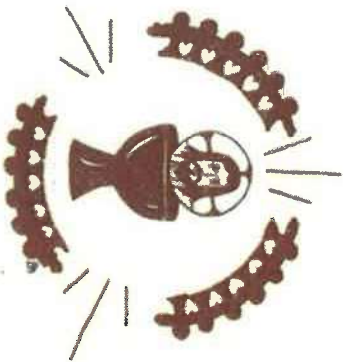


N. E. W. KOINONIA

"I spent the weekend with God."

"An opportunity for individuals to encounter Jesus Christ through an experience of Christian community."



Diocese of Superior

"Calling adults to celebrate the Paschal Mystery in community."

Koinonia is a community experience in Christian living designed especially for adults. This faith filled weekend consists of presentations, discussions, reflections, sharing, prayer and liturgical celebrations.

Purposes:

- Provide a **time and place** to experience real Christian community-fellowship-sharing: that is "**Koinonia**."
- Provide deep, faith sharing support that allows and challenges your 'inner renewal' which will often, in turn, lead one to serve.



The theme of the weekend is the **Paschal Mystery: the Death and Resurrection of Jesus**. We take this central teaching of our faith and show how it applies to our daily lives. During the weekend, the church year is expressed in three days. On **Friday**, "Lent" is celebrated. Time is given to a communal penance service and the opportunity for individual confession through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



On **Saturday** we devote ourselves to the celebration of Easter. We focus on the implications that the Resurrection brings to the life of each Christian.

On **Sunday** we celebrate Pentecost and examine our roles in the Church, especially our call to spread the Good News in the way that is best for us.

A typical weekend may include one or more priests, deacons or religious sisters, and ten to thirty other adult lay persons. The participants come from various walks of life and usually encompass a wide age span.

Koinonia represents community much the same as our Sunday liturgies. Anyone who is concerned about his/her relationship with God and/or would like to enhance his/her own spirituality, and is willing to spend time with a group of people with this same basic interest, should consider making a *Koinonia* weekend.