

APPLICATION FORM - PLEASE RETURN PROMPTLY

Mail application and \$5 deposit check (payable to Central Minnesota Koinonia) to:

CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA
c/o LeRoy & Mary Lou Raden
402 Third Avenue NE
Waite Park, MN 56387

Name: _____ Gender: M / F _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: (____) _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Name of Parish: _____ Religion: _____

Name of Pastor: _____

Weekend you wish to attend → CMK# _____ Dates: _____

Please answer the following questions:

Name that you would like on your name tag, if different than above: _____

What is your current participation in your church?

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

What do you expect from ***Koinonia***?

How did you find out about ***Koinonia*** (specific names are helpful)?

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

UPCOMING WEEKENDS

CMK #189 September 16-18, 2011
Spanish CMSK #11 October 7-9, 2011
CMK #190 November 11-13, 2011

CMK #191 January 27-29, 2012
Spanish CMSK #12 March 2-4, 2012
CMK #192 March 16-18, 2012
CMK #193 May 4-6, 2012
CMK #194 September 14-16, 2012
CMK #195 November 9-11, 2012

Retreat weekends are held at the CM T.E.C. Center in Belle Prairie, Minnesota. We begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday evening.

The Cost for the entire weekend is \$60.00. Scholarships and gift certificates are available.

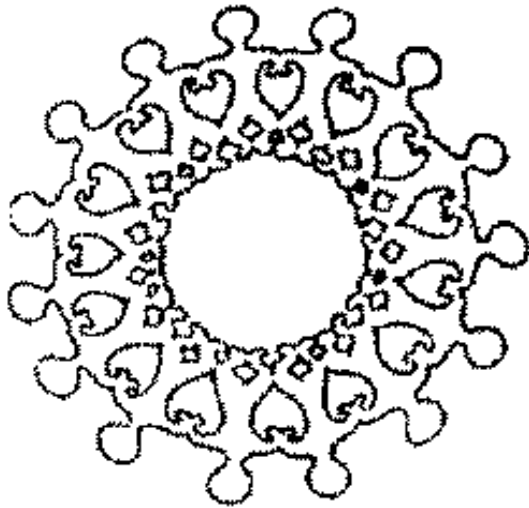
To apply for a weekend, fill out this application form and return it with a \$5 check for your deposit.

We will send you a letter of confirmation containing additional information you will need. **If your application is received after the weekend is full, we will return it along with your registration fee.**

If you have any questions, please call LeRoy & Mary Lou Raden at 320-293-2080 or send an email to: cmkoinonia@gmail.com

KOINONIA

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



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

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF KOINONIA?

Koinonia is a community experience in Christian living designed especially for adults. It is a Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud diocese.

Koinonia has a two-fold 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*”. St. Paul, in his letters, uses the Greek word “*Koinonia*” to describe the early church, that newly formed group of Christian believers who looked to each other for faith-sharing support.

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, we celebrate “Lent”. There is 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. We examine our roles in the church and our call to spread the Good News in the way that is best for each of us.

WHO CAN MAKE A KOINONIA WEEKEND?

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

A typical *Koinonia* weekend includes one or more priests, one or more religious (sisters and/or brothers), and thirty to forty other adult lay persons.

A *Koinonia* weekend usually has the same “mix” as any Sunday Mass, which makes it a true experience of Church. The participants come from various walks of life and usually encompass a wide age span and a great variety of worship “norms”.

People of other faith traditions are welcome on the weekend, but may not share in the Eucharist because of the Catholic Church’s teaching on intercommunion.

Website: centralmnkoinonia.org