

Confirmation YEAR 2 Retreat

Feb 21-23, 2020

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The 2nd Year Retreat is our annual *weekend retreat* at the Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds in Occidental, CA. It is planned and run by high school upperclassmen (so it's relevant) with a little help from the adult core team (so it's supervised). It's a time for teens to step away from the busyness of their lives and connect with God and each other.

It is by far most teens' favorite part of the whole program (see what they said on the next page). **It is required for Year-2 Confirmation.**

This year's theme is *Fiat! – Let it be Done!* Fiat is not simply a “yes” to God, it is a submission to the great things God wants to do in our lives. Letting God's will be done is not about giving something up, but it is picking something up. It is creative. It allows God to speak something new into our world. It allows us to bring Christ to others. It brings us on an adventure.

When: 4:15pm Friday, Feb. 21st – 4:00pm Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 2020

Where: Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds

Cost: \$200

More details to come!

Have questions? Contact Jacob at jperry@stbonaventure.net or 925-672-5800 x2229

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A few quotes about retreat from real teens...

My favorite part of Confirmation was the retreat. We were brought to this peaceful forest to have a lot of fun and just relax, relieve our stress and take time to think about God. It definitely brought me closer to God and helped me understand him more. –Christian.

Going into retreat part of me was dreading it. But I actually really enjoyed it. We all opened up. It made me want to have God in my life. – Makenna

Omg I didn't wanna leave! At first I didn't wanna go. But I liked it! It made you realize no matter how life is or what happens God is there for you. – Yadira

Retreat was that time you could let everything go. I didn't worry about my social life at school. I could just focus on my group and God. – Enrique

That was a super fun weekend. It was so much fun. I didn't even miss my phone. When I got my phone back at the end I was like "I don't even want it."–Dylan

The retreat was actually so crazy. I got way closer to my group. It was such a good environment. It just had a good vibe to it. I don't know how to say it. It definitely brought me closer to my faith. It inspired me. –Jehric

The retreat was really cool. It was when I first realized someone was there. *looks up* - Enya

I just wanted to write you the most sincere thank you for everything you did to have retreat the way it was. It truly was the most amazing experience i have ever had in a group. Bonding with my small group and leaders have left such an impact on me! I will cherish the friendships i have now made and the good positivity that this weekend has brought upon me. Bringing myself closer to God, with my new friends with me was such a lovely thing to do. I seriously do not want Confirmation to end, but I am so so so thankful for it! –Sara

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PARENTAL PERMISSION**

Child's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Birth Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ Home Phone _____

Cell or Other Number _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY PERSON OTHER THAN PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Name _____ Phone _____

**PARENTAL PERMISSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM**

I/We, parent(s) or authorized guardian(s) of the child named above give permission for his/her participation in **Confirmation Year 2 Retreat** and all related activities, including but not limited to transportation to and from this youth ministry and/or Confirmation event sponsored by St. Bonaventure.

I/We agree to direct my/our child to cooperate and comply with reasonable directions and instructions from Faith Formation and/or Youth Ministry staff or adult volunteer leaders.

I/We agree to be responsible for all medical expenses relating to injury of my/our child as a result of his/her participation in this event, whether or not caused by the negligence of the parish, faith formation and/or youth ministry program employees, agents or volunteers or other participants.

I/We understand that youth participating in faith formation and/or youth ministry events risk injury to the body, psyche or property damage to themselves and others. Such injuries can be caused by other persons or accidentally or intentionally self inflicted, faulty equipment or facilities, conditions of recreational facilities, vehicles accidents while in transport to or through the activity itself.

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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration for being permitted to participate in this event, use of the equipment provided and to enter the premises or facilities of the Diocese of Oakland (Diocese) for any purpose including observation and participation in activities, the parent(s) or guardian(s) for him or herself and any successors in interest and on behalf of the minor child agrees:

1. To release, waive, discharge and promise not to sue the Diocese of Oakland, and its affiliated entities, its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers (hereafter referred to as "Releasees") from all liability for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of serious or mortal injury to the body, injury to psyche or property of the minor child, or undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s), whether caused by negligence or other conduct by the Releasees while the minor child, parent(s) or guardian(s) is participating in this event or in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese or any of its facilities or equipment.
2. To indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost it may incur due to the presence of the minor child, parent(s) or guardian(s) in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese, its facilities or equipment, or while participating in any **Youth Ministry event**, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise.
3. That the parent(s) or guardian(s) has/have read this Agreement, voluntarily signs the Agreement and that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the contents of this written Agreement have been made.

Model Release Statement

I hereby (*circle one*) GRANT/DECLINE permission to be photographed and/or videotaped during Youth Ministry and Faith Formation Activities and events; and for the resulting photographs and /or videotaped footage to be edited, for church/diocesan website, etc. for the purpose of promoting activities at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church.

I have read this Agreement and understand everything written above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

_____ Date _____

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