

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Religious Education Program
P.R.E.P.**

**Confirmation Weekend Retreat
November 13, 14, 15, 2009**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The weekend of November 13th, 14th and 15th the eighth grade Confirmation candidates are invited to a weekend retreat at the Life for Youth Ranch, 1416 82nd Avenue, Vero Beach, FL (772-567-2446). The cost for the weekend, which includes four meals, is **\$100**. Checks should be made payable to **St. Joseph Catholic Church**, and all paperwork needs to be in the **Religious Education Office no later than October 14th**. All confirmation candidates are expected to attend, therefore, if payment will be a financial hardship, we will take steps to set up a payment plan or seek out scholarships, with total confidentiality of course. Please contact me if you need assistance.

It is important that you understand why this is such a valuable part of their sacramental preparation. Retreats serve to provide our young people with a much needed experience of community and relationship through reflective prayer/meditation. St. Joseph's retreat team is a trained group of men and women who care about these young people and who will provide exciting and enjoyable interrelated activities and Christian challenges in a safe, structured environment.

We feel that your son or daughter will find the retreat a very worthwhile experience, which will help them to make the choice to follow Jesus Christ freely and consciously.

Attached is a list of items to bring on the retreat, the camp rules and directions to the retreat. The retreat center is approximately 35 minutes from Palm Bay and we ask that the parents drive their student to and from the retreat center. St. Joseph PREP is *not* providing transportation.

If you have any questions or concerns about this retreat, please feel free to call me at the parish office, 727-1565.

Yours in Christ,

Lin Wyatt
Director of Religious Education

St. Joseph Catholic Church
5330 Babcock Street, NE
Palm Bay, FL 32907
(321) 727-1565

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone No. _____ Social Security No. _____

Date of Birth _____ School _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

Health Problems _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone No. _____

PARENT INFORMATION:

Father's Name _____

Phone No. _____

Mother's Name _____

Phone No. _____

St. Joseph Catholic Church does not provide transportation to and from retreats. Parents are responsible for bringing their son/daughter to and from the retreat.

I, the parent/legal guardian of _____ allow my son/daughter to attend the Life for Youth Ranch Retreat in Vero Beach, FL on November 13, 14, 15, 2009. I also understand that I am responsible for his/her transportation to and from the retreat.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature Date

Amount Paid: \$ _____ cash/check # _____ Balance due \$ _____

FILL OUT REVERSE SIDE

PERMISSION TO TRANSPORT STATEMENT

I DO HEREBY STATE THAT I AM THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT LISTED ON THIS FORM. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE CARE OF MY SON/DAUGHTER, I GIVE MY PERMISSION FOR THE RESPONDING EMERGENCY TEAM TO IMMEDIATELY INITIATE TREATMENT AND TRANSPORT OF HIM/HER TO THE PREFERRED OR APPROPRIATE MEDICAL FACILITY, ACCORDING TO WHAT THEY DEEM IS INDICATED BY THE NATURE OR EXTENT OF THE INJURY OR ILLNESS. I AGREE TO BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MY SON'S/DAUGHTER'S TREATMENT AND TRANSPORT. I WILL NOTIFY THE CHURCH OF ANY CHANGES OF THE INFORMATION IN WRITING.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

PERMISSION TO TREAT STATEMENT

I DO HEREBY STATE THAT I AM THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT LISTED ON THIS FORM. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE CARE OF MY SON/DAUGHTER, I GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND STAFF TO INITIATE TREATMENT. I ALSO REQUEST THAT I BE NOTIFIED OF MY SON'S/DAUGHTER'S CONDITION AND TRANSPORT. I WILL NOTIFY THE CHURCH OF ANY CHANGES OF THIS INFORMATION IN WRITING.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE ADD ANY HELPFUL INFORMATION NEEDED IF ACCIDENT/ILLNESS/INJURY OCCUR:

INSURANCE INFORMATION

COMPANY # 1 _____ **PHONE #** _____

POLICY # _____ **GROUP #** _____

COMPANY # 2 _____ **PHONE #** _____

POLICY # _____ **GROUP #** _____

**St. Joseph Catholic Church and Life for Youth Teen Ranch
Rules/Policies**

Parents and students please read the rules/policies together. Signature of parent and student is required at the bottom of this page.

- Students are not allowed to have cell phones. A pay phone is available at the retreat center. Messages from incoming calls on the camp line will be taken and relayed to the group leader. If there is an emergency in the night, a cell phone will be on for a parent to contact a group leader. The emergency # is 321-750-4128. This phone will only be on after retreat hours (6:00 p.m.)
- Golf carts are for L.F.Y.R. staff only. Retreat members are not permitted to use them.
- Any student responsible for damages such as graffiti, broken windows, etc., will be held responsible for payment of said damages.
- Shaving cream, and toothpaste fights are prohibited or any other activities along this line.
- Any fire extinguisher found in our cabins or meeting room that has been discharged unlawfully, will carry a \$40 fine. Any student responsible for this behavior will be charged that fine.
- Schedules of meals, events, activities must be followed explicitly.
- Armbands are required for every retreat member. Removal of these may require the student to be sent home. Loss of these will require the payment by the student of a new one.
- Waterslide, boats, swimming and docks are prohibited for use.
- Game room equipment will be made available to our group. It must be accounted for before we leave. It must be kept in good condition and returned to the locker at end of retreat.
- **Alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited.**
- Smoking is prohibited.
- No food or drink in cabins, chapel or meeting rooms.
- Line-up for meals is on the lakeside of the dining hall. Shoes and shirts must be worn. Meals are only served for ½ hour after the serving starts.
- Cabins are segregated. No males in female cabins; no females in male cabins.
- Christian courtesy should be practiced towards others sharing the grounds.
- Lights out and quiet at 11:00 p.m.
- Do not go into any cabin that is not assigned to our group.
- Cabins left unclean will result in an additional charge to the student(s).

I have read the rules/policies and agree to abide by them. I understand that if I do not comply, one of my parents will be responsible to pick me up at any time during this retreat.

Parent Signature
Date_____

Student Signature
Date_____

Confirmation Retreat Checklist

- Students are required to turn in a permission slip signed by their parent or guardian.
- Students are required to be at Life for Teen Youth Ranch for check-in by 7:00pm on Friday, November 13, 2009.
- Parents are required to pick up their son/daughter at 10:30a.m. on Sunday, November 15, 2009.

Students are required to bring the following items:

1. Sleeping bag or sheets and blanket with a pillow
2. Linens (towels and wash cloths)
3. Toiletries (soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
4. Close-toed shoes (tennis shoes preferably)
5. Two changes of clothes (including jacket and long pants)
6. Pajamas
7. Flashlight

Please check the weather forecast so that students will know to dress appropriately.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING RADIOS, STEREOS, HEADSETS OR VALUABLES. THESE ITEMS TEND TO GET LOST OR BROKEN.

Directions to the Retreat Center:

South on I-95 to Vero Beach Exit #147. East on State Road 60 to 82nd Avenue (second stoplight east of I-95), turn south/right and retreat center is a half-mile on left.