

North Side Kairos XV August 8-11, 2014 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 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 XV.

- 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 XV.) 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. **Applications are due Saturday, March 8, 2014.** By Friday, March 21, you will be contacted to participate in an interview during the month of April. The team will be chosen by the end of April.

There will be a mandatory overnight leaders retreat the second or third weekend in June (when college exams are over), two evening planning meetings in June, three in July, and two in 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 2 to 2½ hours long. **The final and mandatory team leader meeting will be Wednesday, August 6 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Rectors and Leaders are of course needed from 12 noon Friday, August 8 to 9:00 p.m. Monday, August 11 with no other obligations.**

During the time of preparation, it is asked that you follow 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, it does not instill a sense of trust in others if, as leaders, we get arrested for drunk driving, smuggle cocaine, or listen to Miley Cyrus. As leaders, whether you agree with our 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. You may email your answers to the following questions to northside.kairos@gmail.com. **HOWEVER, YOUR SIGNED PAPER APPLICATION IS DUE MARCH 8, 2014** to the retreat coordinators at St. Nicholas Parish, 806 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60202.

- 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 XV.

North Side Kairos 15 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 15 Retreat will take place at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, from August 8 to 11, 2014 and that an overnight retreat and several planning meetings for leaders will take place in the spring and summer of 2014 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, and 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 8-11, 2014:

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 XV. 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 Completed _____

Student Phone: _____ Student Date of Birth: _____

Student E-mail Address: _____