

# **Kairos 9 Leader Application**

**Kairos 9 retreat is Friday-Monday  
February 12-15, 2010**

**Application due Friday August 14, 2009**

**First meeting is Thursday September 2  
for the chosen leadership team. It will be  
held at OLW at 7pm in the Youth Room.  
All leaders must attend this meeting.**

# Kairos

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Our Lady of the Wayside/Holy Family/St. Mary's/St. Colette's

**TO:** Applicants for Kairos Leadership Positions

**FROM:** The Youth Ministers of Our Lady of the Wayside Holy Family,  
St. Mary's and St Colette

Attached is the application to lead the Kairos 9 retreat. We are so excited that you are interested in this position and would like you to be aware of the following aspects of membership on the teen team:

Leading Kairos is a major commitment of time and energy put toward preparing for a retreat, but it is also a commitment to try to live “as a follower of Christ” or “disciple of Jesus” in a way consistent with the messages of the retreat in all areas of your life.

What does this mean? Among other things, it means being honest in your efforts to know yourself. It means being conscious of what it is to be a Christian, to be a leader who influences in positive ways, and to put your love into action. It means putting time into your relationship with God. It means living with integrity and calling your peers to do that as well. Kairos leaders are not expected to be perfect, but they are expected to take their relationships with themselves, others and God seriously: and to never stop challenging themselves to grow.

We are all called to do these things in our lives—those who go on Kairos, those who lead Kairos, and those who have never even heard of Kairos. But those who come forward to lead Kairos make a commitment to doing them in a more public way, and to helping others to do the same.

Submitting an application for Kairos says that you understand these things, that you are committed to trying to live in accordance with them, and that you are willing to face the challenges that this involves.

Thank you for considering leadership in this retreat. We need committed leaders—leaders on the Kairos team, but also leaders who have a positive influence in their everyday lives: in the classroom, schools, within their parish, out with friends etc. Thanks for taking the messages of Kairos—the messages of our faith-to heart.

**PLEASE NOTE: Any teen who is currently seeing a professional counselor at the time of applying to be a Kairos leader must get a note from him/her stating that leading this retreat is something he/she believes you are capable of. This attached counselor note should be turned in with the application.**

**Kairos Leader Application: Part 1:**

**Please return application to Parish Youth Ministry mailbox in by Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

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Name

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Email Address

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Phone Number

Are you Catholic? Yes [ ] No [ ] what parish do you belong to?

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If not Catholic, what religion do you practice? \_\_\_\_\_

What other retreats/mission trips have you been on apart from Kairos?

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How else are you involved in your parish?

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Are you willing to give a talk on Kairos? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Are you currently receiving professional counseling for any personal issues? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Have you been in counseling in the past 5 years? Yes [ ] No [ ]

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE – Leaders will be required to pay half the amount that a retreatant would pay to attend the retreat. The cost for leaders to attend the retreat will be \$175.00. This cost can be paid anytime prior to attending the retreat. DO NOT attach money to this application.**

Please list the extracurricular, athletic, and employment commitments you will have in the fall/winter of 09-10 and the weekly time requirement of each one:

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**Leading Kairos will require approximately 10 meetings (2-4 hours each). It will also require time to work on a talk.**

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Parental approval and signature for Kairos Leadership

Date

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

**-The complete application is due back to your respective Youth Minister by Friday, August 14, 2009**

**-Your Youth Minister may/may not elect to schedule an interview with you after the application is turned in.**

**ESSAY:**

Please respond to **all** of the following questions in a typed composition of 1-2 pages (double spaced).

Attach it to your application.

1.      What difference does Jesus make in your life today? Give specific examples of how being a Christian affects your life. How do you put your love into action? How has Kairos influenced how you live your life?
  
2.      Identify and describe the most defining moment for you on your own Kairos. How was God with you at this time? Explain. How are you living the 4<sup>th</sup>?
  
3.      Give examples of the obstacles and masks with which you struggle. How has Kairos helped you overcome and face these? Have your relationships improved by dropping your masks? Explain. When do your masks come back up? Explain.
  
4.      Why would you make a great Kairos leader?

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

I detached and submitted my recommendations to...

1.      Youth Minister/Catechist/Adult: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2.      Peer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Kairos Leader: Youth Minister/Catechist/Adult Recommendation**

Please return to the applicant ASAP.

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Applicant Name

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Youth Minister/Catechist/Adult name and parish

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Length of contact and relationship to applicant

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Leadership talents or responsibilities observed in teen

	Not Known	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Top 5%
Witness of faith					
Integrity & Character					
Written Communication					
Oral Communication					
Leadership & Initiative					
Follows Direction					
Relates well with peers					
Openness to others					
Compassion & Sensitivity					
Generosity & Service					

Please comment on why this teen should be considered for Kairos leadership:

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Signature

**Kairos Leader: Peer Recommendation**

Please return to the applicant ASAP.

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Applicant Name

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Peer Name and school/parish

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Length of contact

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Leadership talents or responsibilities observed in student

	Not Known	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Top 5%
Witness of faith					
Integrity & Character					
Written Communication					
Oral Communication					
Leadership & Initiative					
Follows Direction					
Relates well with peers					

Please comment on why this teen should be considered for Kairos leadership:

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Signature