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Dear Pre-Confirmandi and Parents,

**Coming soon to Catholic youth near you!!!**

**NET**

*“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and communal life,  
to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.”* Acts 2:42

The NET Teams have begun. The teams minister for 3 – 5 weeks in a diocese at the invitation of the local bishop. The NET Ministries (National Evangelization Teams) is an international youth ministry which aims to challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the church.

NET staff and team members are Catholic adults who love God and are committed to the call, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation.” (Mark 16:15)

The NET team is coming to Briody Hall to facilitate our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-Confirmation retreat, “*Made To Be*”. This retreat will take place on Friday, February 24, at 8:15 a.m. **All 7<sup>th</sup> graders are required to attend this retreat as part of their Confirmation preparation.** During the retreat the team members will blend a fun, high-energy experience with a straight forward and personal presentation of the Gospel message and how Jesus Christ has affected their lives. They use large group presentations, small group discussions, music, games, skits, prayer, personal testimonies, and the sacraments.

**Host families are needed for the evenings of Monday, February 20 and Thursday, February 23.** Team members travel with their own sleeping bags and pillows so they can be very flexible. A host family needs to house a minimum of two team members of the same gender. **As a family take this opportunity to be of service,** and this will give you an opportunity to share a meal with these young devoted people and experience discipleship in action.

Please contact Arlene Astrowski at 346.8185 ext 226 as soon as possible to talk about and plan this great opportunity. If you are unable to house any of these young people, maybe you could provide a meal, dessert, soft drinks, or bottled water. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please note the importance of the retreat date. If your child attends the public school, we will inform the school as to who will attend the retreat. We ask that you also call that day and inform them of your child's absence, and return the signed permission form to the School of Religion Office by February 13. This is an all day retreat from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on February 24. For the retreat day the student should wear casual dress clothes. T-shirts with writing, cut off jean shorts, jeans with holes in them, or ripped clothing is unacceptable. Students should bring their own lunch with something to drink in a bag with their name on it.

Your sister in Christ,



Arlene Astrowski  
Director of Religious Education

**PERMISSION FORM  
PARENTAL/ GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATIONS**

I request that Most Holy Redeemer School/Religious Education Program allow my child, \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the following sponsored activity on the parish grounds on Friday, February 24, from  
8:15 am. – 2:30 pm.

**7<sup>th</sup> grade Pre-Confirmation Retreat in Briody Hall**

I understand that the activity will take place on the parish premises and that my child will be under supervision. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including any method of transportation.

I hereby release and indemnify Most Holy Redeemer Parish School/Religious Education Program, its staff and its volunteers, and the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole, from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind or nature whatsoever from my child's participation in this event.

In the event of an emergency and I cannot be reached, and in the judgment of the designated supervisor of the activity or other responsible person accompanying the group, there is a necessity for immediate examination and/or treatment of my child, I hereby authorize any of the aforesaid personnel to obtain for my child such medical services as are deemed necessary.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Telephone