

Rebel Roots
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My son, Alex, is a sophomore at Teurlings Catholic High School, and God placed it on my heart to form a parent group for the parents in our school community. Together with a group of moms and the help of the Theology department and campus ministry, we were able to make our vision of a parent ministry a reality.

Rebel Roots was formed with the intention to strengthen our community and provide support for our parents. In our times of social media and outside influences, Rebel Roots seeks to provide the healthiest way for our children to lead good lives and to be connected to God.

It is my hope that by meeting with other parents, we will have the support and tools to help our teens become flourishing adults.

Roy Petifils, a teen counselor and parent of a junior at Teurlings, was recommended and provided our first talk called, "What teens want you to know (but won't tell you)." Roy spoke about current issues regarding social media, how to talk to your teen, how to have ongoing conversations and how to be good parents, not necessarily great ones.

We kicked off our first event with hors d'oeuvres and a chance to see old friends and meet new ones. The parents were able to ask questions after Roy's talk. Roy also posted a similar talk on his Facebook account the following day.

Our next event will take place in the spring (date to be determined).