholic Church would allow us to live completely for Him and His Church. It would drive us to our knees in prayer, so we would be united to Him and His mission. We would regularly go to the sacraments out of our love for Him.

Courage would allow us to go forth in His name and evangelize to the young people and to do effective relational ministry.

Knowledge would give us the ability to communicate what the Church teaches to the young people. While we might not need to be theologians, we need to know the basic truths of the faith. Imagine if we read the scriptures, or the catechism when not preparing for a talk or if we read a book by Cardinal Ratzinger instead of Dan Brown? We would grow in our understanding of the truth.

Responsibility will help us realize our commitment to everything, including the small things. Showing up to a Core meeting – on time. Cleaning up after a Life Night, following up with a young person, being prepared for a skit or talk. All of these things allow us to be a good Core Member to the other Core Members.

Balance will keep us from burning out and being a short term Core Member. We need to have interests, friends, and activities outside of ministry. It might sound weird but we need to remain well rounded.

Many times, we in youth ministry might possess some of the tools but not all five. In Major League Baseball it is difficult to develop into a home run hitter if you are not one. You either have the tool or you do not. The nice thing for us is, we can develop the five tools of a Core Member. Therefore, if you are weaker in one area, please, go work on it. Talk to your Coach (youth minister) and figure out a game plan on how to improve. After all, we ALL are on the same team – God's team!

If you feel God is calling you to this ministry please call and let me know.

Sharon Christison  
Director of Youth Ministry  
439-0124 x 111  
[schristison@stanthonyfresno.org](mailto:schristison@stanthonyfresno.org)