

Peacemaking Retreat An Overview

As some of you are already aware, Catholic Relief Services Northeast office is hosting a “Called to be Peacemakers: A Global Solidarity Retreat” for sophomores and juniors in the Philadelphia Archdiocese. We are seeking youth from parish ministry programs and Catholic high schools. **The dates of the retreat are August 10-14, 2008.**

This retreat will be a great opportunity for youth to meet other youth, enjoy the company of CRS staff from both the U.S. and overseas and deepen their understanding of international peacebuilding. Where did this idea come from you ask? CRS believes “youth are catalysts and leaders for Global Peacebuilding.” Participants will be able to use their leadership skills and have some fun at the same time.

The retreat will focus on events in the Holy Land with staff from the Holy Land participating in the retreat. In addition, our lead person on CRS Peacebuilding, who is from Northern Ireland, Hedley Abernethy, will be part of the retreat.

We are looking for twenty-five youth who are presently juniors and sophomores to participate. We appreciate your assistance in identifying a student or two for the program. It is important that the student(s) be able to act on peacebuilding in some way in their parish or high school during the 2008-2009 school year. Students will be notified if they are selected for the retreat. The cost is \$100 per teen.

Thanks very much for your assistance. Let me know if you have any questions.

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