MISSION
Net Ministries is an international youth ministry that challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. We fulfill our mission by conducting 1,000 youth retreats across the United States each year.

THE RETREATS
Net retreats range in length from four hours to three days. The theme of the retreats vary, but the basic message is always the same: “In Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man, who died and rose from the dead, salvation is offered to all, as a gift of God’s grace and mercy.” (Evangelization in the Modern World, Pope Paul VI).

These retreats, typically for groups smaller than 150 youth in grades 7-12, are high-energy experiences using large group presentations, small group discussion, music, drama, personal faith sharing, one-on-one prayer, and the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

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.

“I could feel God here with me all day at the retreat. He was an enormous presence, a sense of peace and strength supporting me. I decided to dedicate my life to Jesus.”
Retreat Attendee
THE TEAMS
Each year, 175 young men and women serve as volunteers with NET Ministries. The team members begin their year of service with an intense five-week training program during which they are brought to a deeper understanding of their faith and are taught to effectively communicate that faith to others. They receive instruction in prayer, scripture, Catholic teaching, Christian character, and ministry skills.

The young adult volunteers are then put into teams and sent out in vans across the United States to share their faith and invite all they meet to give their lives to Jesus. These 16 teams will reach out to over 100,000 youth from September to May.

After serving with NET, nearly all of the team members continue in some form of service to the church and 12% will go on to pursue priesthood or religious life.

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.

“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

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