



## *St Francis Xavier Parish*

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Dear Parents and Family,

We are very excited to announce the launch of the EDGE Middle School Ministry (Youth Ministry) at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga. This ministry will provide students in Grades 5 to 8 an opportunity to form friendships and grow in their faith together, all while having a fun time!

In line with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this year, we will focus on teaching participants about the Eucharist, which is “the source and summit of Christian life” (CCC 1324-1327). As such, the theme of EDGE at our parish this year is “**Source**”. Your child will learn about the Eucharist and its transformative power. We will give our youth a deeper understanding of the Eucharist and encourage them to receive this sacrament often through this program.

We plan on running the EDGE program bi-weekly on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month between 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Each EDGE night will give participants the opportunity to attend Mass. Participants will proceed to play games with their peers to gain insight on the topic/ theme of each EDGE night, while also giving them the chance to get to know one another. Following a brief teaching or testimony on the topic of the night, participants will answer questions and share what they learned about the night in small group discussions led by our Volunteer Core Team. Following small group discussions, participants will regroup for a time of prayer & will get a challenge tying into the theme of the night so that they can share what they learned with those they encounter outside the church. We will also provide you with tools and resources to supplement the lessons your child learns at EDGE. We do this by sending communications, which provide you with more details on what is discussed on a particular EDGE night, along with specific questions you can ask your child to further engage them in the topic.

If a special occasion falls on the 2nd or 4th Friday of the month, we will also run Social Nights, which are geared towards creating bonding between participants and the Core Team. Our goal is to provide your child with a safe and loving environment, where they can learn more about God, faith, and the value of a faith community.

There is a registration fee of \$50.00 per child, which includes the cost of a T-shirt & light refreshments, which will be served at the end of each EDGE night. The EDGE program will kick off on November 24th and will end on June 14th.

If you are interested and are looking for more information, please feel free to contact us at [sfxyouth1@gmail.com](mailto:sfxyouth1@gmail.com) . We are enclosing a registration form, which can be filled out and dropped at the St. Francis Xavier Parish office. You can also sign up online at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/dhbhaPYEP7H9XaNSA>

We thank you for your support and hope that you will encourage your child to join us this year in Source - St. Francis Xavier EDGE Ministry.

Kind Regards,  
Crystal Lobo and Denise Passanha,  
Co-Youth Ministers  
St. Francis Xavier Church