

## North Side Kairos XVIII August 11-14, 2017 Leader/Rector Application Form

**Background:** The North Side Kairos is a multi-parish retreat that was started to meet the need of the north side parishes of Chicago and the northern suburbs. Because it is based in parish and not school communities, it is a retreat experience that must open itself up to the gifts and needs of very diverse communities. To this end, the retreat team must also be very diverse.

Because we focus the Kairos retreat ministry on high school Juniors and Seniors, and because we value peer-to-peer leadership on the retreat, we hope to find leaders who have been on Kairos as participants and are exiting their Junior or Senior years in high school, or at the oldest, exiting their Freshman year of college. Leaders need not have gone on North Side Kairos specifically, but must have been on Kairos. There are two leadership categories needed for Kairos XVIII.

- First, the **Rector team**, comprised of two individuals who have served as Kairos leaders before. They will give leadership to the entire retreat.
- Second, the **Leader team**, who are responsible for giving witness talks and leading small groups.

Rectors and Leaders (collectively, “the team”), along with the Adult Coordinators, are also responsible for recruiting teen participants to go on the retreat. In addition to the Kairos team, there may be individuals chosen to serve as assistant rectors or music aids based on the needs of the retreat.

**Process:** When creating a dynamic Kairos team, we engage in a process of mutual discernment. Discernment is a process of deciding what course of action one should take by choosing through prayer. Mutual discernment is when you choose, through prayer, with other people. Each applicant is asked to discern whether this is the right choice for them and the adult leaders discern with the applicant. (Applying is different than discerning. Applying is stating that you are open to the call to use your gifts on Kairos XVIII.) Not everyone will be called to serve as a leader. Please know that you are still needed as a member of the Kairos community and are still a gifted individual.

**Commitment:** The Kairos Team commitment begins with your application. **The Leader Application deadline is Wednesday, March 1, 2017.** You will be contacted to participate in an interview soon after. The team will be chosen by mid-May.

There will be a mandatory overnight Leaders’ retreat on a weekend in late May or early June (when college exams are over) and seven or eight evening planning meetings spread through May, June, July and early August. Of course everyone will have conflicts, but during the process we ask that you miss no more than 2 meetings, and not the final meeting in August. These meetings generally are about 2½ to 3 hours long. **The final and mandatory team leader meeting will be Wednesday, August 9 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Rectors and Leaders are of course needed from 12 noon Friday, August 11 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 14 with no other obligations.**

During the time of preparation, it is asked that you comply with the laws of the United States, the State of Illinois, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Everyone fails from time to time and no one is an angel. However, to instill a sense of trust, our leaders should not be arrested for drunk driving or drug possession, or listen to offensive music. As leaders, whether you agree with Church norms or not, you are asked to live by them.

### Application:

Sign the application form and return with the written statement answering the questions below. **YOUR SIGNED APPLICATION and ANSWERS are due March 1, 2017** to the retreat coordinators at [northside.kairos@gmail.com](mailto:northside.kairos@gmail.com) as a scanned PDF or JPG, or give hard copy application to one of the Retreat Coordinators. Parent & youth signatures required.

- 1) Why was Kairos a significant event for you?
- 2) What do you want to share about your Kairos experience with others?
- 3) How would you describe the ideal Kairos Team Leader?
- 4) How do you think your particular gifts would be useful in sharing the Kairos experience with others?
- 5) What gift do you not possess that you think a Kairos leader should have?
- 6) Describe your relationship with God before, during, and after Kairos.

After submitting your application, you will be contacted by the retreat coordinators to have an interview.

After the retreat coordinators have chosen the team, they will contact you individually and talk about how you can best serve the Kairos Community at N.S. Kairos XVIII.

## North Side Kairos 18 Application Parental/ Student Permission Form

The following statements are confirmed by the signature of the parent/guardian of *(son/ daughter's name)*

\_\_\_\_\_.

I understand that the North Side Kairos 18 Retreat will take place at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, from August 11 to 14, 2017 and that an overnight retreat and several planning meetings for leaders will take place in the spring and summer of 2017 at locations to be determined at the sponsoring parishes, and that my child will be under adult supervision during these activities. The conditions of these activities, including transportation, are understood and accepted.

I hereby release and indemnify the Archdiocese of Chicago, Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House for this event, its staff and volunteers; and the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole, from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in the program. I understand that if my child violates any laws regarding possession of alcohol or drugs, or rules governing the event, I will be called and notified about the situation and/or arrangements made to send my child home at my expense.

I understand that if, in the event of an emergency, when the emergency contact person cannot be reached, nor the authorized physician of my child, and, in the judgment of the Retreat Coordinator or other responsible person accompanying the retreat, there is a necessity for immediate examination and/or treatment of my child, the aforesaid responsible personnel have the authority to obtain for my child such medical services as are deemed necessary.

I give permission for my child to be contacted by the retreat coordinators about retreat business according to the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Chicago for contact with youth.

**I GRANT PERMISSION** for the adult chaperons for this event to administer non-prescription drugs as needed for my teen (aspirin, ibuprofen, antacids, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**I AUTHORIZE** N.S. Kairos Team to use photographs/videos of my child for productions, publications, church bulletins and/or websites, etc. \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of emergency contact (NOT the above mentioned parent/guardian), during August 11-14, 2017:

Emergency contact's phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical conditions/allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's name and phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

**I (Student Name)** \_\_\_\_\_ have read this information sheet and understand that I am offering my gifts to the Kairos community in mutual discernment for how they may be used for North Side Kairos XVIII. I agree, that should I be asked to serve in any capacity, I will prepare diligently for the retreat, exercise my gifts to my fullest potential, miss no more than two Kairos planning meetings (barring health or other excused absence) and live my life in a way respecting the teachings of the Catholic Church and laws of the United States.

**I am applying to be (check one):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rector** \_\_\_\_\_ **Leader**

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

School attending \_\_\_\_\_ Year of School Completing \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_