

+CBAY Luke 18 2019 Retreat - March 1-3, 2019

Disciple & Guardian Team Application Form

LUKE 18 – WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?

“Jesus, however, called the children to himself and said, “Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.”

Luke 18:16-17 (New American Bible Translation)

Luke 18 is a three-day retreat program that invites 6th, 7th, and 8th graders into a deeper relationship with the Catholic Church. It is a chance to help our junior high students see that they are not just the future of our Church—they are also the Church right now. The program welcomes the participants (Lukers) into the Church by helping them experience the presence and love of our God who embraces them just as they are. Through games, songs, skits, worksheets, personal sharing, and a series of talks given by high school and college-age students, the Lukers are encouraged to have fun, "break down their walls," and see that the love of God is present in their relationships at home with family and at school with peers. The weekend offers the opportunity to experience God's love on a more personal level than is often possible in the classroom and the Lukers are challenged to share that love with those around them.

Luke 18 focuses on inviting young people to open themselves to God by sharing their experiences and learning from each other in an environment of mutual respect. Topics such as Catholic Identity, Sacraments (especially Reconciliation), Prayer, and Spiritual Gifts are woven into the retreat process. The Communion of Saints offers a wonderful focal point for each aspect of the weekend as well.

A team of youth and adults coordinate the Luke 18 retreat. The “Directors” of the weekend are called the Retreat Team Leaders. The Team Leaders are young adults from the community whom the Lukers might recognize at Mass or in other parish or community settings. Team Leaders provide leadership for the retreat with the help of share group leaders called Disciples. The Disciples present the talks and lead the small discussion groups. Another group of high school students support the retreat through service and prayer. This group is known as the Guardians. This emphasis on youth ministering to youth helps the Lukers relate to the experience of living a Christian life at home and school and helps them see how they, as youth in our society, can do the same.

Adults provide guidance and supervision for the weekend, but are in a “behind-the-scenes” capacity.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR **DISCIPLES** TO LEAD THE SHARE GROUPS...

The key to the success of the Luke 18 weekend is the quality of the sharing in the share groups. Disciples must be able to handle the responsibility of co-leading the Share Group discussions with another Disciple, as well as be able to lead by example. Disciples dedicate the entire weekend ministering to the Lukers and need to be willing to participate fully in all retreat activities. In addition, some Disciples will also be asked to give a Personal Witness Talk.

Disciples must be juniors or seniors in high school or college-age students (21 and under). This allows for some separation in age between the Share Group leaders and the members of the Share Groups themselves. Disciples should possess strong leadership and communication skills as well as be a good role model of the Catholic faith. It is also essential that the Disciples be willing to work under the direction of the Team Leaders. Prior retreat experience is beneficial.

AFTER READING THE ABOVE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY TO BE A **DISCIPLE, PLEASE CHECK HERE _____**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR **GUARDIANS** TO SUPPORT THE RETREAT THROUGH SERVICE AND PRAYER...

The Guardian Team serves the Luke 18 retreat in a “behind-the-scenes” capacity. This includes praying for everyone involved in the retreat, providing logistical support for the Disciples and Share Groups, and helping the Team Leaders in a variety of ways that help with the retreat. The team is also responsible for planning the ice breakers, presenting the Prodigal Son Skit, and preparing all the materials needed for the retreat. The Guardian Team experience focuses on service and a challenge to lead by example.

Guardian Team members are typically freshmen and sophomore students, but older students are welcome to apply if they don't wish to move up to the Disciple Team. Ideal Guardian candidates are organized and creative as there are many projects the Guardian team works on before and during the retreat. In addition, the position requires a degree of unselfishness because Guardians are asked to miss parts of the retreat in order to accomplish the support tasks necessary.

AFTER READING THE ABOVE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY TO BE A **GUARDIAN, PLEASE CHECK HERE _____**

If you are interested in the position of **Disciple** or **Guardian**, please complete the below information and return by **January 6, 2019**. Please either email to bellevilleluke18@gmail.com or mail (or drop off) at:

The Cathedral of Saint Peter
200 West Harrison Street
Belleville, IL 62220
ATTN: Luke 18 2019

The team fee is \$10.00 which covers the cost of your t-shirt and helps supplement the food costs. The fee can either be sent along with your application or bring to the first planning meeting. Thank you!

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ T-Shirt Size (Adult): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Parish: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Parent Cell(s): _____ Parent Email(s): _____

Please answer the following: *(use an additional blank page if necessary)*

I would like to serve as *(circle one)*: **Disciple** **Guardian**

1. I want to serve on the Luke 18 Retreat as a Disciple/Guardian because...

2. Please list other Luke 18 retreats you have been on and whether you were on the Retreat Team or a Luker. If you were on the team, please indicate if you were a Guardian or a Disciple.

3. What are some ways you actively try to grow in your faith and nurture your relationship with God?

4. Please describe yourself in a few words.

5. What special gifts and talents do you feel you could bring to the retreat?

6. List any clubs/sports/activities you are involved in or other hobbies or things you like to do for fun!

FOR DISCIPLE APPLICANTS ONLY: If you are asked to give a Personal Witness Talk, please rank your top 3 choices in numerical order and explain why you ranked in that order (may use a separate sheet of paper, if needed).

_____ Our Father's Invitation	Why? _____
_____ Who Am I?	Why? _____
_____ My Family	Why? _____
_____ My Faith Family	Why? _____
_____ What Does it Mean to be a Member?	Why? _____
_____ Hurting and Making Up	Why? _____
_____ What Now?	Why? _____
_____ Our Gifts and Talents	Why? _____

RETREAT PLANNING DATES: Your presence is crucial at all of the prep meetings and the entire weekend of the retreat.

Please put an "X" next to any meeting you CANNOT attend.

- Sunday, Jan. 13**, 1:00pm-3:00pm - Introductory Meeting - St. Mary's Cafeteria
- Sunday, Jan. 20**, 1:00pm-3:00pm - Prep Meeting - St. Mary's Cafeteria
- Sunday, Jan. 27**, 1:00pm-3:00pm - Prep Meeting - St. Mary's Cafeteria
- Sunday, Feb. 3**, 1:00pm-3:00pm - Prep Meeting - St. Mary's Cafeteria
- Sunday, Feb 10**, 1:00pm-3:00pm - Prep Meeting - St. Mary's Cafeteria
- Sunday, Feb 17**, 1:00pm-3:00pm - Prep Meeting - St. Mary's Cafeteria
- Sunday, Feb. 24**, 1:00pm-5:00pm - Prep Meeting - St. Mary's Cafeteria (extended meeting time, if needed)

RETREAT DATE: Friday-Sunday, Mar. 1-3, 4:00pm (Fri) - 4:00pm (Sun) (ending time apx. depending on clean-up time)

If you will miss more than half the prep meetings and/or will miss parts of the retreat, you may want to consider not joining the 2019 team as it makes it harder for the rest of the team to coordinate the retreat when members are missing.

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CHILD PROTECTION COMPLIANCE FOR THOSE OVER THE AGE OF 18

If you will be 18 or older as of February 28th, 2019, the following documentation must be on file with the Diocese of Belleville prior to the retreat:

- Volunteer Application
- CANTS Form (**needs to be updated every 2 years**)
- Criminal Investigation Form
- Completion of the Initial Child Protection Class (**If you took the class more than a year ago as of the retreat date, the Online Refresher Course must be completed**)

Please visit your Parish Rectory to obtain the forms and for more information on upcoming training classes. We will also have the forms available at the first meeting on January 6th.

Please read and sign below.

TEAM MEMBER

I know and understand that working on a Luke 18 retreat is a privilege and a service. If my presence on this retreat becomes more of a distraction than assistance to the Retreat Team, Lukers or Adult Team, I will leave when I am asked.

I will do my best to lead as Jesus leads – humbly and lovingly. I know that as scripture says, “there is a time for everything.” There will be times for being serious and times for having fun. There will be times for play and times for prayer. There will be times when I am supposed to talk and times when I am supposed to listen. I will try to respect the appropriate behavior for the appropriate time. My behavior will add instead of detract from this awesome retreat.

Team Member’s Name: _____ Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Team members 18 and over do not require parent signature.

PARENT

I hereby authorize my son/daughter to be a member of the Catholic Belleville Area Youth Luke 18 Retreat Team. I understand that Luke 18 participation requires a commitment to the **full weekend experience and leaving for other activities is prohibited**. I understand that my son/daughter will be offered the opportunity to participate in various activities throughout the weekend. I understand that I assume responsibility for any loss or damage to property or for bodily injury to others caused by my son/daughter, whether by accident or intent. I understand that if my teen/young adult behaves in a manner that is deemed inappropriate or is continually disruptive, I will be called immediately to pick up my youth from the activity sight.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Team members 18 and over do not require parent signature.

Team Member’s Signature: _____ Date: _____ *For*

those 18 and over, please sign above.

PARENT

I hereby give permission for pictures of my son/daughter to be placed on the Catholic Belleville Area Youth or Luke 18 Belleville Facebook page (accessible only to members of that page). The pictures placed on the web will be group or individual pictures of the students during the retreat.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Team members 18 and over do not require parent signature.

Team Member’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

For those 18 and over, please sign above.

Parents - We are also looking for volunteers to help us throughout the weekend. Please let us know if you can do any of the following:

I can volunteer to serve a meal:	Yes	No	If you answered yes, one of our volunteer coordinators will be contacting you closer to the event to confirm day and time.
I can chaperone during the day:	Yes	No	
I can chaperone overnight on Saturday:	Yes	No	

Luke 18 2019 Medical Information Form

(To be completed by the parent/guardian if team member is under the age of 18)

Participant's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

- Does the participant take medications regularly? _____ Yes _____ No
If Yes, describe: _____
- Does the participant have any allergies or chronic illnesses? _____ Yes _____ No
If Yes, describe: _____
- Is the participant allergic to any drugs or medications? _____ Yes _____ No
If Yes, describe: _____
- Does the participant have any food allergies or restrictions? _____ Yes _____ No
If Yes, describe: _____
- Does the participant have any special needs not listed above that we need to be aware of during the weekend?

Emergency Medical Treatment: *In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the event of an emergency, if you are **unable** to reach me at the above numbers, contact:*

Name & Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Family Health Plan Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

X Signature: _____ Date: _____

Yes, I hereby grant permission for non-prescription medication (such as aspirin/ibuprofen, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed appropriate.

No, I do not grant permission for non-prescription medication (such as aspirin/ibuprofen, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed appropriate.

X Signature: _____ Date: _____