

A Collaborative Effort between Saint Mary and Sacred Heart Parishes

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for registering your teen to be confirmed at either Sacred Heart of Jesus or Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish. We are pleased that our Catholic faith is important to you and your family and that you encourage them to confirm this faith with the grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit given to all who receive this important sacrament.

An important part of the preparation for this sacrament in each of our parishes is the participation of each candidate in an overnight retreat which is led by the members of our Limitless Youth Ministry. Most of our leaders were once retreatants and they understand the importance of this weekend and feel called to share their faith with your child.

There are only two options for the retreat this year. Both retreats will take place at Betania II Spiritual Life and Marian Center at 154 Summer Street in Medway. Your child may choose to attend either the weekend of **November 10 and 11, 2018** or **January 12 and 13, 2019**. The cost for the weekend, including all materials, overnight accommodations and all meals is **\$145** per candidate. Lack of funding is never an acceptable reason to miss the retreat. If this cost is a hardship, please speak with your pastor or Religious Education Director for a scholarship. We ask that you have your registration paid no later than the last possible date to register before your selected dates for the retreat. If either of these weekends is unavailable for your teen to attend, please communicate with your Director immediately so that she can inform you of the dates for the diocesan retreats in order to complete this requirement.

Registration forms and other important information for the weekend retreats will be presented and discussed at an orientation which will be held in the large hall of Saint Mary's Parish Center on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7 PM. Your completed registration form and payment can be made at that time, if you so choose.

As part of the retreat, each candidate will be given *Palanca*. This Spanish word refers to letters of praise written personally to each candidate. We ask that you consider this as a wonderful opportunity to share what you recognize and appreciate as special about your child and to encourage her or him in her or his relationship with God. Please feel free to extend the invitation for letters to other family members and friends: grandparents, siblings, godparents, aunts & uncles, an admired coach or teacher. Please place all letters in a sealed envelope with your child's first and last name clearly printed on the outside. If you receive more than one letter, please see that all of them are placed in a single larger envelope. No one will open this envelope or read these letters but your child. This needs to be delivered to your parish office before the end of the work day on the Friday before the retreat that your child will attend.

Another consideration for the retreat weekend is our need for *Night Hall Monitors*. The safety of each child is a chief priority for the weekend. For each retreat we request four (4) volunteers, two men and two women who will report to the Retreat Center by 11 PM and stay until 6 AM. They will sleep in shifts so that someone is always awake and available for any need during the night that may arise. In compliance with the Charter by our Bishops' Conference, no adult is allowed to be alone with a youth. If you would consider to serve as a Night Hall Monitor, a volunteer form and CORI (Criminal Offense Record Information) request form are both included. These forms must be completed in order to serve in this capacity.

The weekend of the retreat, please see that your child is dropped off at the retreat center no later than 8:45 AM on Saturday. The retreat concludes with Mass on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 PM to which you and your family are welcome to attend. Following the Mass, your child will return home with you.

Thank you for affirming your child's choice to be confirmed. We appreciate any encouragement you can give your teen to be open and involved in the retreat experience. If you have any questions, please be in touch with your parish Religious Education Director. We look forward to sharing in what we hope to be a life giving experience with your teen.

Sincerely,

The Limitless Youth Ministry Retreat Team

REMINDERS:

Orientation: Monday, September 17, 2018 at Saint Mary's Parish Center

Dates: Weekend of November 10-11, 2018 (*registration deadline is October 15, 2018*)

Weekend of January 12-13, 2019 (*registration deadline is December 15, 2019*)

Cost: \$145 per person (paid in full by the registration deadline)

Palanca: Delivered to the parish office no later than the Friday before the retreat date (*a single packet with candidate's name clearly printed on the outside*)

Arrival: Saturday of retreat no later than 8:45 AM

Conclusion: Sunday Mass at 1:30 PM

Location: Betania II Spiritual Life Center (www.betania2.org)

Parish Affiliation _____

Sacred Heart of Milford _____

St. Mary of Milford _____

Other _____

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Confirmation Retreat Registration Form 2018-2019

Full name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent's E-MAIL _____

Candidate's E-Mail _____

Date of birth _____ phone _____ grade _____

Father's name _____ Mother's Name _____

Guardian (if applicable)- name, address, telephone, relationship:

Indicate your choice from the following dates:

November 10th & 11th (Register by Oct. 15th) _____ January 12th & 13th (Register by Dec. 15th) _____

I give _____ permission to attend the Confirmation Retreat. I understand that neither St. Mary's of the Assumption and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parishes, nor any of their agents, are responsible for injuries sustained by my child. I am responsible for any medical expenses as a result of any sustained injury.

In the event of medical emergency, and only if I cannot be reached, I give permission to the physician selected by those in charge of this program to transport, hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order anesthesia or surgery for my child.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent/guardian)

Emergency Contact: _____
(Name/Relationship to Child) (Phone)

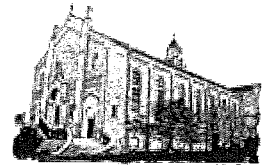
(Name/Relationship to Child) (Phone)

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance Co. _____ Phone # _____ Policy No. _____

Allergies or special needs:

Office use only: Date _____ Full Payment: _____ Installment: _____



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HALL MONITOR FORM

YES, I am willing to help the Limitless Youth Ministry Retreat Team by serving as a Night Hall Monitor. I understand and agree to the following responsibilities:

- To sleep in shifts with other adults during the night to be available for emergency with retreat participants
- To assure that retreatants stay in their assigned rooms throughout the duration of the assigned time for sleep
- To be conscious that retreatants do not visit in rooms of those of the opposite sex
- To report any violation of the Code of Conduct to the Rector of the retreat for his or her determination of discipline or expulsion, if so decided

Retreat date that I am willing to serve:

_____ November 3-4, 2018

_____ February 9-10, 2019

_____ Male Chaperone

_____ Female Chaperone

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Any medical conditions? Please explain:

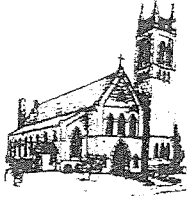
Medical Insurance Information, in case it is needed for your own personal emergency:

Provider: _____ Policy Number: _____

I hereby give permission to receive medical treatment in the event of an emergency.

Signature

date



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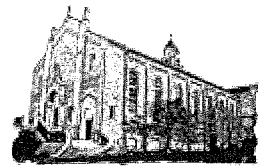
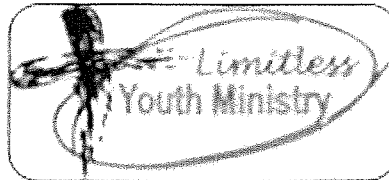
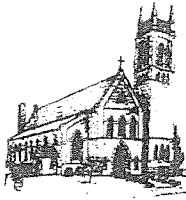
CONFIRMATION RETREAT

CODE OF CONDUCT

The following list is the expectation of all participants for the Confirmation Retreat sponsored by Limitless Youth Ministry. These apply to all teen candidate retreatants as well as adult and teen leaders of the team. Our hope is that adherence to this Code of Conduct by all involved will provide an enjoyable, inspiring and productive experience for everyone. It is expected that this Code of Conduct shall be adhered to throughout the duration of the retreat.

1. Adult leaders (anyone on the team over the age of 21) shall be responsible for the welfare of all youth participants during the retreat.
2. All participants will be respectful of all other members in attendance.
3. Teen candidates will be cooperative and compliant to the directions of the team leaders throughout the weekend.
4. Each participant is expected to participate fully in all activities during the retreat, unless there is a medical reason or permission otherwise by a leader.
5. The possession or use of any alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, vaping materials or other materials that are illegal or interfering with one's ability to participate in the retreat is strictly prohibited.
6. The possession of any digital device or technology support is prohibited. Any items discovered will be immediately confiscated and returned at the end of the retreat.
7. Any prescribed or OTC medications are to be given to the adult leaders with instructions on when and how to be provided to the teen for their self-administration.
8. During the assigned hours for sleep, all teens must remain in their assigned rooms. Any emergency is to be reported to the Night Hall Monitor immediately.
9. Under no circumstances may teens of the opposite sex visit in private rooms or in unsupervised locations.
10. Any infraction of this Code of Conduct can result in immediate dismissal from the retreat. The decision of the Rector of the retreat is final and absolute.

Each Participant and his or her Parent/Guardian is asked to sign the back of this page.



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CONFIRMATION RETREAT CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT

I, _____, agree to abide by the terms and conditions listed on the reverse of this sheet as the Code of Conduct for the Limitless Youth Ministry Confirmation retreat.

signature of retreatant

date

I, _____, agree to provide transportation for my child upon his or her immediate dismissal from the retreat in accordance with the conditions listed on the reverse of this sheet as the Code of Conduct for the Limitless Youth Ministry Confirmation retreat.

signature of parent/guardian

date

Confirmation Retreat Participant Checklist

Clothing

Comfortable clothing (seasonally appropriate)

**In winter months, please bring hats, mittens, etc.
for outdoor walk to dinner!**

Sweater or Jacket

Appropriate sleepwear

Extra clothing just in case!

Please bring mass appropriate (business casual)
attire for Sunday afternoon.

Toiletries

Shampoo

Soap

Deodorant

Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, etc.

Do NOT Bring

Expensive clothing or items

iPods, mp3 players, etc.

or **cell phones**

FOOD

Please bring a snack to share with the group
and/or a small case of water.