



September Letter 2009

Dear Teen Leaders and Parents,

THANKS SO MUCH for a fantastic assembly day, making “Christmas trees in a jar.” Many parents helped out as well as Teen Leaders... it was inspiring to see everyone work so hard! Some of you have said you would sell them (outside of food stores, at your high school’s craft fair etc), and some will just sell them to family/friends... let us know how you will attempt to help us raise money and how many jars you want to take with you...

By now you have all heard about Lisa’s health news. You can get health updates on her blog... Just go to www.tomorrowspresent.org and click on “Lisa’s Health Update.” Then click on the blog from there; the blog link is toward the bottom of the page. Lisa will continue to come to Teen Leader meetings and events for as long as possible. She is planning to be at the retreat and is looking forward to it with great excitement!

The September View

Our next meeting is the **Teen Leader retreat – on Sept. 19 and 20.**

There has been a change in plans for the retreat – due to the health issues experienced by both Lisa and Brother Mark, an overnight stay at House of Peace will not be possible this year. Instead, Arthur’s family is inviting all the Teen Leaders to stay at their house overnight. (Thanks, Ylonda and Robert!)

Saturday: 9:30 AM – 11:00 PM Sunday: 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM (sooner if breakfast ends sooner)
(Mentor Group leaders – arrive by 9:00 AM!)

Scheduling Details:

- 1. The Saturday portion of the retreat will end 11:00 PM.** At that point, youth can either be picked up by their parents and go home, or they can go to Arthur’s House. Some parents have volunteered to help with transportation – Thank-you to Adrienne Thompson (Mykilia’s mom) and Antoinette Vaughn (Khalil’s mom)!
- 2. Parents:** Ylonda would like a **written note** from each Teen leader staying at their house -- giving permission for your son/daughter to stay at Arthur’s House. Teen Leaders can bring those notes with them to the retreat. (Arthur’s house is at 2217 W. Vine Street in Milwaukee. House phone: 931-8577. Arthur’s cell phone: 791-6325.)
- 3. All Teen Leaders must return to House of Peace by 7:30 Sunday morning,** so they can welcome people to the 8:00 mass, and be part of worship.
- 4. ALL PARENTS AND SIBLINGS are invited for breakfast at House of Peace,** when Mass is finished (approximately 8:45 or 9:00 am). Teen Leaders will be introducing themselves; They will be doing short presentations with their mentor groups about their chosen core values.

Other Retreat Details:

- 1. All meals are provided** (lunch and supper on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday); however, we ask Teen Leaders to **bring both a sweet snack and a salty snack.** They will all be put on one table to share.
- 2. Clothing is casual** (but modest – no sagging pants, or low cut pants or shirts, etc... that type of modesty is always expected). For example, shorts and sweat pants are fine. Even though we will have Sunday worship, because this is a retreat setting, casual clothing is still appropriate for worship. No need to dress up.

3. As always, **bring your binder and folder**. Your folder should ALWAYS have in it all of the papers you receive in the mail, and any forms completed and signed.

4. Everyone planning to spend the night at Arthur’s house will need to bring **pillows and sleeping bags** (or bedrolls – sheets and blankets). Also Bring your **“pajamas,” a change of clothes** for Sunday, and any **bathroom articles** you need.

The Longer View

October – The Teen Leaders will have a typical meeting, on October 24 from 8:30-3:00. We invite Teen Leaders to come at 8:15 to eat and get settled, since we really begin at 8:30 sharp. Teen Scholars are required to stay for the entire meeting. Support Teens who will be participating in the “Pebbles of Peace” program must also stay for the afternoon. (However, Support Teens who will NOT be participating in Pebbles are free to go after lunch.)

November – We will have a typical meeting, on November 7 from 8:30-3:00; the afternoon again being spent on prep for Pebbles. The actual Pebbles program will take place on Friday, November 13. We hold it on a school day, because many schools participate and send students; also many community leaders come for lunch, and it’s easier for them to come during a work day than on a weekend. More details will appear in the October letter.

Don’t forget: The Teen Leaders will begin a “mentor buddy” program this year, which involves inviting a younger person (in grades 4-7, more or less) to three events: The Christmas party on Dec. 19 (12:00 noon – 2:30 at House of Peace), the afternoon of March 20 (12:00 noon – 2:30 at House of Peace), and our Showcase of Leadership at Cardinal Stritch on April 25 (3:00 – 4:30). *These times are approximate. So please start thinking about a younger sibling, cousin, neighbor or friend in this age category who might benefit from this program.*

This Month’s Questions

Call/email your mentor group leader between Sept 12-16 with the answers to these questions:

- #1. Did you receive the September email and letter? Is all your **contact information correct?**
- #2. Are you going home Saturday night or **staying at Arthur’s house? Be sure to bring your parent’s note!**
- #3. **How many Christmas jars will you pledge** to sell/get donations for?

Call Lisa with any concerns you may have... 414-545-6006... or email her at Lisa@tomorrowspresent.org. We look forward to a wonderful year with the Teen Leaders! **(Ralph’s cell phone for retreat: 412-5842)**

Lisa Calderone Ralph Stewart Dominique McGee Brother Mark

Enclosures: ● Updated contact list and calendar ● Retreat outline

Groups:	COMPASSION	INSPIRATION	LOVE	FRIENDSHIP
Seniors:	Rebecca (leader)		Arthur (leader)	Aqueelah
Juniors:	Joana	Fernando (leader)	Beatriz	Steven (leader)
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Sophomores:	Francis	Kayla	Dauson	Keyon
Freshmen/women:	Mykiliah	Khalil	Jasmine	Lucero



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SATURDAY:

September 19-20 Retreat Plan

9:00 – Mentor Group Leaders assist with any set-up; review the retreat outline.

9:30 – Others arrive **In Mentor Groups:**

#1 – Who’s going to Arthur’s house (got your note?) and who’s going home?

#2 – Your commitment form regarding your “Christmas Trees in a Jar” plans

9:45 News, Views and Feelings: by Mutual Invitation (Dominique)

Name one thing that happened this month, good or bad and why, and the feeling.

10:00 Opening Prayer (**Fernando**)

10:20 “Hitchhiker” game (Lisa or Ralph)

11:00 Tan Pages – practice with actual roles; practice with back-ups. (**Steven**)

11:40 Mentor groups practice their introductions (values & people) for Sunday (**Mentor Group leaders**)

12:00 NOON -- LUNCH

1:00 Prep for Mass:

Inspiration and Friendship Groups, plus Francis – Readings (Ralph)

●Reader for First Reading ●Reader for Psalm ●Reader for Second Reading

●Narrator ●Jesus Voice ●Jesus ●2 disciples ●Child

Compassion (w/o Francis) – Choose 2 songs, greeters at front door, chapel door. (Dominique)

Love: Write (and read at Mass) petitions (Lisa)

2:00 Prep for Pebbles Orientation (Ralph)

3:00 Paul Dedinsky and Restorative Justice, Talking Circles

5:00 Free Time!

6:00 SUPPER

7:00 Puppet activity (Lisa)

7:20 Mission Statements (Ralph)

8:30 Evaluation (**Mentor Group Leaders**)

9:00 Free Time!

SUNDAY:

● 7:30 Teen Leaders arrive

● 8:00 Mass

● Breakfast before 9:00.

● Mentor Group Presentations, introductions of their families. ● Slides to show the retreat fun?