



At NET Ministries, we're passionate about challenging young Catholics, through relational ministry, to follow Christ and embrace a life of community in the Church. Since 1981, NET has helped over 2.3 million young people encounter Christ through evangelization and discipleship. One way we carry out this mission is through NET Retreats.

## RETREATS

NET Retreats use peer-to-peer ministry to bring God's love to retreatants. Retreats are typically for youth in grades 7-12, and last anywhere from four hours to two days on an overnight retreat. During the retreat, young people will experience large group presentations, small group discussions, personal testimonies, and a dedicated time of prayer.

## RETREAT GOALS

- ▶ To help young people understand and accept God's unconditional love for them
- ▶ To offer the faith of the NET Missionaries 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 of Christ and how to find their identity in Him

---

"I would say, unequivocally, that I wouldn't be standing here in front of you [as a priest] if it wasn't for NET."

**FR. DAVE PIVONKA, TOR  
PRESIDENT OF THE FRANCISCAN  
UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE**

---



## THE TEAMS

Each year, 120 young men and women serve as NET Missionaries 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 teams will reach out to 100,000 youth from September to May.

NET Missionaries experience a transformative year of service and many continue to serve the Church as youth ministers and diocesan directors, some enter religious life or the priesthood, and others bring their love of Christ and witness to public workplaces.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

NET Ministries is a non-profit organization and is funded by retreat fees charged to the parishes and schools that invite them for retreats. Funding is also received from individuals, organizations, and foundations through the NET Ministries Foundation. NET Ministries is governed by a board of directors and operates under the ecclesiastical vigilance of the Archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis in Minnesota.

---

Learn more at:

**[NETUSA.ORG/RETREATS](https://netusa.org/retreats)**

---