

## **These are the following themes available during the 2017-2018 year:**

### **WHO ARE YOU?** (grades 6 – 7)

Dealing with issues of self-worth, personal confidence and acceptance is common among junior and senior high students. The “Who Are You?” Encounter Day theme helps young people come to a greater awareness of their goodness and uniqueness as God’s sons and daughters.

### **THE SEARCH** (grade 6-12)

Most of us have experienced trying to find happiness in the bottom of an ice cream carton; but as we all know, that happiness never seems to last. We are all born with an ache in our hearts that can’t be satisfied by anything on this earth, because our heart was made for something more, something greater.

### **CONFIRMATION** (grade 6-7)

As students approach the last Sacrament of Initiation, this Confirmation Retreat will allow them to hear from the team and think about the role faith plays in their own lives, and how the decision to choose a life of faith is the greatest source of fulfillment, peace, and joy!

### **2 BILLION PEOPLE** (grade 8 – 12)

Jesus lived 2000 years ago in a small town where nothing exciting ever happened, and the people who lived there thought nothing exciting *could* ever happen... So, why is it that 2000 years later, this man is the most famous in all of history? Let’s find out together...

### **DO I MATTER?** (grade 8-12)

We live in a world determined to tell us who we are and where our value comes from. Here we present 3 lies that world tries to make us believe – that we are no more valuable than what we are able to do, that what we have, or than what others say/think about us. But if these things don’t give meaning to our lives, then where are we meant to find it?

### **THE GREATER MERCY?** (grade 11-12 only, best for a mature group)

“Mercy.”

More than a game we play when we are kids, it is something near the heart of who God is... Some have even said that it is His greatest attribute. It has the power to revolutionize our world... But what is mercy and why is it so great?

### **LIVING FOR GREATNESS** (grade 8-12, only available as a 2-Day retreat)

In society today, we are told that the purpose of life is to get what we want, and then we will be happy. So, we are constantly trying to fill our lives with things of this world: money, fame, success, etc. But what happens once we achieve all that? What are we left with? As children of God we will never be satisfied until we know Him personally, until we are seeking and doing His will. God’s plan for us, no matter how simple, is great! He is calling each of us to a specific path that will bring us joy and fulfillment. But how do we hear Him? How do we know what to do and where to go, and how do we have the strength to do it?

### **FAMILY RETREAT**

“As the family goes, so goes the nation, so goes the whole world in which we live.” - Pope St. John Paul II  
In a world where divorce has become the norm, just what does it mean to be a family? Is it possible to

live so closely and not grow tired and resentful? YES. Let's talk about it and see if we can find a way together... *Please note: It is required that parents attend this Encounter Day with their children.*

**MASSIVE WORSHIP YOUTH RALLY** (Grades 7-12 choose a theme from the list)

Presented in a live concert setting, Massive Worship youth rallies are exciting nights full of energetic music, skits and passionate worship geared toward teens. Personal testimony and an engaging message on leadership and the model of Christ abound in this music-infused event where youth will have the opportunity to encounter the person of Christ in a new and exciting way.

**MASSIVE WORSHIP MUSICIANS TRAINING – BY SPECIAL REQUEST ONLY**

*(For musicians and music leaders)*

Over the course of a day or weekend, receive **hands-on instrument training** in the contemporary worship style, hear vibrant talks and testimonies from young musicians, and come away with a foundational experience on how to lead and arrange a music team for liturgy and worship events. Also take time to lay aside your instrument and receive valuable affirmation, encouragement and inspiration needed to continue vibrantly in music ministry. This event is great for building unity between different music teams and choirs, for up-building new music teams within the parish, and for providing on-going training for established music teams.

**2017-2018 PRICE GRID**

(Most parishes charge a small fee for each participant to either subsidize or completely cover the cost of the retreat.)

Type of Encounter Event	0-60 Participants	60-120 Participants
Encounter Day up to 6 hours	\$700.00	\$800.00
Encounter Day of 6 to 12 hours	\$850.00	\$950.00
Evening Event ( <b>after 5pm only</b> )	\$500.00	\$575.00
1 Night Overnight Encounter	\$950.00	N/A
2 Night Overnight Encounter	\$1050.00	N/A
Musicians Training of 6 to 12 hours	\$800.00	N/A
Musicians Training Overnight	\$1150.00	N/A
Youth Rally ( <b>Up to 300 Participants</b> )	\$550.00	\$550.00

**CAN'T AFFORD AN ENCOUNTER EVENT? HAVE YOU TRIED...?**

- Your local Knights of Columbus?
- Your local Catholic Woman's League?
- Charging each of your participants 10-25\$ for their Encounter Day?
- Charging your youth 5\$ to help offset the cost of your Encounter Day?
- A fundraiser event (bake sale, spaghetti supper etc.)?
- Asking your local parish for help offsetting the cost?

Our policy here at NET Ministries is to never allow a parish/school's financial situation to prevent them from hosting a NET Encounter event. If a parish/school truly cannot afford the full cost of an Encounter event and has already explored other avenues of funding, we will work with them to adjust the fees accordingly. Please note, however, that the agreement for adjusting the Encounter event fee must be made **prior** to the date of the Encounter event and can only be made by the Scheduling Coordinator at NET Ministries. Please do not adjust any Encounter event fee on your own.