

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish
High School Youth Group 9th –12th Grade
2nd Annual Lenten Overnight Retreat, April 8, 2011

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (B.T.C.), Parish is hosting an Overnight Retreat for any student in 9-12 grades on Friday night April 8, 2011. This packet you have received contains information you and your child will need to know before attending the retreat.

Before you register, please read and fill out the *Registration Form* completely. All medical release information from this form is needed in the case of an emergency and will remain confidential to the Youth Minister.

The students will be asked to fast during this event from the time they are dropped off, until they are served breakfast the next morning. Please be sure that they eat a good dinner before they arrive. **If your child has food allergies, takes medication or has any medical requirements please be sure that they bring whatever they will need for the night and note it on the registration form.**

There will be a \$10 registration fee per student. This cost is for purchasing food materials needed for serving breakfast on Saturday morning, April 9th. Payment may be accepted in the form of cash or personal check made out to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish, and is due with the registration form.

Students may not use cell phones and mp3 players at any time during this retreat, without permission. This event is designed to be reflective and engaging. The use of a cell phone or mp3 player for personal distraction is in conflict of the retreat's design.

If students are found using personal electronic devices inappropriately, they will be confiscated for the evening. If they wish to contact you they may ask to use the office phone. If you need to contact your child for emergency purposes, please call the Youth Minister at 484-410-3706. If your child does not comply with any of the guidelines for proper behavior, you may be asked to pick them up at any time during the retreat.

Registration is from 7:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. at the parish education center. Dismissal on Saturday morning will be at 9:45 A.M. For safety reasons, parents must walk with teens inside the building when dropping off and picking them up. This designated area is inside the front lobby of the Education Center. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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To All High School Students:

HEY! If you are reading this, then you are interested in attending the Youth Group overnight retreat at B.T.C. Parish. Here are some frequently asked questions regarding this event.

What's this going to be like? Fun, reflective, prayerful, Lent-ish, ah... Fantacular! Whatever you bring to it.

Is it true that I have to hand over my cell phone?

Yes, if I see it I get it! I know this can be fatal for some of you, but this retreat is all about increasing our faith and socializing. You'll be so busy there won't be time to text or listen to music. Besides, if we are really going to focus, we shouldn't have distractions from the outside world while we're there...right?

What are we going to do? All kinds of stuff: Stations of the Cross, Adoration, Confession, a scavenger hunt, drum circles, games, music, and Mass before breakfast the next day.

Do I have to go to Confession?

No. But how great would it be if you did? Especially since Easter is in a few weeks. Talk about making it right with the Lord!

What do I need to bring? First, have your parents sign the proper forms that will permit you to come (**Registration, Code of Conduct**), then shove the following things in a bag;

1. Sleeping Bag or Air Mattress
2. Pillow
3. P.J.s (appropriate coverage, thank you)
4. Toothpaste, toothbrush and deodorant – PLEASE...save us from your morning foulness
5. Other things to bring if you please: Rosary, Bible, Journal,
6. The Gym can be cold, despite the heat being on, please bring warm clothes (part of our scavenger hunt might be outside!)

Make sure you eat dinner before arriving at the retreat. As part of the Season of Lent, we will all be fasting (not eating anything) until 9:00am! It may not sound like a long time, but when you're up late doing physical activities, the hunger pangs can sneak up on you. Oh and, nobody likes a party crasher, so do us a favor and just be respectful to everyone there. Otherwise, we have to call your parents, pull them out of bed and make them drive you home at 2:47 in the morning! And what do we dislike more than party crashers? Aggravated parents! Oh yeah! Not sure if you'll know anyone? Simple - bring a friend.

Peace,

John A Seitz

NO FOOD

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**Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish
Lenten Overnight Retreat ~ CODE OF CONDUCT**

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PRINT NAME CLEARLY: _____

I agree to respect the rights and property of others. I understand that neither vandalism **nor** stealing will be tolerated. Financial obligations that result from such behavior will be the sole responsibility of myself and of my family.

I recognize that the chaperones and other leaders are responsible for my welfare and for the wellbeing of all participants in the program and I will, therefore, listen and carefully follow all their instructions and direction.

I will retain an open mind, and not make critical or negative remarks, about what I see and do. I agree to demonstrate Christian values by my language and behavior. I will speak respectfully to other students, chaperones, and other participants and to all I meet during the event.

I understand that the following behavior is appropriate conduct:
One-armed side hugs, Handshakes, High fives and hand slapping, Verbal praise, Arms around shoulders, Hold hands during prayer.

I understand that the following behaviors are samples of inappropriate conduct. Please note that this list is not exhaustive: Kissing, Inappropriate touching, Verbal sarcasm, Massages of any kind, Any form of unwanted affection, Compliments that relate to a youth's body.

I agree not to possess any drugs, tobacco, alcohol, fireworks, matches, cigarette lighters, knives, or items that would endanger people, pets, wildlife, or property or are illegal.

I agree to dress appropriately. I understand that this prohibits short shorts, tank tops, any clothing that has any reference to tobacco or alcohol products including insignias or advertisements.

I will act as a lady or gentleman and refrain from any sexual misconduct.

I will not leave an event, unless my adult leader grants permission. I will not drive or ride in any unauthorized motor vehicle or other form of transportation.

I will not bring radios, CD players, iPods, mp3 players and video games to the event. I understand the need to agree to the above items. I realize and agree that if I do not abide by these rules, I may lose the privilege of attending a scheduled activity, or may be sent home at the discretion of the adult leader at my family's expense. I will be responsible for all financial and other consequences of my behavior.

I, as a participant agree to abide by these guidelines.

Signature _____ Date _____

I, as the parent/guardian of this participant, agree to these guidelines for my teen.

Signature _____ Date _____

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REGISTRATION AND PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM Due Before April 8, 2011

Name of Attendee: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Email _____ Age/ _____ Grade: _____
Parish: _____ County: _____

This form must be completed and submitted with a \$10 material fee prior to the event for registration. Please make a copy to bring with you the day of the event.

I grant my permission for my child _____, to participate in “The Lenten Overnight Retreat” on April 8, 2011 at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Church, 256 Swamp Pike Schwenksville, PA. 19473. Registration begins at 7:00 PM and the event ends at 10:00 AM on April 9, 2011. (*No one may leave early without written parental permission*) If I cannot be reached in the event of an emergency, the following person is authorized to act on my behalf:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Relation to participant: _____

Participant’s physician: _____ Phone No: _____
Health Insurance Type: _____
Policy No: _____

Please list any conditions, e.g. allergies, or other medical problems which should be called to the attention of chaperones: _____

Since this is a fasting event, there will be no food or drink provided (except water), until breakfast at 9:00am. There will be no aspirin or medication of any kind provided. Please be sure that your child has with them anything necessary for medical reasons and list it here: _____

Knowing that there will be proper supervision, in case of injury, I will not hold Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish, the Office for Youth & Young Adults of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia or any person or persons connected with them liable. My signature below also gives the Archdiocese permission to use pictures from the day in which my child may appear for promotional materials.

Parent/Guardian Name: (please print) _____
Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
SIGNED: _____

Parent or Guardian: May we contact you if we are in need of Chaperones? Yes [] No []

A \$10 material fee is due with this completed form. Payment is accepted in the form of cash or personal check made out to “Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish.” Materials needed for purchase include food for breakfast.

Please keep a copy to bring with you and mail completed form to:

John A. Seitz 1228 Main Street Linfield, PA 19468

For more information, questions or concerns please call 610-287-2525, ext. 105

Or email blteresacalcuttaym@comcast.net