

2023 – 2024
Marist
Retreat Team
Application Information for Current Juniors



Ask any of us about Retreat Team! 2022-23 Retreat Team

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What is it?

Marist Retreat Team is a yearlong commitment to a student team whose role is to provide spiritual retreats for sophomore and junior students. This team works with the Campus Ministry Department, Retreat Moderators, and other adults to carry out this aspect of spiritual life at Marist.

Who is eligible?

Anyone who is currently a sophomore or junior and has:

- a desire to grow in your faith and help others grow in theirs
- a desire to be a servant-leader
- a commitment to process, to the purpose of the retreats, to the direction of the adult moderator, and to your peers
- a willingness to share your life and faith with others, and listen respectfully to theirs
- a willingness to commit yourself to attend the Fall Formation Retreat, formation meetings, and all team meetings
- perseverance when it gets tough

What does the training involve?

- First, a Formation Retreat in the fall. This is a mandatory weekend retreat to be held September 16-18, 2023. It is a training retreat that will focus on skills in small and large group facilitation, giving talks, and articulating and deepening your own spirituality in relationship to ministry.
- Secondly, each individual retreat requires its own meetings with the team specifically designated to put it on, in order to prepare for its particular needs.

What does a Retreat Team member do?

- Give talks on retreats, on a variety of topics
- Facilitate small group sharing and activities
- Direct group activities and prayers
- Assist with supervision and direction
- Serve as rector
- Provide kitchen support
- Participate in all preparation activities
- Pray!

How are teams chosen for specific retreats?

Juniors work on sophomore retreats; seniors on both sophomore and junior retreats. RT members will be assigned to specific retreats based on the needs for that retreat, and availability. Most team members will work on two or three retreats during the course of the year.

What are they saying?

- “I learned to serve on a whole new level – with my whole heart. I was able to get personal and build lasting relationships with the guys. I would not trade this experience for anything.”
- “I feel like my passion is here, on the Retreat Team. I love doing things for others and this is a great way for me to extend my experience and my faith journey to others.”

Team size: Approximately 34



Application Process

1. Complete application. **Due Tuesday, March 21, midnight.** Late applications may not be accepted. Turn in through Schoology Class: “Junior RT Application”
2. Recommendations collected for all applicants.
You do not solicit these – we will take care of gathering them!
3. Final selection based upon application, recommendations, and the need to build a diverse team, comprised of various strengths.
4. Notification on or before Friday, May 12.
5. Meeting with all chosen candidates the week of May 15 (day/time tba).
6. Acceptance Notifications due back from candidates by Wednesday, May 24.

Selection Criteria:

Selection of applicants will be based upon an analysis of readiness and aptitude for leadership that considers:

- ability to communicate
- maturity
- character
- ability to work with others
- already existent skills, attributes and qualities
- evidence of faith

as these are demonstrated through behaviors in the classroom, in athletics and activities, and in informal settings.

This analysis will be conducted through:

- recommendations of those who know the candidates
- the candidate’s application responses

For details on the selection process, see the “Selection Process” document in Schoology.

Turn in through the Schoology Class: Sophomore RT/CLC Application
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