Did you know that Pope Francis's intention for the month of August was "that sports may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world?"

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**Who can be a team chaplain?**

Team chaplains at Fairfield Prep are students who want to volunteer their time to serve as a peer minister. They are students who provide personal and spiritual support to student-athletes and coaches during the athletic season and school year, a team chaplain is any student willing to volunteer his time, talent, and gifts towards bettering the spiritual life of student athletes. They can be members of the team or simply a fan of the sport.
What is the role of a team chaplain?

The team peer minister/team chaplain role is designed to be one of encouragement, vision, and leadership. They are to work with coaches, the student chaplain, and athletic director to help provide a healthy and balanced perspective to the team. They are to strive to sync Fairfield Prep's spiritual mission with the day-to-day activities of the athletic program and student-athletes.

What does a team chaplain do?

Team chaplains serve as a guide to student-athletes on their personal and spiritual journeys. They work with coaches and team captains and serve as an additional support to student athletes. Student chaplains help student athletes in a variety of ways, by organizing team Masses, prayer before practices, dinners or games, or sharing inspiring stories or quotes with team members. Student chaplains serve athletic teams through prayer, one-on-one conversations, or simply through meaningful relationship and friendships with players.

What is the relationship between a coach and a team chaplain?

Each team chaplain/coach relationship is unique. The student team chaplain is present to assist the coach and team as well as offer encouragement and support.

Expectations:

1. Meet with other student chaplains, the school chaplain and athletic director once per cycle, usually during a free or lunch period.
2. Communicate regularly with the coach, athletic director, and chaplain.
3. Attend additional formation meetings as needed throughout the semester.
4. Encourage the team to attend daily mass at least once during the semester and work with the chaplain to prepare the liturgy.
5. Get to know the players on the team.
6. Conduct prayer services before games, team dinners, and practices.
Name:_____________________________________________________

Year: ________________  Due by September 16th to Fr. Stockdale, SJ

Rank your preference for a winter sports team: (1-4)

___ Varsity Football  ___ Varsity Soccer  ___ Varsity Crew

___ Varsity Cross Country  ___ Varsity Sailing  ___ JV Football

___ JV Soccer  ___ JV Crew  ___ Freshman Crew

___ Freshman Football  ___ Freshman Soccer

Why do you want to be a student athletic chaplain?

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Previous leadership experience:

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What are some of the connections between athletics and spirituality?

What are some of your goals as a student chaplain?