



Encounter Leader Application

Marist Youth Encounter Christ is an intensive coeducational retreat conducted by the Marist Brothers since 1968. The retreat is intended to assist young women and men to better understand and strengthen their relationships with themselves, others and God. It also offers a deeper understanding of our Marist heritage.

Our tentative CCHS Encounters for the 2008-2009 school year will be held on Wednesday, November 5 – Friday, November 7, 2008, Wednesday, January 28 – Friday, January 30, 2009 and Wednesday, March 11 – Friday, March 13, 2009.

As a Junior who has experienced the Encounter, you are invited to consider whether you would like to apply for a leadership position on an upcoming retreat. An application form is enclosed.

As an Encounter leader, **you are not expected to be perfect, but you are expected to take seriously your relationships with God and others.** You will need to lead by example throughout the retreat and to influence others in positive ways. You also have to be able to express your thoughts and feelings within a group and to lead discussions along with a faculty co-leader. Submitting an application means that you understand these things and that you are up for the challenges that they involve. Leading the Encounter is a rewarding experience. It entails not only a major commitment of time and energy, but also a commitment *to try to live* in a way that is consistent with the messages of the retreat in all areas of your life. There are 4 mandatory training sessions after school beginning about 4- 6 weeks before the Encounter date.

We are looking for 6 - 7 CCHS seniors to serve as the Leadership Team for each retreat experience. We hope you will take advantage of this special opportunity to pray, reflect, share and enrich the faith of your peers, and to grow in your leadership abilities. If you're willing to offer your time and energy in this meaningful way, please fill out the attached form and return it to Campus Ministry.

It is likely that we will have many more applicants than the number of available leadership positions. ***Every applicant is a potential leader who could enrich The Encounter team tremendously -- selecting only six or seven student leaders per retreat will entail very difficult decisions.*** Making an application is an act of both generosity and risk, since each applicant needs to be aware of the possibility that s/he might not be chosen. For those who will be disappointed not to be on a retreat team, hopefully you will stay as involved as you can by encouraging students to sign-up and writing palancas. **Anyone who is not chosen for the November team is still eligible to lead on the January and March retreat.**

If you have any questions, please speak to Sr. Terry, Ms. Desjardins or Ms Izzo in Campus Ministry.



Marist Youth Encounter Christ

"The Encounter"

Please complete and **RETURN TO CAMPUS MINISTRY**

by **Tuesday, May 13, 2008**

PART A:

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Street Address : _____

City or Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone _____

email _____ (print clearly)

1. When are you available to serve as a leader? Keep in mind that preparation takes place for 4 - 6 weeks prior to the retreat (5 meetings from 2:15 - 4:15 p.m.) Give a "why" reason for each date.

November 5 - 7, 2008

YES NO UNSURE
Why? _____

January 28 - 30, 2009

(First week of 2nd Semester)

YES NO UNSURE
Why? _____

March 11 - 13, 2009

(between winter & spring sports seasons)

YES NO UNSURE
Why? _____

2. What classes do you expect to be taking next year? _____

3. What will be your commitments? (sports, work, clubs & activities, family, church, etc.)

PART B

1. When did you make The Encounter? _____

Who were your small group leaders? _____

2. How have you benefited personally from making The Encounter? How did you grow?

3. Why do you feel that you would be an effective leader?

PART C

As an Encounter leader, you would be expected to give a talk or prepared prayer up to 20 minutes in length.

No one expects you to be an expert, to have all the answers, or to deliver your talk as a world-class diplomat. Just like the retreatants, you are a person who struggles with real decisions, ideas, and problems, a person who is trying to make some sense out of who you are and what you believe, and who is trying to act on those beliefs.

In the life of each person, there are incidents, events, and persons who have a lasting impact on us because they teach us lessons about life and relationships that we never forget. These are the kinds of personal examples that make for a good Encounter talk. They do not have to be huge, dramatic experiences; in fact the simple, common experiences of life can have the greatest impact on your audience.

PART I: Define *God's* friendship for you;

AND

PART II: Describe a person or experience in which you encountered *God's* friendship;

or

Describe an obstacle to *God's* friendship in your own life and how you have handled it.

Please be sure that Parts A, B, and C of this application
are completely filled out.

Applications are due in the Campus Ministry Office
by Tuesday, May 13, 2008