

2021 – 2022
Marist
Retreat Team & Christian Leadership Class

Application Information for Current Sophomores

Marist 2021-2022
Retreat Team

What is it?

Marist Retreat Team is a yearlong commitment to a student team whose role is to provide spiritual retreats for sophomore and junior students. This team works with the Campus Ministry Department, Retreat Moderators, and other adults to carry out this aspect of spiritual life at Marist.

Who is eligible?

Anyone who is currently a sophomore or junior and has:

- a desire to grow in your faith and help others grow in theirs
- a desire to be a servant-leader
- a commitment to process, to the purpose of the retreats, to the direction of the adult moderator, and to your peers
- a willingness to share your life and faith with others, and listen respectfully to theirs
- a willingness to commit yourself to attend the Fall Formation Retreat, formation meetings, and all team meetings
- perseverance when it gets tough

What does the training involve?

- First, a Formation Retreat in the fall. This is a mandatory weekend retreat to be held September 18-20, 2021. It is a training retreat that will focus on skills in small and large group facilitation, giving talks, and articulating and deepening your own spirituality in relationship to ministry.
- Secondly, each individual retreat requires its own meetings with the team specifically designated to put it on, in order to prepare for its particular needs.

What does a Retreat Team member do?

- Give talks on retreats, on a variety of topics
- Facilitate small group sharing and activities
- Direct group activities and prayers
- Assist with supervision and direction
- Serve as rector
- Provide kitchen support
- Participate in all preparation activities
- Pray!

How are teams chosen for specific retreats?

Juniors work on sophomore retreats; seniors on both sophomore and junior retreats. RT members will be assigned to specific retreats based on the needs for that retreat, and availability. Most team members will work on two or three retreats during the course of the year.

What are they saying?

- “I learned to serve on a whole new level – with my whole heart. I was able to get personal and build lasting relationships with the guys. I would not trade this experience for anything.”
- “I feel like my passion is here, on the Retreat Team. I love doing things for others and this is a great way for me to extend my experience and my faith journey to others.”

Team size: Approximately 30



Christian Leadership Class I/II

What is it?

The Christian Leadership Class I/II (CLC) is a two-semester class designed to build leadership skills and enhance personal and spiritual awareness in its members, in the context of Marist Catholic High School's overall Campus Ministry and Theology Departments. Through training and practice, students are able to develop leadership, facilitation, and helping skills, and to focus these skills in service to others both on campus and off. The CLC is considered part of the Campus Ministry Team. CLC-I focuses primarily on skill development, while CLC-II focuses primarily on project work.

Who is eligible?

Anyone who is currently a sophomore and has:

- a desire to put faith into action
- the motivation and initiative to create and implement highly independent projects and work
- a desire to grow and help others to grow
- an openness to looking at your own interactions with others
- a willingness to contract to specific leadership and/or service projects during the course of the two semesters
- an enthusiasm for working with people and developing better skills for peer support



How does this affect my required Theology course?

- Students selected for CLC will take “Sacraments” for the 1st semester of the junior year, and CLC-I for the second semester.
- CLC-II takes place during the 1st Semester of the senior year, followed by “Christian Moral Life.” Re-application is not required.

What kinds of activities might CLC students be involved in?

Examples of possible school and community projects:

- School: Peer Ed Events, Freshman Mentors, Lock-In, Drama Teams, Tutors, Retreat Team, team managers, Proclaim, etc.
- Community: Teacher aides, Mr. Spartan, Kidsports coach, Interfaith Family Shelter, 8th grade retreat, etc.

What are they saying?

- “CLC is the implementation of all of the ideas that have been learned about in previous religion classes. It is in CLC that I get to practice all of the qualities I have learned about in a Christian leader. Through my class I have become one with friends, one with community, and most especially one with God.”
- “To me, CLC is like a mini-retreat. I always look forward to this class knowing that what I learn today has a profound impact. I make sure to remember each lesson because it has a way of coming into my life, among my peers, sports or family.”
- To learn more, the following CLC-seniors are available to answer your questions: Sofia DiPaolo, Amoline Foerstler, Hudson Jarvis, Ryann Kokkeler, Jordan Lee, and Katie Rule!

Application Process

1. Complete application. **Due Thursday, March 18** – late applications not accepted
Turn in through Schoology Class: Sophomore CLC/RT Application
2. Recommendations collected for all applicants.
You do not solicit these – we will take care of gathering them!
3. Final selection based upon application, recommendations, and the need to build a diverse team, comprised of various strengths.
4. Notification on or before Friday, May 7.
5. Meeting with all chosen candidates the week of May 10 (day/time tba).
6. Acceptance Notifications due back from candidates by Wednesday, May 19.

Selection Criteria:

Selection of applicants will be based upon an analysis of readiness and aptitude for leadership that considers:

- ability to communicate
- maturity
- character
- ability to work with others
- evidence of faith
- already existent skills, attributes and qualities

as these are demonstrated through behaviors in the classroom, in athletics and activities, and in informal settings.

This analysis will be conducted through:

- recommendations of those who know the candidates
- the candidate's application responses

For details on the selection process, see the "Selection Process" document in Schoology.

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Deadline: Thursday, March 18, 2021
No late applications accepted!