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## Join me at the CrossRoads

When I received the call to come to Holy Cross, it was clear to me that I was standing at a CrossRoads and God was directing my life. Earlier this summer as Scott Jung and I were talking about the ministry that needed to be done and where we felt our gifts could best be used, we found ourselves at a CrossRoads. Under Pastor Sattler's leadership – our roles were redefined and God led me to renew a passion for working with teenagers in Youth Ministry.

A New Youth Ministry Leadership Team has already begun working:

***(Mark and Katie Soffiitti, Chris White, Leilani Galbreath, Jason Duff, and Susan Muhl)***

We will be adding some of you to this team. In fact, every youth at Holy Cross is going to be challenged to "get in the game" with whatever gifts and abilities you have so that together we will create a safe place to learn, grow and figure out how to integrate our faith into our everyday life. Youth Ministry at Holy Cross is at a CrossRoads!

The High School years are a CrossRoads time for you too:

You are moving from parents leading you by the hand, to making decisions on your own, from being Dependent Little Kids to becoming Independent Young Adults. Your relationships move from "They've got cootie's" to "I think I'm in love." You have to deal with Family Pressures and Peer Pressures. You will make choices that will affect the rest of your life: Faith, Friends, Sex, Drugs and Alcohol. Grades become a constant issue and a challenge. The faith you confessed on Confirmation Sunday will need to grow as it is tested and challenged.

And to top it all off, you're still trying to figure out who you are and where you fit in!

Throughout my life God has made it clear – it all hinges on Jesus, and it all makes sense at the Cross. I am looking forward to Standing with You at the CrossRoads!

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*(You can add me as a Friend on Facebook and join the HCLC Senior High Youth "Group")*

Living In Grace, Following Jesus

1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:3-9

(Note the Dates and Events on the enclosed sheet! ! !)