

Look Inside and See our Response to Your Request!

offer a retreat for all of your young people
* Work with other parishes in your cluster or vicariate to
* Have a retreat in your geographic area
and community calendars
* Select a retreat date based on your local school
Consultor Meetings you asked to:
At the Retreat Ministry Revisioning

We've been listening to you!

Peer Ministry Retreats for Youth

Select & Book a Retreat
for Young People
in Your
Vicariate or
Cluster



What are Peer Ministry Retreats for Youth?

Retreats offer young people the opportunity to reflect on their lives and their relationship with God. Peer ministry retreats are very effective for youth because they are led by young people.

Who are these retreats for?

These retreats are for the young people in your cluster or vicariate. They may be offered for younger or older adolescents. We ask that you select one of the two age groups for your retreat.

When and Where

This is the best part – **you select both the date and the location!** Talk with the youth ministry and catechetical leaders in your cluster or vicariate of parishes to determine a date that works for all of you. Then find a facility that can accommodate your group on that date. We recommend the following facilities: Columban Center, Christ the King Seminary and Camp Turner. If you prefer to select an alternative facility, please be sure that it meets the following criteria:

- Enough space to accommodate the group size
- Large enough room to set up two different work areas or two separate rooms that will accommodate the group size
- Furniture/chairs must be comfortable and movable
- The room/rooms must be free from outside noise to accommodate prayer experiences



Retreat Themes/Topics

You may select from one of the following themes for your retreat:

1. Being Called by God
2. Christian Living
3. Who Am I?
4. Happy, Healthy & Holy Friendships

Details and Fee

- We ask for a minimum of 30 youth participants. The maximum is 100.
- The minimum retreat length is 6 hours. The maximum length is 8 hours.
- There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit which will be applied to the retreat fee. Retreats must be booked 6 weeks in advance of the retreat day. The date will be confirmed upon receipt of the signed Sponsor Agreement which will be sent upon receipt of the Reservation Form. The Youth Department reserves the right to confirm the selected date based on availability of facilitators.
- We will provide a team of 2 adult facilitators and 5 youth peer ministers.
- The retreat fee is \$550 for a 6 hour retreat.
- Cancellation Policy: Refunds (less \$50 deposit) will be given only if notice of cancellation is received in writing 14 days prior to the retreat date.

Responsibilities of the Retreat Sponsor

- Provide adequate adult supervision throughout retreat – at least one adult per ten youth
- Manage participant registration – collect permission forms, any required fees, etc.
- Arrange any necessary transportation for participants
- Reserve appropriate facility and serve as liaison to facility staff
- Arrange for food and beverage – meal or snack, depending on time and length of retreat
- Pay contracted fee to the Youth Department

Contact Denise York
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at the Youth Department
with any questions.

Peer Ministry Retreat for Youth Reservation Form

Contact Person Name: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Person Address: _____

Retreat Date Requested: _____ Retreat Times: _____

Retreat Location: _____

Retreat Theme: _____ Age Range of Retreatants: _____

Sponsoring Parishes/Schools: _____

Mail reservation form to: Youth Department, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203-1205

Enclosed: _____ \$50 Deposit _____ Full payment