

1. Introduction

Hi, my name is _____, I'm _____ years old, and I'm a parishioner (*involved with the youth group*) here at _____. Today, I wanted to share a bit about my upcoming opportunity with NET Ministries. I just (*ex. recently graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in Communications Studies, graduated from high school, am in my 2nd year of college, etc.*)

2. Share your Personal Conversion Testimony

It was (*ex. Confirmation Class, Steubenville Conference, encountered a NET Team*) that I began to take ownership of my Faith.
Share what you discovered. (Ex. "Through the retreat, the Lord convicted my heart, and I began to encounter Him in a new way. I finally realized that Jesus has a unique and sincere love for me, and my life should be lived for Him. After this realization, I've wanted to share this Faith with others, which is where NET comes in.)

3. Provide the Audience with an Overview of NET Ministries

NET Ministries is a Catholic, non-profit organization based in West St. Paul, Minnesota that stands for the National Evangelization Teams. NET shares the Gospel with middle and high school youth nationwide through retreat and discipleship ministry. NET Missionaries are young adults ages 18-28 who give a year of their time to share their faith with youth through peer-to-peer ministry.

This year, I went through an interview process to serve as one of the missionaries who will help reach thousands of young people around the United States. I was accepted and said YES to serve with them. So, come August, I will head out to West St. Paul, Minnesota, with one suitcase and backpack for the year, and I will receive training and formation for the first five weeks.

After that time, I will be placed on a team of 8-12 people and be sent out in September. One type of team is Retreat Teams, which facilitate dynamic, evangelistic retreats to help young people encounter the person of Christ. NET Retreats include large group presentations, small group discussions, sharing personal testimonies, and prayer with each young person. The other type of NET

Team is Discipleship Teams, which works to enrich Catholic culture and help form lifelong disciples in a parish or school community through evangelistic outreach, life-changing discipleship, and Christian witness.

4. Make the "Ask"

To help cover costs of training, room and board, healthcare, and transportation, each NET Missionary aims to raise a minimum of \$7,000–\$8,000 in ministry partnership. The actual cost of supporting each missionary for the year is over \$20,000, so anyone who can exceed the partnership goal is encouraged to go above and beyond. If possible, I would like to raise the majority of my funds by the time I begin my five week-training period in mid-August, so that I can focus all of my attention on the mission.

I invite you to join NET's mission of sharing the Gospel through your prayers and financial donations. If you feel called and are able to help support me in this mission, there will be a collection, and I will also be in the back of the Church after Mass. If you feel you need more time but would still like to help, I can also give you an envelope that you can take home and then send directly to NET Ministries.

If you would like to know more about the ministry or have any questions, I would love to talk with you after Mass! Thank you all so much for giving me your time, and please continue to pray for the ministry, the youth, and myself. Thank you.