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St. Rose Teen Choir
2010-2011
Young Men and Women, grades 7-12

- All experience levels, no audition required.
- High school accompanists/instrumentalists used when possible, including guitars/drums.
 - Meet on Mondays from 6:15-7:00 pm, starting September 13
- Sing every 4-6 weeks – 4:30 Sat or 10am Sunday and Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday.
 - Optional singing for 1-3 other area churches annually and participation in annual show
 - Sing service music, lead congregation, choral anthems, traditional to contemporary

The Mission of the St. Rose Teen choir is to ...

lead sung prayer, learn proper singing techniques and musical language, learn new music, in multiple languages, mixing new and challenging with familiar, develop enjoyment for making music, and to create a small, safe, caring faith community.

What's new this year? New leadership opportunities! Anyone interested in the following ops should let Mrs. Strahan know by 9/13.

President – Recruit new members, act as spokesperson of choir, assist director with publicity

Vice-President- Help determine outfits (t-shirt design and order), rehearsal preparation assistance-moving chairs, etc.

Secretary-Take roll, keep track of absences and attendance for upcoming events, keep track of member birthdays, attend regularly (& on time)

Treasurer- Help with selling tickets for show/DVDs, coordinate cards for choir members who are ill or dealing w/family matters, etc.

Librarian-Help with organization of music - numbering, distributing, collecting and filing in music cupboards.

Student directors-Direct a piece of music for mass. Work with choir during rehearsals to prepare the piece for performance.

What you should expect of Mrs. Strahan:	What Mrs. Strahan expects of you:
Be Respectful to all	Be Respectful of Mrs. Strahan, Dana, and co-members
Be on time	Be on time
Come 100% of the time	Come 75%+ of the time (average)
Have music organized at the beginning of rehearsal	Keep your music organized
Will place choir members by people that will help them succeed	Respect placement decisions of director
Communicate upcoming singing events/changes	Listen to directions, pay attention (no reading books!)
	Watch the director while singing
	Bring labeled water bottle, if needed

Cantoring: To cantor, you must attend the 2 rehearsals prior to the mass, and demonstrate continued leadership, preparedness, respect for other choir members and the director, and proficient knowledge of the music. Cantors for Children's choir may also be needed. You must audition first!

Attire: Dress code will be determined by the leadership team. Please do not wear high heels or backless shoes for safety. Nice outfits on holidays. Dress code for other events will be communicated with the choir and parents via email.

Slippers: Socks or slippers or comfortable shoes are encouraged. Please leave wet, muddy shoes in the entry area so things stay dry inside.

Show – Production TBD The production, a "Tradition", is a great community builder. Please let me know of your participation plans by December 15. See schedule for dates.

Behavior: All teens are welcome to participate. If someone is uncooperative or disrespectful, they and their parents must meet with the director to find a reasonable solution before they may return to choir.

I expect teens, with their parents/adults, to... Let me know of any problems, absences, help you be on time (and picked up on time), help out at rehearsals (see volunteer corps below), be respectful of other choir members.

Parent Booster/Volunteer corps – Group of parents who help with calling, driving, attending rehearsals, planning choir parties, helping with "The Show".

Rehearsal Volunteers: Duties include controlling the outside door, being available if someone is sick or needs personal attention, help with other projects as needed. Please arrive at 6:15 and stay until all teens have been picked up.

Treat provider: The first Monday rehearsal of the month is for celebrating birthdays with treats. Two teens can sign up each month to bring a small snack for everyone.

Show Parent Volunteer- Need 1-2 parents willing to attend show rehearsals and be present at all shows.