



**Challenging young Catholics to love Christ  
and embrace the life of the Church.**



**NET Ministries challenges youth Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Catholic Church through retreat and discipleship ministry. Since 1981, NET has fulfilled its mission by conducting over 1,000 youth retreats across the United States each year.**

## **THE RETREATS**

Retreats are typically for groups smaller than 150 youth in grades 7-12. Spending anywhere from two hours to three days with youth on retreat, NET Missionaries bring God's love to each youth they encounter on the retreat.

During a retreat, young people experience large group activities, talks, dramas, skits, small group discussions, prayer, and music, giving youth a dynamic yet prayerful encounter with Christ.

## **THE GOALS OF A NET RETREAT**

- To help young people understand and accept God's unconditional love for them.
- To offer the faith of the team members as a witness to the youth that faith in God is a desirable, acceptable, and exciting part of their lives.
- To encourage young people to grow in their commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church.
- To show young people what it means to be a son or daughter in Christ and how to find their identity in Him.

*"When someone asks me what Pope John Paul II meant by the term 'the new evangelization,' I tell them about NET. I thank God for them!"*

His Eminence  
Timothy Cardinal Dolan

## THE TEAMS

Each year, 150 young men and women serve as a NET Missionary and bring the Gospel to young people. The missionaries begin their year of service with an intense five-week training program. They are brought to a deeper understanding of their faith and are taught to effectively communicate that faith to others. They also receive instruction in prayer, scripture, Catholic teaching, Christian character, and ministry skills.

The missionaries are then put into teams and sent out across the United States to share their Catholic faith and be a witness of Christ's love to all those they encounter. These 14 teams will reach out to over 100,000 youth from September to May.

Because of missionaries' transformative experience of serving with NET, many go on to continue to serve the Church as youth ministers, or diocesan directors or enter religious life or the priesthood, while some bring their love of Christ and willingness to be a witness to their public workplace.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

NET Ministries is a nonprofit organization and receives its funding from the donations of individuals, churches, and foundations, as well as retreat fees charged to parishes and schools. NET Ministries is governed by a board of directors and operates under the ecclesiastical vigilance of the Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota.



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