



WELCOME TO THE EDGE

ALL ST. SIMON 6, 7 & 8th GRADE STUDENTS

About The EDGE

The EDGE is a Catholic middle school youth ministry experience created for early adolescents in grades six, seven and eight. There are over 800 parishes that sponsor The EDGE throughout the country. The EDGE is designed to meet the educational, spiritual, emotional and social needs of young adolescents. Kids are always welcomed and encouraged to bring their friends to The EDGE.

At this age, middle school youth are open to positive and negative influences and ideas. Many of the values and beliefs that they held as children are now questioned and challenged. As young adolescents, they try to figure out who they are, and what they believe.

The name *The EDGE* recognizes that middle school youth are on *The EDGE* in their life, and we as a church are challenged to empower them and give them The EDGE. At the same time, we as a church are going to give them *The EDGE* they need in: life, Jesus Christ, the Sacraments, sacred scripture, the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, and a Catholic community to love, nurture and challenge them.

This year at St. Simon School, The EDGE program's administrative cost is covered in your child's school fees. We welcome over 200 new pre-teens and teens to The EDGE. A full schedule of EDGE Catechetical, Social, Service and Hot Topic Nights will be sent to each family.

We know that our students at St. Simon School receive high-quality Religious instruction. However, if you like, your EDGE-aged child is always welcome to attend the two Sundays per month of Catechetical lessons. We highly encourage all to attend the Friday night Service Activities, the Hot Topic Nights, and The EDGE Social Activities--the two Special Olympic Dances we host.

If you have any questions please contact Val Liberty, Director of Youth Ministry at 650-967-8311 x31 or vl Liberty@stsimon.org.