



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP ROLES

## 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

### INTRODUCTION

*Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" John 21:15*

As disciples of Christ grow closer to the Lord in prayer, they begin to experience something deep, deeper than words can describe or the mind can comprehend. The mystical, all-encompassing, and radical love of Christ encounters the human heart. And when we experience love, we desire to return it. Perhaps you find yourself relating to this sentiment; if so, praise God! We here at Christ the King see and celebrate that, and we want to accompany you alongside that desire to love the Lord back!

In the Catholic Church, one of the ways we are called to love the Lord back is through service and evangelization. We see our various student ministries as vessels of this desire to give love back to the Lord by going out to serve His people around us. Thus, we present to you this Leadership Application, so that you might come to know some of the ways that we invite students to serve Christ alongside us and so that you might discern which route is best for you. Now, if you feel overwhelmed by the variety of options listed in this document and don't know how to best discern between them, great! On the one hand, being overwhelmed by good things is a sign of a properly ordered heart that desires the Good. On the other hand, you're not alone in this! We as a staff will have interviews with you to help you discern after you apply, and are happy to answer any questions along the way!

## **DISCIPLESHIP**

“Go forth, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). This command, which Christ and the Church give to all of the faithful, applies to us for the entirety of our lives. We are called to bear the Good News of the Gospel. As Pope St. Paul VI says, “it is unthinkable that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the kingdom without becoming a person who bears witness to it and proclaims it in his turn” (Evangelii Nuntiandi 24).

Here at Christ the King, we provide a specific platform and program to serve this call, known as the Path of Discipleship. It serves as the foundation of our ministry efforts. This path is meant to help you grow closer to Christ, to go on mission for souls for Him, and to become a leader in the faith, all the while being accompanied by someone who has done it before you. It’s also a very simple path so that when you leave Christ the King and LSU, you will easily be able to replicate the principles you learn from it for the rest of your lives.

If you are not already in a discipleship group, that’s okay! Know that by filling out this form to serve as a student leader here at Christ the King, you also commit to being in a Discipleship group (except Group 3, “First Steps” ministries). After you complete Stage 1 of Discipleship, “Growing Discipleship,” you will be asked to enter Stage 2 of Discipleship, “Commissioned Discipleship.” Refer to Stage 2 Discipleship further in the packet.

## A NOTE ON THE MEANING OF COMMITMENT AND ON DISCERNMENT

“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’” (Matthew 5:37). As Catholics, we are called to be “wise as serpents and innocent as doves” (Matthew 10:16). To put it plainly, when we commit to something, we should first ensure that we **should** commit to something and that we have the **capacity** to commit to it. Then we commit **wholeheartedly** to whatever requirements are asked of us. The fewer things you give your “yes” to, the more your “yes” means. Every leadership position in this packet is **good** and serves our parish and student center in some way. The question is not, “Which of these is good to do?” Rather, the question is “To which of these could I be called?” Briefly, let’s walk through a small, 3-step discernment process that may help you discern what you should apply for.

“**Should** I commit to this position?” Does this ministry appeal to and motivate you? Is it lifegiving for you to participate in this ministry and serve in this particular way? Do you have ideas for how to improve/continue this ministry? These are all good things to consider. You should **desire** and **enjoy** serving the Lord; He put desires in your heart for a reason. Please listen to them!

“Do I have the **capacity** to commit to this position?” Given my class schedule, social calendar (because some of yours are extensive), and other involvements, do I have the space to do this ministry? On top of that, do I have space to **be a human** who eats, sleeps, rests, and enjoys leisure if I do this position?

If the previous two points check out, all that’s left is to hold it up to the Lord in prayer and check if He clearly says anything different. Then, should you be chosen for that role, **commit wholeheartedly** to it for the entirety of the school year. Please reach out to a Campus Minister if you have further questions!

## **MINISTRY GROUP 1: UNIQUES**

These ministries are, as the name suggests, our “unique” ministries. How, you might ask? These ministries are “unique” insofar as there is a separate and “unique” process to enter into these ministries. We decided to include them in this packet for you to read for 3 purposes. First, that you know and can clearly see the time commitments if you are/will be serving in these ministries. Second, you gain a deeper understanding of other people’s commitments at Christ the King if you are not in any of these. Third, and finally, you consider these time commitments when asking another student, who might be in one of these ministries, to help out with an event.

### **JPII House Member**

Works directly with the JPII House Coordinator (Will Clark) and is responsible for living out all of the responsibilities, both in letter and spirit, of the JPII House Rule of Life. This includes:

- Discipleship with House Coordinator (1.25 hr)
- Mass and Formation Night (3 hrs)
- House Holy Hour (1 hr)
- Fraternity Night (3 hrs)
- An apostolate within student leadership at CTK (per times listed)
- Biweekly cleaning teams (1 hr)

Extraneous events that periodically require full attendance(underlined), partial participation/support, or the flexibility that comes with events being hosted at the member's place of residence. This includes, but is not limited to, monthly cooking teams, Fall/Spring Retreats, tailgates, First Saturday Vigils, men’s ministry events, and watch parties.

### **Music Ministry**

Students will serve the community by rehearsing, receiving formation regarding, and leading praise and worship at events. Such as, but not limited to:

- Receiving Formation regarding musicianship, Catholic music, and the spirituality of art once a month (1.5 hrs)
- Worshipping together at Alive nights every week, whether that be directly leading, or just praising in community (1 hr)
- Being formed spiritually in a discipleship group that meets every week (1-1.5 hrs), led by a staff or student music minister
- Worshipping together at monthly Encounter nights, whether directly leading in the band, cantoring for mass or attending to join in prayer with the team; as well as helping set up live sound equipment and tearing it down (4-4.5 hrs)

Optional weekly rehearsal time run by Bryce, to work on technical aspects of musicianship (1 hr)

## Community Night Heads (2)

Chosen directly by the Director of Campus Ministry in collaboration with the previous Community Night Heads. Works directly with the Director of Campus Ministry (Brennan Garriques) to be responsible for planning and executing all aspects of community nights, such as:

- Planning and coordinating Community Nights (1 hr per week)
- Setting up and running Community Nights (2-3 hrs per Community Night)

## Freshman Outreach Heads (2)

Chosen directly by the Director of Campus Ministry in collaboration with the previous Freshman Outreach Heads. Works directly with the Director of Campus Ministry (Brennan Garriques) to be responsible for integrating freshmen into the CTK community and providing spaces for them to encounter Jesus Christ. Areas of Freshman Outreach to oversee include:

- Bengal Bound orientation (2 hours per orientation during the Summer)
- ARISE Retreat planning and coordination (beginning of the Fall Semester)
- Freshman Welcome Week planning/set up (3-4 hours beginning of Fall Semester)
- Planning and coordinating Freshman Fun Nights (1-3 hours depending on the week)

## Street Ministry Head

Chosen by the previous Street Ministry Head and approved by the Director of Campus Ministry. Leads and directs the efforts of Street Ministry, mainly consisting of showing up beforehand to prepare snacks and water. The leader also guides and facilitates the groups and discussions during the time of service. For more on Street Ministry activities, look at Ministry Group 3.

## Cornerstone Cafe Employee

Working in the Cornerstone Cafe is an integral part of CTK's outreach. There is a separate application process for those interested in Cornerstone Cafe; if you are interested, please email Ali Dazzio (adazzio@ctklsu.org)! The responsibilities are:

- 3-6 hour shifts, multiple times per week (pending your class schedule)
- Greeting students who come into the cafe and inviting them into the community
- Keeping coffee pots filled, mugs cleaned, and various add-ins are supplied

## **MINISTRY GROUP 2: ORDINARY MINISTRIES**

These ministries make up the core of our ministry efforts here at Christ the King. These are the roles for which you are applying in the Leadership Application form.

Please note:

- You must have completed Stage 1 of Discipleship before serving in an Ordinary Ministry role
- You cannot serve in two roles at once, unless you are leading a Discipleship Group, in which case you may serve in one other role
- Pay close attention to the time commitments of each leadership position, and ensure that you have the time to commit to them

### **Discipleship Group Leader**

For those who have reached Stage 2 of Commissioned Discipleship, or those who are interested in reaching Stage 2 of Discipleship, you can become a Discipleship Group Leader. This is our central ministry at Christ the King, and the only ministry that you can participate in while doing another ministry. It involves:

- Preparing scripture, material, and praying before Discipleship (1 hr per week)
- Leading a Discipleship group of 2-3 students (1-1.5 hr per week)
- Intentionally developing relationships with disciples outside of meetings

### **Transformative Bible Study Leader**

Guides a group of peers through a weekly transformative Bible study to facilitate an encounter with Jesus Christ, cultivate authentic friendship among members, and stoke a desire to go and evangelize others. Bible study leaders should know how to pray with Scripture, feel comfortable facilitating conversation, and have a heart for others to come to know Jesus through His Word.

- Meeting in a Discipleship Group for formation and coaching on Bible study (1hr/wk)
- Praying with suggested Scripture and prepping with the content Leader's Guide (.5hr/wk)
- Making invitations to new and returning members until 8-12 consistently come (.5hr/wk)
- Facilitating conversation and guiding Bible study group through content (1.5hrs/wk)
- Meeting with members outside of Study for ongoing intentional investment (1.5hr/wk)

### **Men's Ministry Head (2)**

Works directly with the Men's Ministry Campus Minister (Bryce Pellegrin) to help create, organize, and facilitate men's ministry events and culture. The goal of men's ministry is to gather men within the CTK community and on campus to help them grow in their love of Christ through fellowship and formation. Those interested should be men who have a deep interior life with Christ. This commitment includes:

- Meeting every other week to discuss Men's Ministry events (1 hr)

- Assist with planning, logistics, and formation for Men's Retreat once a year (Spring semester)
- Attend Men's Holy Half once a week (30 mins)\*

### Women's Ministry Head (2)

Works directly with the Women's Ministry Campus Minister (Rachel Haydel) and the other head in planning and executing women's ministry events and retreats each semester. In addition to events and retreats, the women's ministry heads are asked to be intentional about reaching out to women in the CTK community and on campus to accompany them in their relationship with the Lord and foster a strong women's community at CTK. This commitment includes:

- Weekly discipleship with the Women's Ministry Campus Minister (1-1.5 hours/week)
- Planning and executing 3-4 women's ministry events per semester (2-3 hour commitment per event)
- Intentional outreach to women in the CTK community and on LSU's campus

### OCIA Core Team

Works with the CTK Confirmation/OCIA Director (Grace Krause) to help accompany catechumens, candidates for full communion, and confirmands along their journey of discipleship and preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Approximate time commitment is 4 hours a week, 6-8 on weeks when there is a Sunday Rite or a retreat.

Responsibilities include:

- Attend orientation with OCIA Director (2 hrs)
- Attend Tuesday night classes 6pm-9pm (including set up and take down) at CTK
  - Help facilitate small group discussion during class and get to know and keep up with the people at your table (3 hrs)
- Help out with the various Sunday Rites at 10am Mass (1 in the Fall and 5 in the Spring) (2-3 hrs each)
- Attend 2 morning retreats (1 Fall, 1 Spring; 4-5 hrs each)
- Team members might also be chosen to meet one-on-one with an OCIA college student of the same gender to hear their story and help them integrate more into the CTK community. (30mins-1hr, periodically)

## **MINISTRY GROUP 3: FIRST STEPS**

Maybe you, or someone you know, wants to get involved here at Christ the King, but isn't very sure about it. Praise God! These ministries would be amazing ways to begin to get plugged into the leadership of the community, as well as stepping into a role of service. In addition, these methods of service don't require any application or commitment to Discipleship Groups; all we ask is that you (or your friend) join a Bible Study!

### **Freshman Fun Night Team**

Serve at Freshman Fun Nights (FFN) whenever they occur, and assist the Freshman Outreach Heads with whatever they might need. This might include setting up for the event, serving food, or taking out the trash at the end of the event. This would involve 1.5-2 hours of commitment per FFN.

### **Community Night Team**

Much like the FFN Team, serves at Community Nights whenever they occur and assists the Community Night Heads with whatever they might need. This might include setting up for the event, serving food, or cleaning up at the end of the event, as well as facilitating and actively engaging in the night. This would involve 1.5-2 hours of commitment per Community Night.

### **Mass Info Table**

After every Sunday Mass, students, led by a campus minister, stand at the info table in the Gathering Area to give information to students looking to come to events, join Bible Studies, or get involved, as well as briefly give the announcements before Mass. This would involve 30 minutes of commitment per Mass volunteered for. You do not have to table at every Mass.

### **Street Ministry**

Serve the poor, unseen, and homeless in the streets of Baton Rouge. Led by the Street Ministry Head every Sunday, go out for 2.5-3 hours to serve the poor and encounter the homeless, followed by a small group discussion afterwards.

### **Nursing Home Ministry**

Serve the elderly, lonely, and forgotten and go to St. Clare's Nursing Home ministry to encounter the residents and share the love of Christ with them. It happens biweekly on Sunday afternoons for a few hours.