

Kairos Retreat Application Pack

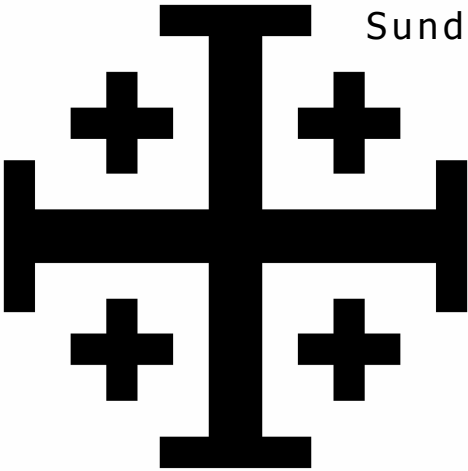
Sunday 23 October – Tuesday 25 October 2011

Crêt Bérard, 1070 Puidoux, Switzerland

Total Cost (including transport) – **CHF 365**

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Registration Deadline – 14 March 2011



PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM AND RETURN TO POPE JOHN XXIII PARISH WITH THE REQUESTED ITEMS ENCLOSED

Section One – Personal Information (to be completed by the participant or parents)							
Surname				First Name(s)			
School							
Personal Email							
Date of Birth	Date	Month	Year				
Room Preference – please tick one	Single		Double		Triple		
I would like to share a room with...			Name(s)				
T-Shirt Size – please tick one	Small		Medium		Large		X-Large
Allergies							
Medical Information							
Name of Medical Insurance Company							
Policy Number							
Insurance Company Phone Number							

Section Two – Parent or Legal Guardian Information			
Surname		First Name(s)	
Home Address		Postal Code	
District / City		Country	
Email			
Home Phone			
Mobile Phone(s)			

Section Three – Declaration & Photographs (please delete as appropriate)			
<p>I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Kairos Retreat. I give my permission to the adult leaders to administer any medical or disciplinary actions they deem necessary. We the undersigned parents/guardians also agree to accept responsibility for our son/daughter for the duration of the retreat and return travelling time and shall not hold any Kairos Core Team Member or Pope John XXIII Parish responsible for our son's/daughter's actions.</p>			
Signature(s)		Date	
I give Pope John XXIII Parish permission to take photos of my son/daughter during this retreat	YES		NO
I allow Pope John XXIII Parish to use these photos on future publications and on their website	YES		NO

Section Four – Check List		TICK
I have enclosed full payment for Kairos – cheque or cash		
I have arranged a bank transfer	Date of transfer	
Please read Page 4 of this Application Pack before completing the remaining sections		
I have enclosed a baby photo of my child with their name written on the back		
I have enclosed/will subsequently send by 1 September 2011 a letter (or letters) to my child	NOW	
	1 SEPTEMBER	

PLEASE RETAIN THIS SHEET FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Cost and Scholarships

The total cost of the retreat is CHF 365.

Scholarships are available to enable all candidates to attend. Please contact one of the following people should you have need for a full or partial scholarship.

Matthew Hadley – Youth Programs Leader
T. 0041 (0) 22 733 04 83
E. youth@johnxxiii.ch

Cece Buchanan
T. 0041 (0) 22 349 64 06
E. dcbuchanan@bluewin.ch

Bank charges for John XXIII are greatly reduced if you pay by bank transfer. Please be sure to write 'Kairos Retreat' in the payment details.

COMMUNAUTE CATHOLIQUE DE LA LANGUE ANGLAISE

UBS Account Number – 240-255357.00U

IBAN – CH76 0024 0240 2553 5700 U

Dates and Venue

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There is a Closing Ceremony at John XXIII in the early evening of Tuesday 25 October to which parents and families are invited.

We strongly encourage you to attend this event as your presence and support mean a lot to your child.

Please return the completed Application Form (on the WHITE sheet) in the addressed envelope to Pope John XXIII Parish.

Please retain this yellow sheet and explanatory letter for your further reference and information.

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Kairos Retreat
FAO Matthew Hadley
Director of Kairos

Pope John XXIII Parish
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Switzerland

PLEASE KEEP THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Parents and Guardians

Kairos is a Catholic retreat programme that encourages young people to explore and to better understand their relationships with God, their family and friends, and – perhaps most importantly – with themselves. To this end, there are two specific requests that we make of parents in order for the smooth running and effectiveness of the retreat. The purpose of this letter is to explain these to you.

During the retreat, as part of a presentation entitled *Know Yourself*, a photo is handed out to each participant showing them as a baby or a very young child. **WE ASK THAT YOU INCLUDE SUCH A PHOTO WITH THE APPLICATION FORM.** These baby photos will be returned to you at the end of the retreat. From a practical point of view, please write your child's name on the reverse of the photo.

The second request that we make is for a *Letter of Appreciation from each parent or guardian*. This requires more explanation so that you understand what we are asking for and why this request is being made. The Letters of Appreciation are integral to the retreat and have a crucial role to play in your child's experience of it. **WE ASK YOU SIMPLY TO WRITE AN AFFIRMATION LETTER FOR YOUR CHILD.** The purpose of this letter is to remind your child that they are accepted and loved.

Affirmation takes into consideration your child's qualities as a person (for example, kind, helpful, funny, hardworking); their talents; what makes them special to you; why they are unique. When writing the letter, please think about your relationship with your child, your life journey together so far, and any special moments or events that you have shared. Do not be afraid to express your affection and to say 'I love you' in your letter – this will mean a lot to your child!

Ideally, we would like each young person to receive a letter from both parents. *One of these letters will be read aloud to your child in the presence of all the participants and team on the first evening of the retreat.* Your reaction to this may be one of amazement. We assure you that this has been done regularly as part of the Kairos programme with very positive results. Please indicate if you do not wish a particular letter to be read aloud. In addition, we invite you to ask any other family members or friends who have a close relationship with your child (older siblings, grandparents etc.) to also write a letter to your child. All of these letters will be given to them later on that first evening.

Adolescence is a very special time in life. It is a time when a young person defines their own identity, and asks important questions about life, faith and the world around them. Young people also start making decisions that will shape their life as an adult. From our experience, we have observed that Kairos, as a peer-led retreat, has the potential to help your child to build positive and stronger relationships with their families, to make and develop lasting friendships – so important at this stage in life – and to strengthen their faith. Your letters help the retreat to achieve this goal. When a young person discovers that they are accepted and loved, this helps them to open up to others and eventually to God. As a previous Kairos participant says:

'Kairos made me understand so much more about God; I can't say that suddenly God entered my life, but it surely made me want to improve, to search for a stronger faith and try my hardest to bring happiness to the people around me.'

Thank you in advance for your help and support. Please do not tell your child about the letters and photo in advance as they form important surprises during the retreat itself.