

VIRAL: Come Alive!
St. Mary's Confirmation Retreat
October 27th-29th, 2017
Permission Slip

Teen's Name _____ Age _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

I _____ hereby give my permission for my child to
(Parent or Guardian Name)
attend St. Mary's Confirmation Retreat on October 27th-29th, 2017. I attest that the information on this form and the medical information provided on the Youth Ministry Information Form, which I filled out previously, is correct.

Parent or Guardian Signature Date

Parent Phone Number Home: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

PARENTS: Please include written permission for any medication, including over the counter items, in a plastic baggie at the time of the retreat.

YOUTH SECTION

You are representing St. Mary's Church and your family during this event. Mature and responsible behavior is expected at all times.

Expectations are:

- All participants are expected to arrive on time.
- All participants are expected to demonstrate courtesy, respect, and honesty.
- Dress should reflect the value of modesty.
- Possession/consumption of any alcoholic beverage and/or use of any illegal drug, including tobacco, is not permitted under any circumstances.
- Any prescription and/or over the counter medications need to be given to an adult for storage and distribution.

I understand and agree to this behavior code. I also understand and agree that my parents/guardians will be notified immediately in the case of an infraction which requires dismissal. My parents/guardian will be responsible for my removal from the premises.

Youth Signature Date

DUE TO PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE with \$100 retreat fee BY October 19th.

Date: October 27-29, 2017
Time: Arrive at 7:00 PM on Friday & Depart at 2:00 PM on Sunday
Location: Benedict Inn
(1402 Southern Ave, Beech Grove, IN 46107)
Retreat Fee: \$100 (covers food, lodging, shirt & supplies) due by Oct. 19th.
If you need assistance paying for the retreat please contact Megan @ the Parish Office.

This year's Retreat theme is "Viral: Come Alive". We've all seen the videos, the photos, the memes, and the parodies that have gone from one view to one million views overnight; the mom wearing the Chewbacca mask from Kohl's, the little boy opening the avocado as a fake Christmas gift, the after video of EVERYONE who has ever had their wisdom teeth out. All of these have gone viral because people kept sharing them and telling their friends to watch them and share them. In this viral day and age, a time when one snapchat or tweet can make the news, where does our faith fall into place? Do we live out our faith in a viral way, a way that makes others WANT to be a part of it? Do we share our faith in a way that makes others want to share it too? How does the sacrament of Confirmation help us make our faith an epidemic-something that everyone wants to be a part of, to share, to watch, etc? This retreat will be a fun weekend filled with witness talks, prayer time, great food, free time, activities, and opportunities to learn more about our faith and how we can make it go viral and come alive for ourselves and this world!

Please remember that the Confirmation Retreat is a mandatory part of St. Mary's Confirmation program. All of our Confirmation Candidates are expected to make the necessary arrangements to attend.

The retreat will be held at the Benedict Inn in Beech Grove. Please arrive at by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27th. We do not have dinner together Friday evening- please plan to eat before you arrive. We suggest that you arrange carpooling and drive together with other parents. It is parents' responsibility to arrange carpooling and transportation to and from the Benedict Inn. Should you have an issue with any this, please contact Megan. **STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE THEMSELVES!**

Parents, please arrive at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 29th to pick up your son or daughter at the end of the retreat, or make prior arrangements for them to ride home with a friend.

Please bring a snack or drink (ex. cookies, chips, bottled water) to share with everyone and enjoy on Friday evening and throughout the weekend.

WHAT TO BRING

- Positive attitude
- Athletic shoes for games & ropes
- Appropriately modest clothing
- Toiletry items
- Sleeping Bags, Pillows, etc.
- Sweatshirts & Jackets for outdoor activities
- Snack or Drink

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- CELL PHONES
- iPods/MP3 players
- Alcohol, Tobacco or drugs

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS (Retreatants will not have their phones available.)
Megan Gehrich: 765-894-5306 Benedict Inn: 317-788-7581

KEEP THIS FORM!