



Diocese of Little Rock

Catholic Youth Ministry

2500 N Tyler Street, P.O. Box 7565, Little Rock, AR 72217

April 1, 2026

Hey Searcher!

We hope your "Fourth Day" is going well and you've been striving every day to grow your relationship with God!

The Adult Team is excited to start planning for **Search #158 -- June 26-28, 2026!** We're looking for passionate former Searchers who are ready to step up and serve on one of our amazing Search Teams.

Being on the Search Team is a commitment and it comes with some important expectations:

- **Living their Faith:** We actively want to grow closer to Christ in our daily lives.
- **Servant Leadership:** We want to be Christ-like in our interactions with others, which will hopefully lead them closer to Jesus.
- **Deflect to Reflect!** Instead of seeking our own glory, we seek to glorify God by loving and serving others. Our team tries to be friendly, approachable, mature, and responsible.
- **Teamwork and Common Vision:** We sign and commit to the Search Covenant, which states:

"As a Christian and as a member of the Search Team of the Diocese of Little Rock, I understand that I am accepting God's call to be of service to others, and that my behavior should reflect what it means to be a Christian. This would include respecting others, as well as myself, while also remembering that I am a role model to my peers. I will be careful in the words that I use, the judgments that I make, and will not spread rumors about others. I will act out my sexuality in an appropriate manner; keep private things told to me in confidence and abstain from the illegal use of drugs and alcohol."

If these values resonate with you and you're committed to living them out, we truly hope you'll consider joining us!

Outside Team: Our mission is to encourage and welcome Searchers with icebreakers and games, lead prayer services, and to visually communicate the power and goodness of God through our impactful skits. Although we are not physically present during the witness talks, we pray for the speaker and ask the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of the Searchers who are listening. We also design the Search banner, decorate tables for Saturday dinner, and help Searchers "behind the scenes."

Inside Team: Our mission is to lead and guide small group discussions at our table throughout the weekend. We will prepare and deliver a Witness Talk on our assigned topic, blending Catholic teaching with our personal experiences. We strive to build bonds and foster discussions with those at our table, so Searchers can search for a deeper relationship with God.

Serving on the Search Team is an incredible way to give back to God and your peers. It takes a lot of time, effort, and prayer to make Search happen, but it's incredibly rewarding.

Ready to apply? Awesome!

- **Application Forms:** We ask that you consider the commitment carefully. If you would like to apply, please fill out and return the enclosed Search Team application forms.
- **Deadline:** Make sure your completed application is submitted to our Catholic Youth Ministry office by **THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026.**
- **We need TWO references** to complete your application.
 - Heads-up! One of the questions we ask your references is if you have explained what SEARCH is... be sure that your references are fully aware of what you are asking them to do.
 - Since adults can be busy, it's a great idea to follow up with your references to ensure they've sent their forms back to our office.
- **Don't Forget Your Photo!** Please attach a recent photo to your application.
- **You must commit to these meeting dates to be on the Search Team:**
 - May 16-17, 2026 Team Retreat (Saturday from 1 pm through Sunday 1 pm)
 - June 7, 2026 Sunday, 11 am – 3:00 pm
 - June 14, 2026 Sunday, 11 am – 3:00 pm
 - June 21, 2026 Parent's Day (Sunday, 10 am – 4:30 pm)
 - June 26-28, 2026 SEARCH #158 Weekend
- **Team Meeting Conflicts?** If you desire to serve, but have an issue with one of the team meeting dates, please contact Josh Salman ASAP to discuss the issue.

Let us keep one another in prayer as we continue our Fourth Day.

Remember that Christ is counting on you!

Blessings,



Josh Salman
Director



Trish Gentry
Program Coordinator

Enclosures:

- Search Team Application Form
- Reference Forms (2 copies)

Search Team Application Form

To apply: *First and foremost, you must have attended a Search.*

- Complete this form and return it.
- You MUST include a recent photograph of yourself** (this will be returned to you if requested).
- We request **2** reference forms to be submitted on your behalf:
 - A staff person at your church must complete one form: your pastor, youth minister, DRE/Sunday school teacher, etc. (No recommendations are accepted from applicants.)
 - Your other reference form can be from some other responsible adult (not a relative) who knows how you live your faith.
 - Put your name on the top of the Search Reference Forms so that we can identify whom the reference form is for.
- Your references return the completed form to the DOLR Youth Office directly, not back to you.

Name: _____ Telephone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address: _____ Attended Search # _____

Parent's Names: _____ Email Address: _____

School you are attending: _____ Grade: _____

What church do you attend? _____

What retreats and youth activities have you participated in? _____

Why do you want to be on the Search Team?

What gifts and talents would you share? _____

How are you living your faith? _____

Are you presently living and are you willing to keep the Search Covenant and serve as a role model for other teens while you are on the team? _____

Are you Search grouping on a regular basis? _____ If not, why? _____

If you are selected, which Team (Outside or Inside) would you prefer and WHY? _____

If you are selected for **the Inside Team**, which **two** talks would you prefer to give and why? (Search 101; Who Am I? Who Is Jesus?; Talking with Jesus; Jesus, My Family and Me; Jesus, My Friends & Me; Healthy and Holy Dating; Reconciliation; Living the Faith).

Which talk would you **NOT** be able to give and why? _____

If you are selected for the **Outside Team**, do you feel called to perform any role in any of the skits presented during the weekend?

If so, why: _____

Please make any other comments you think will help us determine whether you should be selected as a member of the Search Team: _____

By my signature, I am confirming that I will attend all Search meetings. _____
(Signature)

**Please return this form along with a picture to:
Catholic Youth Ministries
PO Box 7565
Little Rock, AR 72217-7565**

Due by THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2026

(Completed forms may be faxed to 501-664-0119 or emailed to jsalman@dolr.org)

Applicant photos may be emailed in .jpeg format to Trish Gentry at tgentry@dolr.org

REFERENCE FOR SEARCH TEAM (2 References Needed)

Name of Applicant:

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In addition to planning and conducting the retreat, applicants must be living and able to affirm the following:

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Your honest response about the applicant is greatly appreciated and will be treated confidentially.

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

How has the team applicant explained to you the SEARCH program? _____

Has the applicant expressed to you why he/she is interested in applying for the SEARCH team and if so, what reasons did they give?

What are the applicant’s strengths? _____

Are there any reasons known to you why this applicant should NOT be considered for team?

The SEARCH team has two specific roles: Inside Team and Outside Team.

- Inside team prepares witness talks and leads table discussions.
- Outside team prepares prayer services and produces faith based skits.

Which team do you feel best suits this applicant and why? _____

Being on the SEARCH Team requires 100% participation in the planning and execution of the SEARCH weekend. Do you feel that this applicant can handle this responsibility and why?

Reference Name (Please Print) _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ **Daytime Phone (____)** _____

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