



EDGE
at Saint Bernadette

- ❖ **All in 7th and 8th grade are invited to attend EDGE events.**
- ❖ **A preliminary copy of our 2017-2018 Schedule of meetings and events is included on the reverse.**
- ❖ **For those who actively participate in 20 meetings, The EDGE may be used in place of Faith Formation Classes.**
 - ◆ If you would like to participate in this way please include the \$70 Faith Formation Fee.
 - ◆ We are only able to accommodate a limited number of teens, please register early to ensure your spot!
 - ◆ Teens who fail to actively participate in 20 meetings will:
 - ▶ Spend an extra year with the Life Teen / EDGE programs

Dear Parent,

Welcome to *The EDGE*, and Saint Bernadette parish Middle School Youth Ministry Program. Our goal is to give our 7th and 8th graders *The EDGE*, the Catholic *EDGE*, as they go through this time of remarkable change in their lives. If we expect our youth to live out their faith now and when they are older, we must be sure they understand how.

While their peers begin to take on a more significant role during these years, middle schoolers are still very connected and influenced by their parents. They are still craving a close relationship with you and other adults in their lives. That is why we are welcoming you to *The EDGE* too. We consider your participation in this ministry as vital as anything we do. There are many ways you can participate:

- ❖ Make *The EDGE* your child's Monday night commitment.
- ❖ Come to our youth mass, run by the Life Teen of St. Bernadette, on Sunday night at 8:05 PM. The music and the homily are geared toward young people, so the Mass has special meaning for them in their lives.
- ❖ Join our *EDGE* Team. It's a great way to stay connected to your child's spiritual life and a great way to strengthen your own. You will be assigned to a different group than your child's. Your interaction with your child's peers will give you valuable insight into the mind of the middle schooler. We will be hosting an *EDGE* Team orientation in early September. Please call me so that we can include you in the orientation and our plans for the Fall.

To ensure that your child is participating actively in *The EDGE* he or she will be expected to attend 20 meetings. Once you sign up for *The EDGE* in lieu of Faith Formation Class, you may not switch back and forth - though exceptions may be made on a case by case basis (you have until September 8 to make that decision.)

Enclosed please find *The EDGE* registration and permission form. Please return the registration form as soon as possible, by either mailing it to the Parish Office or simply dropping it off at the Faith Formation office (Door 3) Our finalized 2017-2018 Schedule will be available on our website (www.antiochyouth.org) and attached to this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me (using the info at top the page). We are looking forward to seeing your middle school child at our first *EDGE Night* on Monday, September 25 at 7PM in the Parish Ministry Center at St. Bernadette. More info is available at www.antiochyouth.org.

Jesse Saltarelli
Director of Youth Ministry
Saint Bernadette Parish



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2017/18 Permission slip



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Event(s): 2017 - 2018 Edge Meetings
Date/Time: Mondays / 7:00 - 8:30 PM
September 2017 - May 2018

Drop-off/Pick-up at: Saint Bernadette Parish

Supervision & Transportation: Youth Minister, Edge Core Group, & Adults,

If electing to use The Edge for Faith Formation, Return this form with \$70 to the Faith Form. Office

PARTICIPANT INFO

Name: _____ **Teen Email:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Teen Cell Phone:** _____

EMERGENCY

Name: _____ **Parent Email:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Parent Cell Phone:** _____
If different from Participant Home Phone Cellular Provider: Verizon AT&T Sprint I-Mobile Virgin _____

The undersigned do hereby release, forever discharge and agree to hold harmless The Diocese of Buffalo, Saint Bernadette Parish, and Life Teen from and against any and all liability, claims, demands, lawsuits and expenses of any kind whatsoever which may be incurred or suffered by the undersigned and/or participant (if participant is 18 or under, 18 or older) while attending **The EDGE**.

PERMISSION The undersigned further agree to indemnify and hold The Diocese of Buffalo, and Saint Bernadette Parish, Life Teen and its respective member, directors, employees, volunteers and agents (collectively, the "Indemnities,") harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, lawsuits, and liabilities, including attorney fees and expenses and costs sustained by the Indemnities as a result of negligent, willful or intentional acts of the undersigned and/or participant (if participant is 18 or under, 18 or older).

PHOTOGRAPHY I hereby give permission to Saint Bernadette Parishes, Life Teen and its respective staff and adult volunteers to take said participant to a doctor or hospital and hereby authorize medical treatment, including but not limited to emergency surgery and I (we) fully and completely assume all responsibility for all medical bills. Further, should it be necessary for the participant to return home due to

COMMUNICATIONS medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, I (we) assume all responsibility and transportation costs. This authorization also permits my youth to receive such treatment only after such a reasonable effort has been made to reach me. Further, should it be necessary for all participants to return home due to medical reasons, disciplinary action or otherwise, I (we) assume all responsibility and transportation costs.

In signing this I am granting my youth permission to participate in **The EDGE** hosted by Saint Bernadette parish As well I am aware of the rules and responsibilities that my son/daughter is expected to uphold and respect. I understand that use of these events in place of Faith Formation Classes is conditional upon 1) adherence to the rules set forth at meetings, and 2) actively participating in a minimum of **20** such meetings.

I understand my son/daughter's photograph and/or likeness and name may be used in a future promotion by Saint Bernadette Parish and Life Teen whether that be a print publication, website, or video publication.

I understand that to aid in communicating about **The EDGE** and associated events I will receive at minimum two summary email per month as well as text reminders related to upcoming events, deadlines and unexpected schedule changes. While able to unsubscribe from these messages, I recognize that doing so may prevent my family from receiving timely updates about **The EDGE**.

Youth Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If you have any questions, call Jesse at 716.639.3090 X.120, or e-mail jesses@saintbopny.org

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2017/'18 EDGE Schedule (Through DEC)

Monday Nights 7:00 - 8:30pm in the Parish Ministry Center (door 3)

Date **EDGE Night Topic**

Sep. 25 "Black and White" An EDGE Social Night

Oct. 2 "Road map" An EDGE night on morality

Oct. 16 "Build up or break down" An EDGE night on
Virtue and Sin

Oct. 23 "Boundaries" An EDGE night on the Law

Nov. 6 "Power Up" An EDGE night on Grace, & the
church

Nov.13 "Working Together" An EDGE night on society

Nov. 20 "Restless Heart" an EDGE night on St. Augustine

Nov. 27 "My Neighbor" and EDGE night on social justice

Dec. 4 "Go Forth" an EDGE night on community service
Location TBD

Dec 11 "Debate Night"

Dec. 18 Christmas party Social night

EDGE nights for Jan-May curriculum will be made available
in October dates are – Jan 8,22,29, Feb 5,12,26, Mar

Every Sunday: 8:05 youth mass. Last chance, Youth geared mass
December 16th: EDGE family retreat