



**PURE WITNESS MINISTRIES**

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*I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.*

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*~ Mother Teresa ~*



### ***The Mission of Pure Witness***

The mission of Pure Witness Ministries (PWM) is to challenge Catholics to become pure witnesses of their faith by setting Christ at the heart of their lives. At Pure Witness Ministries we see purity as a path that leads us to God. Purity is a virtue that shapes all areas of our life as we strive to do all things for, in and through Jesus: for his glory, in His name and through His grace and power. Purity is about leading a Christ-centered life. It's the shows we watch, the music we listen to, the books and magazines we read, the websites we visit, the clothes we wear, the jokes we laugh at, the conversations we hold and the way we live out our relationships with others and with God. Being pure is a choice we make and live out moment by moment, day after day. If we fall, we get back up, seek forgiveness and move forward, choosing purity anew. This is the message and the hope we seek to share with others at PWM.

### ***The Ripple Effect***

We are seeking young adults to be on our Pure Witness Team (PWT) who embrace this message and are excited to share it with others. Through the pure witness we give to Christ, others will be inspired to live pure lives for Christ in everything they do. In turn; others will see their pure witness and be inspired. We become like the pebble thrown into a pool of water, sending out ripples that reach far beyond us and that serve to build a Civilization of Love and a Culture of Life, as Blessed John Paul II proclaimed.

### ***Do You Desire To Be His Pebble***

Are you wanting to become part of the New Evangelization? We are recruiting young Catholic adults (minimum age of 18, by Sept 30<sup>th</sup>) to serve on PWT from mid August 2013 to the end of May 2014 (which includes a Christmas break where team members can go home). The following application form should serve to help you and us discern together whether or not God is calling you to this form of missionary service at this time of your life.



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### Pure Witness Team Application Process

1. Fill out the online application form and submit. Your application will be valid for 12 Months.

Please answer, in detail, all of the questions that pertain to you. If questions are not answered in full it may affect how quickly your application is processed or if you are accepted to PWT.

When answering these questions be yourself. These questions simply help us learn more about you.

Since we can't meet each of our applicants in person, we request you send a picture of yourself by email to our Program Director: [carmen.marcoux@purewitness.com](mailto:carmen.marcoux@purewitness.com).

2. Ask two people to provide for you a personal reference by filling out our reference **form**.

3. We will review your application and references upon receipt.

4. We will notify you within 1-2 weeks as to whether or not you have been accepted to proceed to a personal interview. This could take place by phone, skype, or in person.

5. Prayerfully considering all the information from your application form, references, and interview, we will notify you to let you know if you have been accepted to PWT 2013-2014. God has a specific call for you this coming year. We ask you to please join us in prayerful discernment as to whether or not God is calling you to be a part of this PWT.



*Lord, grant that I  
might not so much seek  
to be loved as to love.  
~ Saint Francis of Assisi ~*

### What you should know once you've been accepted

1. You will be sent a PWT member package of information on team life and support raising.

2. Upon acceptance you will be expected to provide \$300 that will go toward your support raising goal of \$7000.

3. The full amount must be in place before your term begins (mid August).

4. By law, we require that everyone who comes to serve on PWT has a recent Criminal Record Check.

5. You will need to provide for yourself transportation to training, home for Christmas break and back to Saskatoon after Christmas, and home after team wind up at the end of May.



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*Personal Information*

Male       Female      Age \_\_\_\_\_      Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Parish/Diocese \_\_\_\_\_

*Describe yourself*

What you are presently doing (working, student, what you are studying, etc.) What are your hobbies and interests? What do you typically do in your free time?

How did you hear about Pure Witness Ministries?

Website       Meeting a team member       Through a friend       An Event

Why do you want to join the Pure Witness Team (PWT)? Please include specific goals and objectives.



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### Personal Abilities

Please rate the following questions on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the least and 10 the most.

*Please elaborate in the space provided.*

Please rate your involvement you have in your church \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the amount of experience you have in Youth Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

What would you say your leadership abilities are? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any leadership experiences you may have (leading small groups, organizations, music groups, etc.)

Please rate your musical abilities in the following instruments:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| -Piano/Keyboard _____  | -Other instruments _____ |
| -Acoustic Guitar _____ | _____                    |
| -Electric Guitar _____ | -Other instruments _____ |
| -Bass Guitar _____     | _____                    |
| -Drum Set _____        | -Ensemble Playing _____  |
| -Hand Drum _____       | -Playing by Ear _____    |
| -Violin _____          | -Sight Reading _____     |
| -Voice _____           | -Theory _____            |



*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
~ Psalm 104:33 ~*

Do you have any instruments that you can bring with you on PWT?

What is your experience with Praise and Worship music?



*Personal Abilities Continued...*

What is your comfort level with performing/speaking in front of a crowd? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you say is your ability level in drama or stage performance? \_\_\_\_\_

Please Rate your skills in the following technological areas:

-Sound Equipment _____	-Photography _____
-Presentation Equipment _____	-Videography/Editing _____
-Graphic Design _____	-Other _____

Please indicate any other strengths you possess that you think would contribute to the Pure Witness Team.



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## Previous Work Experience/Education

Company \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Time of Work Period \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Time of Work Period \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

High school attended \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
College/University attended \_\_\_\_\_ Years attended \_\_\_\_\_  
Course(s) studied \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Assessment

Please rate the following questions on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the least and 10 the most.

I work well with others. _____	I am good at working with and leading kids. _____
I am good at leading my peers. _____	I work well by myself. _____
I am good at following my peers. _____	I am good at working under stressful situations. _____
I am good at listening to my peers. _____	I have control of my behaviours. _____

This is how I typically react/act when I feel...

Happy \_\_\_\_\_  
Angry \_\_\_\_\_  
Tired \_\_\_\_\_  
Stressed \_\_\_\_\_  
Upset \_\_\_\_\_  
Attacked \_\_\_\_\_  
Worried \_\_\_\_\_

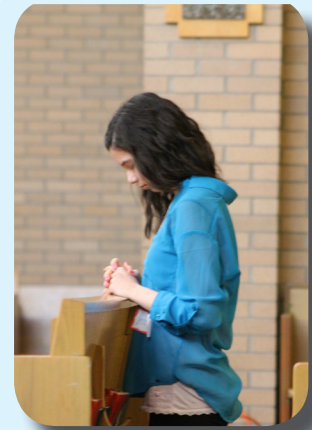


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**Faith**

Describe your faith journey and who Jesus is in your own life. Would you say you know Jesus in a personal way?

Describe your spiritual life, including when and how you pray, the sacraments, and what spiritual resources you may be using.



*Purity of heart  
is what  
enables us  
to see.  
~ Pope Benedict XVI ~*



*Truth, indeed,  
draws strength  
from itself and not  
from the amount of  
consent it arouses.  
~ Pope Benedict XVI ~*

I have been  Baptized and  Confirmed in the Catholic Church

I have some form of knowledge of the following:

- |   |  |                                    |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptism        | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reconciliation | <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Orders           | <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Anointing of the Sick | <input type="checkbox"/> Courtship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Eucharist |  |                                    |

Do you attend Sunday Mass weekly?  Yes  No

Do you attend weekday Mass?  Yes  No

If yes, how often? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your family attend Sunday Mass?  Yes  No

Are you willing to participate in group prayer, worship times, scripture and faith studies, and personal daily prayer times?  Yes  No



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### Questions

How do you feel about the teachings of the Catholic Church? Is there anything you would change?

In response to our description of purity, please share your personal view on purity and how it has played a role in your life.

Please share your personal view on romantic relationships, commenting on physical and emotional chastity, timing in life for romance, and its purpose.

Romantic relationships can be a blessing from God and provide us with many opportunities for personal growth, they are also affected by and effect those around us. To help us better serve you when you come on team we would like to know if you are currently in a dating relationship and how you believe this will impact your year on PWT.

Have you ever been in (a) romantic relationship(s)? What did you learn through them?

*Do not be afraid.  
Do not be satisfied  
with mediocrity.  
Put out into the deep  
and let down your  
nets for a catch.  
~ Pope John Paul II ~*



## Team Life

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The goal of the Pure Witness Team is to:

- 1) Provide an opportunity for ***formation in faith*** and deepening your personal relationship with Jesus.
- 2) ***Live in community*** with other like-minded young adults and thereby growing personally through the challenges and blessings of community living.
- 3) Do ***missionary service and outreach*** into the larger Catholic community, by putting on retreats for schools and parishes, and events for youth and families where they will grow in their Catholic faith and you can be that pure witness for Christ.

Our wish is to help you delve in fully to community life, faith formation and outreach. With this in mind, while on PWT there will be some restrictions on phone calls, personal computer time, emailing, social media, text messaging, and using your own cell phone. In a sense you are expected to put on missionary goggles for the term of your service on PWT, and these restrictions are set in place to help you not be distracted from that missionary perspective.

Community living is at the heart of the PWT experience. It will involve a 24/7 commitment for the time you are on PWT. As a team you will prepare and eat meals together, pray together, play together, do faith studies together, prepare and put on retreats and events together, make music together, attend Mass together, and be responsible to keep your quarters clean and orderly together. You will also get daily personal prayer time, have time for personal study, and some days where you have no obligations to schedules — just time for yourself.

This life will stretch you and while it will be very fun and rewarding, it will also be very hard at times. It requires self-discipline, self-sacrifice, and a willingness to have healthy conflict-resolutions on a daily basis. It requires love, compassion, understanding, and patience. The fruit of it in your life will be that you will grow in self-discipline, self-sacrifice, conflict-resolutions skills, love, compassion, understanding, patience, and a whole host of other virtues!

As a team you will become like a family, and a family is intended to be a school of love and respect. The blessings and lessons learned through this unique opportunity of being on PWT will carry forward with you for the rest of your life, preparing you for your future career and vocational directions.

The following questions will help you and us to have a better understanding of your calling to be on PWT at this time in your life.



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Have you ever lived in community? How was it? What would you change? What would you keep the same?

Being on team you will be in constant contact with your team members. How might this be a challenge for you?

Being on team you will be away from home for most of the year. How might this be a challenge for you and how do you plan to overcome this challenge?

Can you give an example of how you have sacrificed for a team/group? Have you ever been in a situation where you needed to place the team's/group's needs before your own?

Please comment on how you feel about having restrictions on social media and such as previously described in the team life write up.



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*Team Life Continued...*

While on PWT you will be expected to take on some leadership roles, but you will also be under the leadership of others — both staff and team members. Have previous experiences of authority in your life been positive or negative or both? Think about your relationships with your parents, teachers, coaches, and other leaders. Please comment on your comfort level with following authority in your life.

Part of your missionary experience with PWT will be living simply. You will have your lodging, meals, and travels with team covered by PWM, and you will be given a small amount of reimbursement money each month to help you cover personal expenses. How do you feel about a limited budget and living simply?

What are three things you think will challenge you the most being on team?

What are three things you are most looking forward to being on team?

*Mankind has a decisive need for the witness of courageous and free young people who dare to go counter-current and proclaim strongly and enthusiastically their faith in God, Lord and Savior.*  
~ John Paul II ~



### Health

The demands of team life can be very strenuous on your health. Establishing new routines and keeping up with a busy schedule can be very challenging. It is important for both you and us to assess whether or not your physical health and stamina will present an obstacle for you to be a member of the PWT.

Do you have any health concerns for which you are regularly taking prescription medication(s)? Please list.

Will this or *any other* health concern you may have (fatigue, chronic illness, allergies, depression, mental illness, dietary restrictions, etc.) present problems for you and/or your teammates and/or your ability to serve during your time of missionary service on PWT? Please elaborate.

### References

You will need two personal references for your application to be complete. These people you choose should not be a family member/relative, they should be older than you, and where possible they should have known you for at least one year (suggestions: a priest, youth minister, boss, coach, family friend).

Please email this link to your references for them to fill out and submit our online reference form as soon as possible for your application to be completed. They should submit the online form directly. We can not accept referral forms emailed or sent in by the applicant.

Please list the two people that will be your personal references.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to you: \_\_\_\_\_



*Let us do everything for heaven's sake, and nothing will be lost.  
~ Blessed Marie Rivier ~*

### Application Checklist

- I have completed my application form.
- I understand my answers will be held in confidentiality, reviewed only by the hiring staff of PWM.
- I understand that if accepted on PWT I must complete my support raising goal of \$6500 before team begins.
- I have contacted two personal references and sent them the link to the reference form to fill out and submit online.
- I will email a picture of myself to [carmen.marcoux@purewitness.com](mailto:carmen.marcoux@purewitness.com)

### Suggest a friend

Do you know anyone who is dynamically living their faith? Anyone that you would like to share this opportunity with — to take a year of their life in missionary service for the Church? Please share with us their contact information, and even personally invite them by leading them to our online application form.

First Name _____	Last Name _____
City/Town _____	Province/State _____
Home Phone _____	Email _____
Why you are suggesting them?	

First Name _____	Last Name _____
City/Town _____	Province/State _____
Home Phone _____	Email _____
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