

Why North Side Kairos?

Kairos Retreats are well known throughout the Chicagoland area. Many Catholic high schools have Kairos retreats on a regular basis.

This particular Kairos is **unique** because of its diversity. The youth who participate in and lead this particular Kairos come from both public and Catholic high schools. They come from many **different parishes** in the city and the suburbs, and this Kairos is co-educational, which many are not.

This retreat is also led by trained **peer leaders**. With appropriate adult leadership from priests and male and female lay ministers, we feel this Kairos is the best possible environment for a Catholic retreat. And even though a participant need not be Catholic to be on the retreat, this diversity creates a safe environment to understand the richness of our **Catholic community**.

Never attended a Kairos retreat?

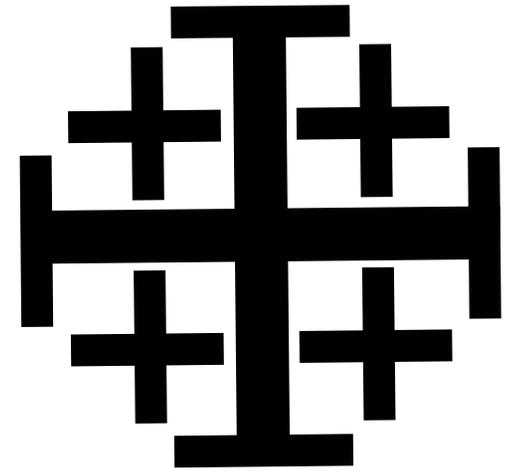
Come as a Participant and see for yourself what Kairos will be for you.

Already been on a Kairos retreat?

Apply to be a Leader or Rector to bring this experience to others.



NORTH SIDE KAIROS 16



**July 17-20,
2015**

Bellarmino
Retreat House

To receive an electronic application, email northside.kairos@gmail.com.

LEADER applications due:

Sunday, March 29, 2015

Leaders and Rectors must have already participated in a Kairos retreat — through North Side Kairos, another parish-based Kairos retreat, or a Catholic high school.

PARTICIPANT applications due:

Monday, June 29, 2015

Participants should have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school by the application deadline.

Mail completed applications to:

Kairos

**c/o James Holzhauer-Chuckas
St. Nicholas Parish
806 Ridge Ave.
Evanston, IL 60202**

Or **fax** to James at 847-864-7810.

Or **email scanned PDF** to northside.kairos@gmail.com.

To receive more information about the North Side Kairos retreat, or to receive answers to any questions, please contact the retreat coordinators by email at northside.kairos@gmail.com.

RETREAT COORDINATORS:

- **James H-C**, 847-864-1185
- **Rachel Hohner**, 312-351-2457
- **Carol Nowatzke**, 847-446-0856 x132
- **Annette Mika**, 773-979-2523
- **Mónica J. Sariñana**, 847-975-3835
- **Darius Villalobos**, 312-534-8031
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WHAT:

The North Side Kairos retreat is a **4-day retreat** for Chicago teens who have just **completed their Sophomore, Junior, or Senior years of high school.**

WHY:

This is the question you should really ask!

Why should I spend time reflecting on my life at a retreat? It is hard to know until you have tried. Maybe you are scared about going off to college. Maybe you are trying to decide if you want to go to college. Maybe you are hurt. Maybe you are healed—and wish to rejoice. Maybe you don't know if God really cares. Maybe you are scared to find out how much He does.

There are **so many reasons** those who have already gone on Kairos could give you about why you should go, but first you have to choose to trust them. Thousands of teens go on Kairos each year. They go and discover who they really are and how they want to live. They come for their own reasons. All leave changed.

Maybe the best reason to go is that **someone cares enough about you to invite you.** Talk to past Kairos participants, youth ministers or priests and ask them why. Even if your decision is not to go, you owe it to yourself to explore why so many people consider that a retreat is an essential experience in your life.

WHERE:

The retreat takes place at **Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House** in Barrington, Illinois. Retreatants leave from **St. Nicholas Parish in Evanston** and ride together to the retreat house.

WHEN:

Friday, July 17 at 5:00 p.m. until **Monday, July 20** in the evening

COST:

The cost of the retreat is **\$200** per participant. All lodging, meals and transportation covered. Checks should be **payable to St. Nicholas Parish**. A **non-refundable deposit of \$50** is required by Wednesday, July 15. The remaining balance must be received by Saturday, July 11. There are limited funds for **financial aid**, which are given on a first-come, first-served basis.

HOW:

The first step is to fill out an **application**. If you do not already have an application, you can email or call the retreat coordinators listed. Please hurry because the retreat fills up quickly, and applying earlier may mean better access to financial aid.

