

2010-2011

NATIONAL EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET)

- We have heard from NET Ministries that the NET Team will arrive in our diocese on October 21 and depart November 4. They will be available for 11 retreat days October 22-November 3. They are booked for October 24 and they usually have Mondays off.
- Forms must be filled out completely in order for the request to be scheduled. Forms with incomplete information will be returned.
- Your flexibility will help in our scheduling. Most parishes prefer Wednesday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays. However, we would find it most helpful if you could consider scheduling a Tuesday or Thursday as well. We will do our best to accommodate your first choices, but we ask you to be flexible so that we can provide the NET Team with a completely filled schedule for the days they are in our diocese. Our office will contract with NET Ministries for the dates requested by the parishes of our diocese.
- Each parish is responsible for the HOUSING and MEALS for 10-12 NET Team members while they are at their parish overnight.
- The RETREAT FEE SCHEDULE
NET Ministries depends largely on retreat fees to continue operating as a ministry. When determining fees they consider the cost of purchasing vans, vehicle insurance, gas, medical insurance for team members, administrative costs, training and supervision of their team members, retreat materials, etc.

The following were the 2009-10 fees charged to the individual parishes who host a NET retreat.

(At this time we don't know if there are any changes in the fees for the 2010-11 year.)

One day retreat of 6 hours or less \$675.00

One day retreat of 6 hours to overnight \$825.00

Weekend retreat (two overnights in a row) \$1200.00

- If a parish cancels a retreat with the NET Team, the responsibility for meals and lodging will fall back to the New Ulm Diocese. For this reason a \$75.00 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is required for each retreat requested. The amount of your deposit will be deducted from your NET Retreat fee and will be forwarded to NET Ministries. Therefore, in preparing your check payable to NET Ministries, please remember to deduct the amount of \$75.00 from the amount that is listed in the NET fee schedule for your particular retreat. Should the Diocese of New Ulm for whatever reason, be unable to schedule a retreat for which you have made a deposit, your deposit will be returned. Please call should you need further information.
- Registration Deadline: June 15, 2010.

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NET RETREAT TEAM REQUEST FORM 2010-11

*If you are requesting more than one retreat,
please reproduce this form and the Retreat Information Sheet.*

Parish/School Name _____
Printed Name of Contact Person _____
Signature _____
Address _____
Phone: Work #: _____ Home #: _____
Email Address: _____
Date of Request: _____

- 1) Our parish/host homes agree to **provide food and lodging** for the NET Team (10-12 people).
- 2) We **agree to pay a \$75.00 non-refundable reservation fee** to the diocese for each retreat we request. The fee will be deducted from the retreat fee as stated in the Retreat Fee Schedule.
- 3) I would like a retreat for:
 Why Faith?
 The Adventure
 Igniting the Flame (Great for Confirmation Retreats)
 Soul Satisfaction
 Home
 Overnight / Weekend (max of 80 youth in grades 9-12 only)
Is this a confirmation class? Yes No
- 4) Please list days of the week that you prefer:
(Example: Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday)
- 5) Indicate beginning and ending retreat times:

1st choice _____
2nd choice _____
3rd choice _____

If you have further questions, please call the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office at 507-359-2966.
**Since the NET Team supervisor works directly with the diocesan office,
please do not contact them directly.**

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Please complete this form and the 2010-11 Retreat Information Sheet on the reverse side. Return to the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office with your reservation fee of \$75.00 per retreat by June 15, 2010.
Please provide complete information so that the Youth Ministry Office can schedule your retreat.

Return forms by: June 15, 2010
Return to: Cindy Blickem, Catholic Pastoral Center, 1400 6th St. N, New Ulm, MN 56073



2010-11 RETREAT INFORMATION SHEET

Please Print or Type in Black Ink (one sheet for each retreat)

PARISH/SCHOOL _____ DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

CONTACT PERSON _____		POSITION _____	
PARISH/SCHOOL ADDRESS _____			
<small>(STREET ADDRESS FOR UPS DELIVERIES PLEASE)</small>			
CITY _____	STATE <u>MN</u>	ZIP _____	E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
WORK # () _____	CELL # () _____	HOME # () _____	
CONTACT AT: <input type="checkbox"/> WORK <input type="checkbox"/> CELL <input type="checkbox"/> HOME <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL			
NAME OF RETREAT FACILITY _____		PHONE # () _____	
ADDRESS _____	CITY _____	STATE <u>MN</u>	ZIP _____

RETREAT INFORMATION

Day of Week:
Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun Date: _____

Start time _____ End Time _____
(Retreats can begin no earlier than 8:30 am or end later than 10:00 pm)

Number Attending _____ Grade(s) _____
(If your group is larger than 150 youth, please limit the number who attend your one-day event to less than 150 youth or schedule multiple retreats and divide your group accordingly.)

Dress code for the youth? Yes No

Is this a confirmation class? Yes No

Have these youth attended a NET Retreat before?
 Yes No Year _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meals will be provided during the retreat:

<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast	Time: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch	Time: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner/Supper	Time: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Snack	Time: _____

Other parishes joining you for this retreat? Yes No

If Yes:

Parish _____ City _____

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Parish _____ City _____

RETREAT THEME

Please check only one:

- Why Faith?
- The Adventure
- Igniting the Flame (great for Confirmation Retreats)
- Soul Satisfaction
- Home
- Overnight / Weekend
(max of 80 youth in grades 9-12 only)

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Will the church be available for Prayer Ministry?
 Yes No

Please indicate which sacraments will be a part of the retreat:

Mass Time _____

Location _____

Mass music provided by NET team? Yes No

Reconciliation (At least 1 priest for every 12 youth)
 Time _____ How many priests? _____



RETREAT LENGTH & TIME

The ideal length of a one-day NET retreat is six hours. NET Ministries *recommends* that a retreat be at least four hours, but not longer than 10 hours unless it is an overnight or weekend retreat. Please follow the guidelines below to show courtesy to the host families and ensure adequate rest for the team:

- NET Teams may not travel before 7:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. (including pickups from host families in the morning).
- **Retreats cannot begin before 8:30 a.m.** (*Even if your school day starts earlier.*)
- The team cannot travel more than 300 miles on a retreat day.
- The team cannot travel more than 450 miles on any day.
- The team must arrive at the retreat site a minimum of one hour prior to the start of the retreat.
- The team may only do one retreat with one group of youth on any given day.

GROUP SIZE & AGES

The size of the group greatly affects the quality of the retreat and the experience the youth have on the retreat. Please consider the following:

- The **ideal** size is between 60 youth. The absolute **maximum is 150**.
- If your group has less than 20 youth, you may want to consider inviting youth from a neighboring parish to join in your retreat.
- If your group has more than 150, you **must** schedule multiple retreat days and divide your group accordingly (by age or grade).
- We recommend you provide separate retreats for junior (grades 7-8) and senior high (grades 9-12), allowing the team to focus all retreat content to a particular maturity level.

THE RETREATS

Every retreat includes the opportunity for the young people to make a personal faith response. The youth are then encouraged to keep their faith alive through daily prayer, reception of the Sacraments, and participation in local parish youth programs.

NET retreats range in length from four hours to several days. Using a variety of themes, team members conduct retreats for hundreds of youth and young adults.

These retreats, typically for youth in grades 7-12, are high-energy experiences using large group presentations, small group discussion, music, drama, personal faith sharings, one-on-one prayer, and the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

When the retreat ends, the NET Team member's job as evangelist continues. When possible, team members attend

local sporting events, dances, plays, and other school or parish functions as a way of showing support for the youth and to participate in a retreatant's everyday life. The opportunities to minister and evangelize to retreatants, host families, parishioners, the gas station attendant, etc., are ever present.

The Goals of a NET Retreat

- 1) To enhance the self-esteem of each young person through their awareness of God's unconditional love and acceptance of them.
- 2) To enhance the faith life of each young person by leading them to a place of desiring to make a personal faith commitment to Jesus.
- 3) To offer the faith of the team members as a witness to the youth that faith in God is a desirable, acceptable, and exciting part of their lives.

The Retreat Format

The retreat format can be used for any group up to 150 young people for a daytime or an evening retreat. Each of the retreats includes some or all of the following activities:

- ice-breaking activities
- personal testimonies shared by individual team members
- small group discussions
- large group presentations
- songs and skits
- prayer service
- Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist

RETREAT THEMES

The following list outlines the themes that were offered during the 2009-10 retreat season. (At this time we are not aware of any changes for the 2010-11 year.) An overview of the content of each theme is shown here:

Why Faith?

What's the big deal with this "God stuff" anyway? This retreat addresses four common reasons young people don't seem interested in their Catholic faith and challenges young people to reconsider their perspective. They are exhorted to live their Catholic faith to the fullest!

The Adventure

Using a visual/drama format, this talk shows young people how they fit into the story of Salvation. God did not abandon His children to the power of sin and death, but in the fullness of time sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and restore our relationship with God. He sent the Holy Spirit upon us at our baptism to free us from original sin and begin our journey of faith.

Igniting the Flame

(Great for Confirmation Retreats)

This theme addresses four main ways that we can allow the fire of God to burn boldly in our lives. Fun interactive demonstrations explain different tools the Lord gives us that enables His flame to grow. With the theme of **Confirmation** woven throughout, youth are encouraged to respond to Christ with a resounding yes to be a burning light in this world, ablaze with Christ' passion and purpose.

Soul Satisfaction

All of us are hungry. We all “hunger” for peace, joy, meaning, and happiness in our lives. This theme looks at the two places we can look to satisfy our spiritual hunger. Do we look to what the world/our society tells us will satisfy our hunger for happiness or do we look to God.

Home

Home is where the heart is. It's where we belong and are free to be completely ourselves. God has given us an inner longing to be at “home” to point us our ultimate end in Him, and in heaven. This theme explains God's desire to fulfill our hearts' longings, but gives us free will to choose or reject Him. Through an interactive demonstration the youth see how sin leaves us lost and how Christ is the Good Shepherd calling out to lead us home.

Overnight and Weekend Retreats (Offered for Grades 9-12 only maximum of 80 youth.) These provide the youth with a more intense retreat experience by taking them out of their regular environment and helping them to think seriously about their relationship with God.

The overall theme of the overnight and weekend retreats is “**The Adventure.**” After an opening session of songs, games and skits to break the ice, the team will encourage the retreatants to take a serious look at the role their Catholic faith plays in their lives. Beginning with the talk, “**Why Faith**” the NET team addresses the common reasons why God doesn't seem to be a priority in so many young people's lives. Using stories, personal testimonies, drama, and music, the team will exhort the young people to live their faith to the fullest.

On day two of the retreat, the retreatants are presented with practical steps they can take to build their life on Christ (Prayer, Sacraments, Fellowship, Service).

Important Notes:

- This NET overnight retreat is not a “lock-in” type experience. The team and the youth will sleep during the night hours.
- Experience has shown us that NET's overnight and weekend retreats are the most effective when they are done with groups that are small enough to be reasonably supervised and mature enough to handle the length and intensity of content. We would like to provide your youth with the best retreat experience possible and therefore ask that **all weekend retreats be limited to a maximum of 80 youth in grades 9-12 only.**
- **The host parish is responsible for arranging for the meals and lodging** needed for these retreats. If beds are not available, have the youth bring sleeping bags, or as a last resort, consider having them return home for the night. The host parish will also need to contact a priest to be available for the weekend Liturgy.
- Mass, Reconciliation, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament are highly encouraged for the overnight and weekend retreats. When the NET Team leader calls to confirm the details (7-10 days before the retreat) let them know you'd like to have Mass, Reconciliation, and/or Adoration. Please have priests available.