

Dear Confirmation Parents and Students:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the information you need to prepare and attend our upcoming Confirmation Retreat on Jan 7 thru 8.

MONEY DUE:

The cost of the retreat is \$100 per child. Please mail a check made out to St. Matthew to the parish address. Please put **Attn: Youth Ministry**.

PERMISSION FORMS:

I have included *the Archdiocesan Parental Permission* and *CYO Release* forms with this letter. ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE BOTH completely filled out by their parent(s). Please mail this form to me with your check or separately if you've already paid.

TRANSPORTATION:

We have chartered bus service TO and FROM the retreat. We will be celebrating Mass at 2:30 PM at Saint Matthews.

DEPARTURE FROM CHURCH:

Please be at St. Matthew at 7:30 AM. We will depart at 8 AM with or without you. Meet in the large parking lot behind the school. A snack will be served on Saturday at the retreat site. You may want to eat a snack before we go. Buses will not be stopping for restrooms needs. Make sure to go to the restroom before we leave. There are no restrooms on the buses.

WHAT TO BRING:

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| <i>Sleeping Bag</i> | Towels | Clothes for 2 days. |
| Pillow | Soap | Some cash (but shouldn't be necessary) |
| Warm/Rain jacket | Shampoo | Rugged shoes |
| Flashlight | Bathroom needs | Flip-flops (for showers) |

Note: *Space is limited on the bus--You are allowed three items: One small carry on, a small duffel bag for your clothes and your sleeping bag & pillow (in a tied sack or bag of some kind).*

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

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| Weapons | Alcohol or drugs (duh) | Expensive jewelry | iPods, Radios, etc. |
| Cell Phones | Laptops | Other valuable items | |

Cell phones CANNOT be used in anyway until the conclusion of the retreat.

Students causing problems will either help cleanup after the retreat or be asked to leave.

Students with food allergies should contact Laura in a timely manner.

Number In Case of an Emergency:

In case of an emergency, call: (650) 747-1200. Students will have access to pay phones to inform you of our arrival.

If you have any further questions, please call 925-354-6585.

Thank you,

Laura and Mark