Hearts of Fire Mission Statement Revised July 2014

Founding Scripture: Jeremiah 20:9 "I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it."

Hearts of Fire ("HOF") is the teenage youth ministry of the Community of God's Love ("COGL"). Hearts of Fire is primarily an outreach to the youth of our Community who are 13 to 18 years of age. However, over the years it has also expanded to include any area youth who are interested in our Catholic, Charismatic way of life.

Our purpose is to empower our young people to live their Catholic faith to the fullest extent possible. To accomplish this we provide a safe and faith-filled environment where (1) a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is cultivated, (2) the charismatic gifts and life in the Holy Spirit are fostered, (3) personal holiness and spiritual maturity are encouraged, (4) strong fraternal relationships are developed and (5) wholesome Catholic recreation and fun are enjoyed.

We also provide opportunities for our young people to share their faith in Christ and their love of His Church through various service projects and outreaches.

Encouraged by St. Paul we challenge the members of Hearts of Fire to "let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity."(1Timothy 4:12).