



*Saint Mark Catholic Church, 14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC 28078*

April 10, 2011

Dear Parents,

It is time to register for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Edge program. This program places a focus on the ideas of *Faith in Action* covering Morality and Discipleship in the Catholic faith. Throughout the year we hope to help your teen discover what it means to be an adult Catholic as they are preparing for Confirmation. Throughout this year we will explore topics such as the Wild History of the Catholic Church, True Stewardship, All Consuming Grace, Jesus Unrecognized & Unnoticed, Supper Time (Adoration), The Big Book (of Scripture), and more.

### **What is The Edge?**

The Edge is a program developed by Life Teen that removes middle-school youth from behind classroom desks and brings them into a large-group environment for gathering activities, teachings, and prayer. In small groups, they break open the teachings and build solid, Christ-centered relationships that allow them to comfortably explore their Catholic faith and make it relevant to their everyday lives. This helps build safe relationships during some of the most formative years of a teen's life.

Here at St. Mark, the Edge is the completion of the remote preparation for Confirmation. In the Fall semester we will explore the truths of our Catholic Faith and how we are called to be disciples of Christ. In the Spring semester we will take an in-depth look at each of the 10 Commandments to see what is asked of us beyond the surface. The year will end with some lessons on Confirmation to provide "thinking material" over the summer before the Immediate Preparation for Confirmation begins in the Fall.

### **When is the Edge?**

The Edge is offered only on Sunday night running from September 11<sup>th</sup> - May 6<sup>th</sup>. We begin by sitting as a community at the 5:00 Life Teen Mass. Then we have a light supper as a group in the School Cafeteria at 6:15 followed immediately by the Edge night running until 8:00 pm. Within the Edge our students will have opportunities for social activities, large and small group service projects, and fun!

### **When is the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

The immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered during the Fall of 2012 for these teens as 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. This process would encompass four parent/candidate classes offered during the fall of 2012. In addition to the four parent/candidate classes, our candidates will be asked to attend four Sunday Life Nights throughout the summer and fall. These scheduled Life Nights will offer the students an opportunity to experience our Life Teen program, once again fostering a sense of community among their peers.

As you know, I am preparing to leave St. Mark for a new youth ministry position at St. Thomas Aquinas. Donna Smith is in the process of interviewing candidates and plans to hire for June 1<sup>st</sup>. During this time of transition, please contact Donna if you have any questions or concerns at any time: phone (704-948-1306, x104) or email. (dsmith18@bellsouth.net). When the position is filled, he/she will contact you.

Peace in Christ,

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The Edge is a comprehensive middle-school youth ministry program focusing on aspects of *Faith in Action*. Successful participation in this program is a prerequisite for our St. Mark 9th grade Confirmation preparation experience. Successful completion of 6th & 7th grade Faith Rocks program is a prerequisite for our 8th grade Edge program. Please contact the Middle School Youth Minister with any questions or concerns: [stmarkedge@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkedge@gmail.com) or (704-948-1306, x117)

Registration forms are due by June 15th, All registrations received after then will incur a \$25 late fee.

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The Edge will begin with Mass at 5:00, where we will all sit together in the front. We will follow immediately with dinner in the School Cafeteria and the Edge night in the gym to conclude at 8:00. The total fee for this program is \$90 which includes the program fee and the weekly meal.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Family E-Mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_  
(we will communicate **weekly** by email, include both parents)

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Who is primary contact?: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School 2011-2012: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student interests, this is important for developing small group matches:**

Sports/Extra Curricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Bands: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Interesting Facts about you: \_\_\_\_\_

**Small Group Request** (one person they would like to be with): \_\_\_\_\_

Any Medical info we should know (food allergies, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Parental support at The Edge is vital for the success of our program. Below are listed several ways you as a parent can help support this life-changing ministry, please choose one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Edge Core Team (every week)      \_\_\_\_\_ Social/Service Night Support (4x/yr)

\_\_\_\_\_ Weekly Lobby Helper (3x/yr)      \_\_\_\_\_ Meal Team on Sunday Nights (4x/yr)