

## **Memo to Youth Ensemble Members**

Welcome to the Youth Ensemble for Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church! It is exciting to have you join our Music Ministry! Together, I believe we can create a group of young people who can make a difference in our worship here at OLV! We are blessed to have you offering your time and talents!

As you register, please take a calendar of rehearsals and Masses for the coming year and keep it handy for reference. It will be very important that you keep up with this calendar and also, that you keep in touch via e-mail or phone with me.

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Our rehearsals will be held in the Church unless announced otherwise.

Due to the fact that young people are so busy and involved in many activities in this day and age, we are going to establish a routine this year and, hopefully, most of you can make all of the events scheduled. If you have conflicts, it is your job to let me know about them as soon as you have them “on your radar”. It is fine for your parents to communicate with me, but I encourage you to take responsibility to keep up with your own schedule and also to stay in touch with me regarding your schedule. The schedule that you are receiving today is a framework from which we can work. If we find that some changes need to be made we can make adjustments along the way, but at least we have something to start with and everyone will know what the schedule is.

Please note the following: you are signing up for the Youth Ensemble as a commitment to serve your parish community. In addition to participating in this group, you are invited to be a part of the Adult choir whenever you are able to join them. This is not mandatory, but you are welcome to do so! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Social Hall. You can keep up with the Mass schedule in the bulletin or on the choir website to see what Masses the adult choir will be singing at and even

if you can't make the Wednesday rehearsal before a given Mass, you are welcome to come and join us in singing at the weekend Mass as long as you arrive 30 minutes prior to the Mass to rehearse with the group. If you have not attended the Wednesday rehearsal, please sit in the front row of the choir area at Mass. I will move you if need be.

I look forward to working with you during the coming year! Please invite your friends to come along! The more, the merrier!

Peace, joy and a warm welcome!

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