

Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish  
THE YOUTH MINISTRY  
introduces

**P.O.A.T. MINISTRY**  
(For All Parents of Teenagers)

**OBJECTIVE**

To promote the active participation and support of parents in the faith life of their teenagers, especially those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**STRATEGIES**

- Provide pastoral care and support for parents as they face the challenges of raising their teenagers in today's world.
- Promote strong Catholic family values, through facilitating God's mission for the Catholic family.
- Renew and re-familiarize Catholic parents with the beautiful God given gift of our Catholic faith.
- Build a vibrant community of youth and their families at OMGC.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

- Starting in September, P.O.A.T. will gather one Sunday of each month during the school year from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m. (location TBC) for an educational meeting / discussion. Sometimes, P.O.A.T. will participate in the same session as the Confirmation candidates (e.g. motivational speaker on drug prevention). See attached calendar.
- All parents of Confirmation candidates are required to attend monthly P.O.A.T. meetings. All parents are welcome!
- Mr. Mike Malone, a parishioner and father of a teenager, Matt (16 years old) is the program leader of P.O.A.T. Despite his busy schedule as a husband, a father of three sons and a police officer, Mike has volunteered to facilitate this ministry. Mike has been a terrific Confirmation catechist volunteer for the last two years.