

Looking for excellent youth retreat leaders?



Challenging Young Catholics To Love Christ and Embrace The Life of the Church



NET Ministries returns to the Archdiocese of Portland in February, 2017 to lead youth retreats for your parish, school, area, or vicariate.

The list below shows possible available dates. NET's tour in western Oregon is split into a northern leg and an southern leg for logistical reasons. Read the back of this flier for FAQs about NET. Note that in addition to NET's retreat fees, hosting parishes are responsible for the meals and lodging of the NET team members.

2017 *Available Retreat Dates

NW Oregon (Down to Springfield-Eugene)

Sat, Feb 11
 Sun, Feb 12
 Tue, Feb 14
 Tue, Feb 21 (Evening retreat only)
 Wed, Feb 22
 Thu, Feb 23
 Tue, Feb 28
 Wed, Mar 1
 Thu, Mar 2

SW Oregon (South of Springfield-Eugene)

Fri, Mar 3
 Sat, Mar 4
 Sun, Mar 5
 Tue, Mar 7

**Dates listed were available as of 4-26-16.*

Sample Retreat Schedules

Daytime		Evening	
8:30	Opening Session	5:00	Opening Session
9:30	Small Group #1	5:40	Small Group #1
10:00	Large Group Game	6:00	Grace/Dinner
10:20	Song(s)	6:45	Large Group Game
10:30	Main Talk	7:00	Song(s)
10:50	Drama/Testimony	7:10	Main Talk
11:00	Small Group #2	7:30	Drama/Testimony
11:40	Grace/Lunch	7:50	Small Group #2
12:25	Transition to Prayer/Move to Church	8:30	Large Group Game
12:30	Prayer Ministry	8:35	Transition to Prayer/Move to Church
1:20	Mass Prep (Go over music for Mass)	8:40	Prayer Ministry/ With confession if priests are provided
1:30	Mass	9:40	Closing
2:15	Ending Talk with follow up		Announcements/Prayer/Song
2:30	End	10:00	End

Although NET is not normally available for Monday retreats, it may be possible to hold retreats on some Mondays. Contact the OYYAM to discuss this possibility.

For more info on NET retreats, visit www.netusa.org/retreats

To book a NET retreat in the Portland Archdiocese, contact the [Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry](#).

Frequently Asked Questions about NET

What can NET do for me?

NET can provide an experienced retreat team to lead your parish, vicariate, region, or school youth retreat. With an impacting experience of prayer, retreat, evangelization, enthusiasm, and personal witness, NET retreats work. NET specializes in junior high and senior high level retreats, but are open to other possibilities. NET members go through extensive training in youth ministry and are seasoned retreat leaders.



Besides the retreat fee, what else are we responsible for?

The hosting parish/vicariate/region/school will also be responsible for NET's simple housing and simple meals during retreat days and possibly travel and layover days. NET members can stay in host homes, rectories, convents, retreat centers, or gyms. Host families have found that they truly appreciate the experience of hosting these young Catholic evangelists. Meal assignments may include preparing a sack lunch for the team on a travel day.

Who is NET?

The National Evangelization Team or NET is a national retreat ministry based out of Minnesota (www.netusa.org). Several NET teams will be traveling to dozens of dioceses across the country to lead youth retreats this winter and spring. Each NET team is comprised of 10–12 young adults who have a vibrant faith and have committed nine months of their lives to this ministry to share their faith with Catholic Youth. NET has led over 20,000 retreats since 1981. Their theme is "Challenging young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church."

Why are they coming here?

At the request of the Portland Archdiocese's Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Archbishop Sample has invited NET to minister in our archdiocese. NET has ministered in this archdiocese for many years and has always received very positive comments for their retreats and impact on young people.

When will they be here?

NET will be in our archdiocese from February 9–March 8, 2017.

What size group can NET accommodate?

The ideal size is 60–80 youth. A minimum would be 20 youth and a maximum is 150 youth. Below 20 participants, you should consider teaming up with a neighboring parish or school. Above 150, you must split the group and schedule two retreats.

What types/lengths of retreats are available?

NET can lead retreats ranging in length from four hours to three days:

- Day, evening, overnight, or weekend (times adjustable).
- Junior High or Senior high (mixing these groups not recommended)
- Age-appropriate themed retreats are available including *Confirmation Preparation* retreats

For a list of the available retreat themes, visit <http://www.netusa.org/retreatthemes/>.

What if only weekdays are available and I need a parish youth ministry retreat?

Over the years, many parishes/vicariates have held successful weekday evening retreats. See a sample evening retreat on the other side of this flier.

Do I need to book a retreat center for my retreat?

Not necessarily. While some groups, especially those who book multi-day retreats, use retreat centers, other groups simply use their parish/school facilities for the retreat. The NET team will adjust to whatever facility you use.

How much do NET retreats cost?

The prices listed below cover less than half the actual expenses of bringing NET to our archdiocese (NET independently fund raises the balance). Donations above these fees are not expected but always appreciated.

- One-Day Retreat of 2–12 Hours or Less: \$750
 - Overnight Retreat: \$1,400
 - Weekend Retreat (Two Overnights in a Row): \$2,000
- Each parish will be billed directly by NET.

Are NET team members screened and background checked?

The screening and selection process that NET uses includes extensive questions regarding an applicant's background, family, faith, and personal character as well as a criminal background check. NET team members receive Child Protection training (Virtus) and sign a Personal Conduct Policy Statement committing to adhere to NET's rigorous conduct policies.

How are NET's retreats scheduled while they are in our archdiocese?

The Archdiocese of Portland's Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry coordinates NET's retreat calendar during their tour of our archdiocese. The OYYAM tries to accommodate all retreat requests. However, consideration must be taken to minimize NET's travel throughout the archdiocese.

Can a school book a NET retreat?

Yes! Catholic schools have had great success with NET retreats, especially on weekdays.

I'm interested. Now what?

Contact the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at or as soon as possible with your preferred date(s) at ym@archdpdx.org or 503-233-8324. You may want to check with neighboring parishes or your vicariate to determine potential partners. Further instructions will be sent out after your parish/vicariate/region/school has signed up for a retreat.

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