



## NOTRE DAME – CATHEDRAL LATIN SCHOOL

February 12, 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you for giving your child the opportunity to attend Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School's Kairos Retreat #31 from Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Camp Burton. By participating in Kairos, your daughter/son will be afforded a rare opportunity to spend this time reflecting upon, growing in and sharing her/his relationships with self, others, and God. **Please keep the contents of this letter confidential as the impact of the retreat depends upon your child not expecting things to happen—we call them "Kairos GIFTS."** The purpose of this letter is to explain *your* part in these "GIFTS."

Parent support and involvement is integral to the success of Kairos. We request your participation in four main ways:

**Prayer          Parent Letters          Letters of Support from others          Closing Ceremony**

**Prayer:** Trusting in the power of a parent's prayer, we invite you to pray for your child and all the retreatants, for a fruitful retreat.

**Parent Letters:** Every participant on Kairos receives a letter from each parent, **one of which is read aloud** in front of the entire group. We ask that you individually write letters addressed directly to your child. These letters are to be supportive and expressive of your love for her/him and why she/he is special to you. Favorite stories are especially appropriate.

- **Parent letters are due to NDCL Campus Ministry by Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Please respect this deadline as firm.**
  - Approximately one page typed, 12 font. We will choose which letter to read aloud; however, both letters will be given to your child during the retreat.
  - \*DELIVERY OPTIONS:
    - Email to a special account set up for this purpose: ***kairos@ndcl.org*** with your child's first and last names in the subject line.
    - Send in to NDCL Campus Ministry with your child's "first and last names/Campus Ministry clearly marked on the envelope.  
***Reminder students do not know about these letters.***

**Letters of Support from Others:** Following the segment of the retreat during which the letters from parents are shared, each retreatant receives a packet of other letters of support. We ask you to please solicit letters for this purpose from others who are important in the life of your child. These letters need not be long; a simple hand-written or emailed note assuring prayers during the retreat and/or expressing what makes your daughter/son special is enough. Most families request these letters from extended family, close family friends, teachers, parish ministers, coaches, etc.

- Please clearly mark the envelope or the email with your child's first and last name.
- **Please do NOT ask anyone younger than your child or an NDCL student who has not yet made a Kairos retreat to write a letter.**
  - These letters will not be read aloud. They will be passed along to your child unopened.
  - **General letters of support are due in to NDCL Campus Ministry by Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** (see \*Delivery Options on previous page). **Please respect this deadline as firm.**

**PLEASE RESPECT BOTH DEADLINES FOR THE PARENT LETTERS AND OTHER LETTERS OF SUPPORT. RECEIVING THEM LATE MAKES IT VERY HARD TO ENSURE EACH STUDENT HAS LETTERS TO OPEN ON THE RETREAT! WE WILL SEND OUT ANOTHER REMINDER!**

**Closing Ceremony** On Kairos, the retreatants will have the opportunity to share, laugh, and grow with the team and the other retreatants. Because of this, the greatest of the surprises is to see their parents at the Mass and Closing Ceremony where they will be invited to share with parents about their retreat experience. Please make every effort to be at the **Closing Ceremony on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at NDCL by 12:00 p.m.** After the closing ceremony, you and your retreatant can pack up and head home. Space is limited in the Chapel, so please, **parents only**. If you cannot make it, please make sure your child has a car here or an alternate ride.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact either one of us at NDCL's Fr. Jim O'Donnell Campus Ministry Center. Thank you for the opportunity to retreat with your daughter/son. Be assured of our continued prayerful support for you and your child.

God Bless!

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