



St. Mary Student Parish

Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Michigan

Retreat Team Member

Mission:

- To introduce students into a faith community that is accepting, relatable and genuine and a community that encourages them to live authentically who God created them to be.
- To provide an experience to retreatants of welcome, love and support through Christian discipleship and moments of encounter with Christ.
- To help students know they are loved by God.
- To provide a space for students to engage with God through a variety of prayer forms.

Position Description:

The Retreat Team meets throughout the academic year to brainstorm, collaborate and plan the retreats held at St. Mary. This will involve meeting with a focus team at the beginning stages of planning. And from there work with the retreat student intern and supervisor to plan and then execute the proposed theme and schedule of Fresh Gathering, Fall Retreat, Men's Retreat, Women's Retreat and the Senior Retreat. Retreat participation is a component of being on this lead team.

The members focus on providing each student the space to encounter God in their lives and allow them time to process and dive deeper into the mystery of God, the Catholic faith, each other and ourselves. Regular prayer life is an expectation of each retreat team member. Furthermore, each member needs to be open to the workings and movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives and work, which requires flexibility. Additionally, each team member must be open to Ignatian Spirituality and focused on incorporating this model of prayer and spirituality into each retreat.

General Responsibilities:

- Attend all retreats by St. Mary, including Fresh Gathering, Fall Retreat, Men's, Women's Retreat and the Senior Retreat
- Attend all planning and brainstorming meetings needed for retreat execution.
- Help brainstorm retreat themes and activities.
- Help in executing all the details that go into making a retreat possible.
- Help promote retreats through personal invitation and outreach.
- Continue to reach out to retreatants after retreat to help them stay connected and supported.

Requirements:

1. Someone who has a regular and fruitful prayer life and who desires to lead others into a deeper relationship with God.
2. Strong ability to listen to the needs of the student body and work in collaboration as a team with the retreat intern and supervisor.
3. Open to formation as a student leader in the Catholic faith, Ignatian spirituality and Christian outreach. Willingness to grow as a disciple of Christ.