

Hi Families!

Last year, the Catholic Parishes of Penticton hosted a powerful youth retreat weekend put on by NET Ministries. This year, we are excited to announce that NET is returning with new themes, new leaders, new activities and of course, a powerful energy centered towards Christ.

On the weekend of February 10th – 11th, The Catholic Parishes of Penticton will be welcoming the travelling retreat team from NET Canada (National Evangelization Teams). NET is a reputable company with teams in many countries, who specialize in connecting with youth and bringing them a meaningful, Christ-centered experience. Whether your child is a practicing Catholic/Christian who is looking to take the next step in their faith, or one who doesn't know Jesus, but is looking to better understand their identity and purpose in life, this retreat will be impactful! I highly recommend signing up if you can.

Once again, this weekend will be broken into two different retreats: One for our junior youth (grades 6-9) and one for our senior youth (grades 9-12). Notice that grade 9 is in both categories. This is because for this border-age, I would like them to choose whether their experience would be more impactful with the younger group, or with the older group. If they aren't sure, put them in the Senior retreat so they can participate with their fellow high schoolers.

The Junior Youth retreat (Grade 6-9) will run Saturday, February 10th, 2024 10am - 6pm @ St. Ann's Church, Penticton. This will include 5pm mass. Afterwards, there will be an optional dinner offered. The Senior Youth retreat (Grade 9-12) will run Sunday, February 11th, 9am - 5pm @ St. Ann's Church, Penticton. This will include 11am mass. Afterward, there will be an optional dinner offered.

All meals and costs associated with this retreat are being covered by the Catholic Parishes of Penticton, it's affiliate groups, and individual donations. So, there is no cost for your child to attend! There will be plenty of fun, plenty of growth, plenty of meaning... there's no down side. And if they really can't come for the whole day, maybe they can attend at least some of the day.

For this event, I will require a formal registration (even if you're already registered for my youth group), as there are multiple meals to plan and I have to give the retreat team numbers ahead of time.

Please register as soon as you're able at this link <https://forms.gle/PzJLjhqKWtRgdhz49>

Looking forward to an exciting weekend. Please email me if you have any questions.

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