

**REFERENCE FOR SEARCH TEAM**

**(2 References Needed)**

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

The above named person has applied to be a member of the SEARCH Team and requests that you complete this reference form as part of the application process. SEARCH (short for Search for Christian Maturity) is an intense spiritual retreat for high school juniors and seniors. It is planned and led by juniors and seniors who have already made their SEARCH, under the guidance of an adult team of youth ministers. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Little Rock, SEARCH is a Catholic retreat that is open to young people of all faiths.

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

*"I affirm that I am continuing to accept God's call to be of service to others, and that my behavior reflects what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. I show respect to others as well as myself. I choose to be a positive role model. I keep private things told to me in confidence. I also respect myself enough that I will refrain from harming myself by the illegal use of alcohol, drugs and inappropriate sexual behavior. I pray daily to God for protection and strength."*

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

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**How long have you known the applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

**In what capacity do you know the applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How has the team applicant explained to you the SEARCH program?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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?**

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**What are the applicant's strengths?** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 dramatic skits.

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

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Being on 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?

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

***After completing, DO NOT return to applicant.  
Return this directly to:***

Catholic Youth Ministries  
Diocese of Little Rock  
2500 N. Tyler St.  
P.O. Box 7565  
Little Rock, AR 72217-7565  
Fax #: (501) 664-9075

**All applications must be received in the Youth Office no later than: \_\_\_\_\_  
(fill in the date that corresponds with the deadline for your Search Team application)**