



CHRIST Renews His Parish

Frequently Asked Questions...

What is CRHP?

Christ Renews His Parish weekend is a 30 hour retreat. The activities include group activities and discussions, prayer and sacraments, and reflections. You will not be asked to speak publicly or disclose private or personal information.

This is a gift from our parish for a weekend away from daily responsibilities, a time for personal reflection and renewal for spiritual growth. Like Mary and Martha we will be your hosts to not only provide food for the body but spirit for the soul.

CRHP is a program designed to bring parish members together in Christ and emphasizes your continued growth in Catholic Christian life. It initiates this through small group participation. During a retreat weekend held at the parish you will have the opportunity to make new friendships with other members of the OLP Parish Community. OLP participants will retreat each Spring and Fall. Fellow parishioners will conduct the weekend.

The retreat weekend will include some group activities and interactions, some prayer and reflections shared by members of the parish team. You may expect an opportunity, in a relaxed setting, to hear Christ's call to you and to respond to His call to a deeper and closer relationship with God.

It is a process designed to bring members of a parish together in Christ. Just as other areas of our life need renewal, so does our commitment to Christ and our parish.

CRHP is unique in that participants are usually inspired to share with others. Retreatants have the opportunity to meet weekly following the weekend to continue to share and renew their faith.

Those who wish can become part of the new team to lead future weekends at the parish. In this way, they are able to share the gift of CRHP with other parishioners and continue their own spiritual growth.

What happens during the Weekend?

You will listen to a number of individuals who have volunteered to give personal witness to the power of Jesus in their lives. Group discussions, with groups of 4-5 people, follow each presentation. You can share as much or little as you wish in group discussions.

You will also listen to Scripture, have prayer time, and time for personal reflection. You will have the opportunity for confession and the weekend concludes with a Mass for the retreat participants.

Everything shared in the weekend are confidential.

How do I register?

Registration will be available online or applications are available to turn in at the Parish Office. Applications are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis. If all of the spots are filled by the time you register, we invite you to sign up for the next weekend. When you register someone from the team will contact you to confirm your attendance in the weekend.

Where and when is the retreat weekend held?

There will be a Men's Retreat and a Women's Retreat each Spring and Fall here at OLP. The dates for this year are Men's Retreats February 20-21, 2016; Women's Retreats are March 12-13, 2016.

Who may attend?

Any parishioner 21 years or older is invited to attend.

I'm doubtful. Who will invite me?

You will be invited by announcements at Mass, through the church bulletin and perhaps by someone in the parish who may know you. It is up to you, as an individual, to make up your own mind. You are not being pressured to go. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit or through a human mediator is calling you, COME!

How long will it last?

The weekend begins about 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and will end by 4 p.m. on Sunday.

What should I wear?

Casual and comfortable clothes. Blue jeans and track suits are the usual. No extra "Sunday best" is expected.

What about my meals? Hot meals are served. The food is excellent and the portions ample. There are regular breaks for coffee, soft drinks and snacks. If you have special food needs, let us know when you register.

Where do I sleep? The sleeping accommodations are a bit unique but comfortable. Service is excellent since you make your own bed and provide whatever linens, pillows blankets, sleeping bags, etc. that you desire.

Can I afford this weekend? It's free! Volunteer helpers and contributions of some items help keep cost to a minimum. The cost is supported by OLP Parish.

If I have a health problem, may I still attend? Mention that you have a special need on the Registration Form. A person from the Retreat Team will contact you about your specific requirements. It should not keep you from coming. There are very few situations we cannot accommodate.