

Annual Kairos Retreat  
Our Lady of the Wayside Parish  
February 14-17, 2025 (President's Day Weekend)

**K13 applications are due on or before  
Wednesday September 25th, 2024**

Applicants can submit either physical or digital applications  
Bring to the OLW Parish Center or email:  
claudwoj2005@gmail.com

If you are selected to lead K13,  
the mandatory first meeting  
will be scheduled in October.

All meetings will take place in the OLW Parish Center  
(Door 1D)

Teens leading the retreat must come to the first meeting  
with their calendars and Kairos journals – we will be  
planning subsequent meetings

**TO:** Applicants for Kairos Leadership Positions  
**FROM:** The Adult Kairos Team of Our Lady of the Wayside

Attached is the application to lead the Kairos 13. 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 that is put toward preparing for a retreat, but it is also a commitment to try to live “as a follower of Christ” 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.

*Part of the application may include an interview if necessary.*

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

To God be the Glory,  
K13 Adult Leaders

**Kairos Leader Application: Part 1**  
**General Information**

*Please return to any of the Wayside Youth Ministry Adults or the Wayside YM  
Mailbox by September 25th, 2024*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (number, city, state, zip):

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Catholic? [ ] Yes [ ] No

What parish do you belong to? \_\_\_\_\_

If you're not Catholic, what religion do you practice?

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What other retreats have you attended, 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  
in the past 5 years?

[ ] Yes [ ] No

*NOTE: Any teen that is currently seeing a professional counselor at the time of  
applying to be a Kairos leader must get a note from said counselor stating that*

*leading this retreat is something they believe you are capable of. This attached counselor note should be turned in with the application*

Please list the extracurricular, athletic, and employment commitments you will have during the months of November, December, January, and February 2025 and the weekly time requirement for each one:

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Leading Kairos will require approximately 5-8 meetings, lasting about 2-3 hours each. It will also require additional time outside of the meetings to work on a talk – this includes meeting with a mentor, writing, revising, and practicing the talk.

As a leader of this retreat, your responsibility is full attendance of these meetings and the retreat itself, as well as preparation of your talk. The team will not meet unless everyone is present, so flexibility and dedication are a necessity to making a Kairos retreat successful.

Payment: leaders are required to pay to attend Kairos – the price will be discounted from the retreatant rate. This price could be paid any time prior to attending the retreat. DO NOT attach money to this application

By signing, you and your parents are acknowledging the responsibilities of being a part of the Kairos leadership team.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teen signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Kairos Leader Application: Part 2**

### **Essay Questions**

*Please return to the OLW Youth Minister by September 25th, 2024*

Please respond to all questions in a typed composition of 1-2 pages (double-spaced) per each question. Attach your responses to the 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>? How have you shared your Kairos experience with other teens?
3. Give examples of obstacles to God's Friendship present in your life. How has Kairos helped you overcome and face these?
4. Why would you make a great Kairos leader?

**Kairos Leader Application: Part 3**  
**Recommendations**

*Please return to the OLV Youth Minister by September 25th, 2024*

**Recommendations**

For the last part of your application, you must have a parent and a peer write you a recommendation. The peer cannot be from your immediate family (siblings).

The peer must also be someone that knows you and your spiritual life, preferably older or the same age as you.

I detached and submitted the Kairos recommendations to...

Parent:

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Peer:

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**Kairos Leader Application: Part 3**  
**Recommendation: Parent**

*Please return to the OLW Youth Minister by September 25th, 2024*

Applicant Name:

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Your Name:

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Your relationship with the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership talents you have observed in the applicant:

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

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Kairos Leader Application: Part 3**  
**Recommendation: Peer**

*Please return to the OLW Youth Minister by September 25th, 2024*

Applicant Name:

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Your Name:

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Your relationship with the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership talents you have observed in the applicant:

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	Below Average	Average	Above average	Top 5%	Unknown
Witness of faith					
Integrity & character					
Written communication					
Oral communication					
Leadership & initiative					
Follows direction					
Relates well with peers					
Openness to others					
Generosity & service					

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

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Signature: -----

Date: -----