

# Christ Renews His Parish



The Renewal Experience

**S**t. Stephen Catholic Church would like to invite you to participate in an incredible, life changing weekend spiritual retreat. The Christ Renews His Parish (**CRHP**) retreat provides the opportunity for you to develop a more personal relationship with Christ, meet and share your faith with fellow parishioners and establish a new and renewed perspective on your own faith journey.

How this renewal happens is nothing short of miraculous. Through conversation with others, prayer, personal reflection, scripture and new friendships, **CRHP** provides the opportunity to renew and refresh your own personal relationship with Christ and His Church, while growing and developing a deeper understanding of Christ's love for us. It will be a blessing to you and your family.

From your arrival Saturday morning to the final Mass Sunday afternoon, you are on God's time. And there is very little you have to do except be open to His word, open to His calling and immerse yourself in the spirituality of the weekend. All meals, snacks and drinks are provided, and there is no cleanup required!

A **CRHP** retreat is a unique experience for each individual who participates. But perhaps the one common reason people attend a **CRHP** retreat is because they feel called by Christ in some manner. And saying "yes" to His calling is one of the most important steps you can take in your own faith renewal.

Isn't it time you said "yes" to Christ? Why not give yourself a weekend free from responsibility, worry, challenges or the burdens of daily life, and join your fellow parishioners at the next Christ Renews His Parish weekend retreat. So do your family and friends a favor - Go!



A **CRHP** retreat touches participants in very personal ways that are unique to the challenges, needs and faith journey of each individual. Although each **CRHP** experience is different, what is common among participants is discovery – discovery of themselves, of their Christian community, of Christ and His love for us.

And what each participant walks away with is the **true miracle** of the **CRHP** retreat:

*"I felt the love of Christ touch me many times through the weekend."*

*"Christ let me know that I was not alone and that He was there for me."*

*"Christ put me with the most wonderful people that have helped me strengthen my faith in ways I thought would never be possible."*

*"I met people who have risen from the depths of brokenness by embracing Christ as their savior."*

*"I found peace in trusting in Christ with the challenges I face in my life."*

*"I am now able to see God in my every day life! What a miracle."*

*"I now have an incredible group of friends I can trust in and call upon in times of need."*

*"CRHP has allowed me to be a better parent, a better spouse and a better disciple."*

*"I thought my faith was dead, and learned that not only is it alive and well, but Christ is always with me and at my side in times of difficulty."*

## Christ Renews His Parish Retreat Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate which weekend retreat you are registering for:

- Men's Spring Retreat       Men's Fall Retreat  
 Women's Spring Retreat       Women's Fall Retreat

Please indicate any special needs or requirements you may have for the retreat:

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Prayer is an integral part of the CRHP retreat. We would like for your spouse, family and friends to pray for you during the retreat. Please list individuals you would like us to contact to request that they pray for you. Long distance phone numbers are OK.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this form to the church office. If you have any additional questions, please call 813-689-4900 or visit [www.ststephencatholic.org](http://www.ststephencatholic.org)





We could go on and on about how wonderful a **CRHP** retreat is. But perhaps the best way to demonstrate why you should join us for the next **CRHP** retreat is through the recommendations of past participants:

*"Everyone finds something different."*

*"Trust that the Lord will touch you in a special way."*

*"You will emerge with a stronger love of Christ and a renewed faith in Him."*

*"Go to experience extraordinary love of Christ and of YOU!"*

*"Allow yourself the opportunity to learn more about yourself, your faith and your Lord."*

*"Regardless of where you are in your faith, **CRHP** is a life-changing experience."*

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ will meet you there and take your relationship to the next level. We encourage you to say "yes" to Christ and join us and your fellow parishioners at the next Christ Renews His Parish retreat.



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## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit*

*Replace the tension within me with a holy relaxation.*

*Replace the turbulence with a sacred calm.*

*Replace the anxiety within me with a quiet confidence.*

*Replace the fear within me with a strong faith.*

*Replace the bitterness in me with the sweetness of grace.*

*Replace the darkness within me with a gentle light.*

*Replace the coldness within me with a loving warmth.*

*Replace the night in me with Your day.*

*Replace the winter in me with Your spring.*

*Straighten my crookedness.*

*Fill my emptiness.*

*Dull the edge of my pride.*

*Sharpen the edge of my humility.*

*Light the fires of my love.*

*Quench the flames of my lust.*

*Let me see myself as YOU see me.*

*That I may see You as You have promised me,*

*And be healed according to Your word.*

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*"I will put my spirit in you."*

Ezekiel 37:14

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