

## 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 place for adult Christians to experience the reality of Christian community, fellowship and sharing... that is to say: "**Koinonia**". Saint Paul in his letters used 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(sister/brother), and thirty to forty other adult lay people.

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

A Central Minnesota Koinonia weekend follows Catholic teaching and welcomes people of all faiths to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in the setting of Christian community.

**Website:** [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org)

# 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.

# REGISTRATION FORM – PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND TO:

Mail registration & check for \$10.00 deposit or \$70.00 full payment

(payable to Central MN Koinonia) to:

**CENTRAL MN KOINONIA**  
**C/O Kathy Hoffman Tax**  
**25466 Hawthorn Rd**  
**Pierz MN 56364**

## PLEASE PRINT!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M/F \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ 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? Lector \_\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister \_\_\_\_\_

Sacristan \_\_\_\_\_ Musician \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Ed \_\_\_\_\_ Usher \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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.

If you have any food or other allergies, please list them here:

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

## UPCOMING WEEKENDS:

### English Koinonia

CMK #235 March 20-22, 2026

CMK #236 Sept 18-20, 2026

CMK #237 Jan 22-24, 2027

CMK #238 March 12-14, 2027

CMK #239 Sept 24-26, 2027

### Spanish Koinonia

CMSK #46 Feb 6-8, 2026

CMSK #47 April 10-12, 2026

CMSK #48 Oct 9-11, 2026

CMSK #49 Feb 26-28, 2027

CMSK #50 April 9-11, 2027

CMSK #51 Oct 22-24, 2027

Retreat weekends are held at the TEC Center in Belle Prairie, MN, just outside of Little Falls off Highway 371. Driving directions are on the website:

[www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org)

English retreats begin on Friday evening at 5PM and end Sunday evening. The cost for the entire weekend is \$70.00. Scholarships and gift certificates are available.

Hispanic retreats begin on Friday afternoon at 2PM and end on Sunday afternoon. The cost of the retreat is \$60.00.

To apply for a weekend, complete this registration form and include a \$10.00 check for your deposit to:

**CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA**  
**C/O Kathy Hoffman Tax**  
**25466 Hawthorn Rd**  
**Pierz MN 56364**

You will be sent a confirmation letter containing additional information you will need. Contact Kathy Hoffman Tax at 320-630-1880 if you have any questions or send an email to: [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoinonia@gmail.com)

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