

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This is to confirm that your child is registered for the ***Fearless Retreat*** at **Holy Cross School** (1846 Randall Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473), **February 14-16, 2020**. There is an amazing experience in store for them, and we can't wait to welcome them in the name of Christ!

Please read this letter carefully, and save it for your information. For your convenience, printable documents are attached.

Arrival: Students should arrive at Holy Cross for check-in promptly at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14. (Note that dinner will NOT be provided to students, but snacks will be provided later in the evening.)

Parking: There is limited parking on the street, but you may park in the Church parking lot at drop off and pick up.

Fee: If you have not yet submitted your registration fee (\$45 per student), please do so at check-in. Checks may be made payable to: ***Fearless Ministries, Inc.*** (If your child is attending through your parish and is participating in the Parish Payment Program, we will have note of that at check in.)

Policies: Please read the attached *Retreat Policies* for information about cancellation, dress code, behavior, etc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Lodging:

- Male Students will bunk on the floor in classrooms grouped according to age.
- Female Students will bunk in the Retreat Center across the street (*the first 60 registered will get priority for beds, anyone after that will need to bring cots or air mattresses to bunk in the same retreat house on the floor. If you have an air mattress or cot please bring it just in case, there may be someone in need that you could lend it to if you have a bed*).

Retreat participants are not permitted to eat or drink in the classrooms or retreat center, nor may they disturb any of the technical equipment or supplies belonging to Holy Cross School. Students will be held directly responsible for damaged property.

Packing List:

(NOTE THAT THERE ARE **LIMITED** SHOWER FACILITIES AT THE RETREAT LOCATION! The girls will have some showers available to them in the retreat center and we will try to arrange a time for some of the boys who wish to shower, but cannot guarantee showers for the boys. Yes, it's a sacrifice, but it's only for a day and a half!)

- Air Mattress, Cot, or Mat
- Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Bedding
- Water Bottle (refillable)
- Towel & Washcloth
- Toiletries (Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Hairbrush)
- Warm Clothing for Nighttime
- **Winter Clothing** (We will go outside, even when it's cold, so please bring a warm coat, gloves, a hat, etc. No students will be permitted to stay inside while the group is outside. Please refer to our Dress Code Policy. Nothing with inappropriate logos or images. Skirts should be fingertip length or longer; no bare shoulders or plunging necklines.)
- Rain Gear/Umbrella (if applicable)
- Medicine (if you have a condition that requires medication)
- Ear Plugs and/or Sleep Mask (optional)

- Rosary
- If your child has a food allergy (ex. to peanuts or gluten), please notify us as soon as possible. We strongly suggest you send along some of their own special snacks.

Closing Mass: Families are invited and encouraged to attend the Closing Mass on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. The retreat will wrap up by 11:30 a.m.

Safe Environment: Note that we follow Safe Environment Guidelines. Once the retreat begins, only volunteers who have completed Safe Environment protocol are permitted in the building with students. If you need to drop your child off late or pick your child up early due to an emergency, please contact Maggie Watkins at 484-320-7069 to make arrangements.

Late Arrivals/Early Departures: In the event of emergency, please contact Maggie Watkins at 484-320-7069. **In consideration of their safety, students may NOT under any circumstances leave the facility without first checking out with the retreat director. Parents/guardians are responsible for making sure their child/children have checked out before leaving.**

Cancellation: Space is limited and we must purchase food one week prior. If your child is unable to attend, please notify us immediately and note our cancellation policy (attached).

Check out the FAQ page on our website for additional information: www.fearlessretreats.com.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Know that we are praying for safe travels!

Sincerely,

Maggie Watkins
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