

N.E.W. KOINONIA

**“An opportunity for individuals
to encounter Jesus Christ through
an experience of Christian
community”**



Diocese of Superior

Calling adults to celebrate the
Paschal Mystery in community

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF KOINONIA?

Koinonia is a community experience in Christian living designed especially for adults. This N.E.W. retreat weekend is an official program of the Diocese of Superior. The weekend consists of presentations, discussions, reflections, sharing, prayer and liturgical celebrations.

Koinonia has a twofold purpose:

The **first** is to provide a time and a place for adult Christians to experience the reality of Christian community, fellowship and sharing – that is to say: “*Koinonia*.”

The **second** purpose is to provide a depth of faith-sharing support that allows and challenges inner renewal for each participant at his or her own level. Renewal often brings about a desire to serve. *Koinonia* can rightly be called a “renewal” program in this respect.

WHAT IS IT LIKE?

The theme of the *Koinonia* weekend is the Paschal Mystery; the death and resurrection of Jesus. We take this central teaching of our faith and show how it applies to our daily lives. During the weekend the Church year is expressed in three days. On Friday, “Lent” is celebrated. Time is given to a communal penance service and the opportunity for individual confession through the Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Saturday, we devote ourselves to the celebration of Easter. We focus on the implications that the Resurrection brings to the life of each Christian.

On Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost and examine our roles in the Church, especially our call to spread the Good News in the way that is best for us.

WHO CAN MAKE A KOINONIA WEEKEND?

A typical *Koinonia* weekend includes one or more priests and may include deacons or religious sisters or brothers, and ten to thirty other adult lay persons.

The participants come from various walks of life and usually encompass a wide age span. *Koinonia* represents community much the same as our Sunday liturgies.

Anyone who is concerned about his or relationship with God and/or would like to enhance his or her own spirituality, and is willing to spend the time with a group of people with this same basic interest, should consider making a *Koinonia* weekend.

**He calls us each by name to be
one with each other.....**

OTHER INFORMATION

Koinonia weekends begin on Friday, late afternoon. We ask that you arrive between 4:15 and 4:30 PM so that we can begin our weekend by 5:15. Our weekends typically end by 4:00 PM on Sunday. All meals are provided, from supper on Friday through lunch on Sunday.

You will sleep at home if you live nearby. For others, we will arrange for a bed in a parishioner's home. If you prefer, you may choose to stay at a motel at your expense.

***COST FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND:
\$40.00 per person***

To apply, fill out the application (keep this section) and return it with your registration fee to the address given. *This address is **Not** where the weekend will be held.*

**Please make check payable to:
N.E.W. Koinonia**

Approximately 2-3 weeks before the weekend, you will receive a confirming letter containing additional information that you will need. If space is limited we will accept participants on a "first come, first served" basis. If this happens, your money will be refunded.

If you have any further questions about *Koinonia*, or send in your application and don't hear back, please call:

Missy Wiener

715.274-3911

APPLICATION FORM

Mail Application and Payment to:
N. E. W. Koinonia Retreat Weekend
P. O. Box 433
Mellen, WI 54546

Retreat # _____ **Location** _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ **E-Mail** _____

Birth Date (month / date) _____

Your Parish: _____ **Pastor:** _____

Catholic/Non-Catholic (circle one)

I need a place to sleep _____ I will find a motel _____ I will sleep at home _____

Describe your participation in your church:

Have you had previous retreat experiences? If so, describe briefly:

What do you expect from *Koinonia*?

How did you find out about *Koinonia*?

Please indicate any dietary or special health requirement that we should know about to make your weekend more comfortable: