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PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM

What is an apostolate? Apostolate is doing anything that builds up the kingdom of Christ. Do you have a Conquest Father & Son or Junior Leadership Program running in your group? If so, you see all the younger boys learning about virtue from the dads. Those dads are doing an apostolate to help the younger boys grow into the Christian men they are called to be. Couldn't you help to lead these boys? These younger boys could use some role models closer to your age. If you lead the Father & Son or Junior group for just one campaign, it will also build up excitement in them so they will look forward to the fullness of Conquest. This apostolate is to have your team run a Conquest Father & Son or Junior program for one campaign, generously giving of yourself to teach and be great role models for these young boys.



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OUR CALL TO SERVE

Let's lead the younger Conquest Program for one campaign! We can do this together as a team, being role models to help teach them virtues and more about our faith!

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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| 1 | <p>Plan: Plan this whole project out beforehand. Each week the boys on your team need to arrive 30 minutes before the younger program boys or leave 30 minutes later. Use this 30 minutes for your weekly activities and lead the Father-Son boys for the whole campaign. (6-weeks)</p> <p>Training: Obtain a Campaign Guidebook and go over each weeks format and plan, assign responsibilities to each member.</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Sports: Begin with the boys favorite game or activity in the guidebook.</p> <p>Stories: This week the main formative element is stories either shown via videos or read to the boys.</p> <p>Points: Make sure to have several members handing out points constantly to motivate the younger boys.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Sports / Formation: This week is a repeat of last week, but make sure to plan the sports or activity well and change it up. Make sure the youth leader talk is assigned each week forward to a member, and it is prepared well.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Posters: This week the main formative element is poster boards. A member needs to help each squad and others can judge. Make sure that they receive twice as many positive comments as negative ones even if the poster is not that good.</p> | |

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| 5 | Skits: This week the main formative element is skits. A member needs to help each squad and others can judge. Make sure that they receive twice as many positive comments as negative ones even if the skit is rather silly, as young boys will be. Don't forget the youth leader talk! | |
| 6 | Catequizem: This week the main formative element is Trivia. A good way to do this is to have two copies of trivia in the back of the guidebook and alternate between two members reading the questions, with other members awarding points. Don't forget the youth leader talk! | |
| 7 | Awards: This is the last week and a should be a special night for the boys. Make sure to plan it well, and schedule extended sports / activity time, and invite a special guest speaker to talk about the campaign virtue. Make sure to have the dads assist in helping to get actual award items ahead of time. | |
| 8 | Download: As a team, discuss the highlights of leading the younger boys in all aspects, as well as the difficulties. Make a rotation schedule to have a different team member take turns each week to continue to help the program as a youth leader for the boys. | |

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LOCATION

This should take place at the regular meeting location and time for the Conquest Father & Son or Junior Leadership Groups. If you do not have a group in your parish or part of your program, see if there is one in the local area that you could offer to assist with for one campaign. You could also organize one campaign for boys ages 5-9 and promote it in your parish / school well in advance.

PROVISIONS

Conquest gear: Make sure all of your team members have their member kits, including and most importantly their Conquest T-shirt. The members should all wear their shirts, dress in clean pants, have their dog-tags on and be good examples for the younger boys.

Sports Equipment: Including dodge-balls, footballs, etc.

Program Materials: Point chips, Campaign Guidebook, videos, saint books, etc. Ask current adult leaders for help to obtain these if you do not have them or you are starting from scratch where a program does not already exist. The national office can provide materials for one campaign working with the Conquest adult leader.

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RESPONSIBILITIES

Sports / Dynamic Activities: Assign several members to organize, explain, set up and referee all sports and dynamic activities. Assign a member to be in charge of obtaining any equipment needed.

Lines: One member should call everyone into squad lines and give most instructions while in lines.

Point men: It is best to have two members assigned with point bags and do things like review shirts and commitment cards on arrival, give points for straightest lines, constantly watch for acts of charity in sports, and give points for positive things during the formative segments.

Stories: A different member should read each story, show video or be in charge of trivia each night.

Posters and skits: During posters and skits, one member should help out each squad and the rest should be judges. The members leading should not go up on stage with their squad, but motivate and encourage them prior.

Awards: The whole team should decide together which boys get special awards. They should also give them out including general squad awards.

CONTACTS

Father & Son / Junior adult leader: Speak with him at least two weeks before the campaign begins so that he has a heads-up.

Parents of younger boys: Inform the parents that your team apostolate is to lead a campaign. The team must remember to be mature and take this seriously and not goof off, and be responsible for all aspects of the program.

Father-Son boys: All members should treat the boys with respect as their younger brothers (if they are or are not naturally so). They need to make them excited about advancing in the future to the Conquest middle school group.

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SPECIAL OPS

- Conquest team members should take on all aspects of organizing and leading the program. The team leader and adults should bring all of the needed materials, but let the members take the leadership roles.
- Make sure all team members are always positive, and never negative. They should use the points methodology instead of reprimanding misbehavior. It would be good for the adult leader who is experienced to provide a quick training on this method and concept.
- Team members should motivate and encourage each boy, especially any boys that may appear to be the quiet type.
- Team members should be mature, and remember that they are role models every second of each minute during the meeting. They should not talk and laugh or goof off among themselves, but rather show the younger boys that they are truly there for them.

CONTINGENCY PLAN



- Your team could also be captains for a local K4J program if one is running in your area.
- The team could organize a Father-Son event for the whole group on a Saturday to teach virtue rather than leading a whole campaign.
- The team could offer to help out the parish – teaching CCD classes, helping with a first communion retreat, etc.

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