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Words cannot express the powerful spiritual life experience that I was gifted by our Lord, the CRHP dedicated team of leaders, witnesses, volunteers and the retreat attendees except to say it has filled me with awe of the power of faith, prayer and Jesus as a rock in the lives of so many courageous women.

It was a rejuvenation of my faith in Jesus and the tools he gives us to be eternally in his house. The weekend was so filled with enriching experiences, especially the sense of community thru the sharing of the trials, tribulations and heart wrenching situations of the witnesses and attendees, as well as the great joy they been gifted by their faith in our Lord.

I would be remiss not to mention the Saturday Night candle-lit pre mass welcome, the wonderful and abundant food especially the gorgeous Saturday night repast complete with our bow tied male wait staff! A true class act.

Every song, scripture reading, group discussions, and sharing brought about deep reflection of my own need to rekindle my personal spiritual journey and relationship with Christ.

I am forever indebted to all those that prepared and shared this life altering retreat.. Thank you for your dedication to spread our Lord's words. Amen.

Respectfully, **Roz Gatewood**

For many years I received invitations to Christ Renews His Parish retreats and always had a ready reason as to why I couldn't attend (too busy at work, other plans, need to do work around the house.....). I did not make it a priority to attend because I was apprehensive that I would be extremely uncomfortable in the retreat environment and that perhaps I would be pressured to share personal information with others that I was uncomfortable sharing. Several years ago I decided to attend. My goal was to "punch the attendance ticket" so that I would never have to worry about being asked to attend again. The weekend was much different than I expected. I met a great bunch of men that I remain proud to know and my apprehension of being asked to share personal information with others was unfounded. My biggest surprise was my decision after the retreat to get more involved in the parish. CRHP helped me realize that I needed to make my faith a higher priority.

Mike Mos

We were new to St John's and the area, it was the new year and there were a couple things laying heavy on my heart. Being new to the area, I thought it would be a great way to meet some ladies of the church... Maybe Learn more about my faith and the Bible. What the weekend provided me with was nothing short of amazing. The food was delicious, kudos to Fr Brad and the kitchen ministry! The ladies that I met that weekend, I now am happy to call my friends and sisters...and here it is almost three years later and we still get together every month! As a result of the weekend, I have been inspired to live my life more in prayer and service, to learn more about my faith and am excited to be a part of the St John's Catholic community. **Cheryl Cominsky**



I came to Christ Renews His Parish because my favorite football team had a "bye" week. Having been raised a cradle Catholic, I thought I knew everything about my faith. Wrong! I found out that weekend that I was missing the most important part. That was my personal relationship with Jesus. My life was forever changed that weekend. **Mary Ann Pass**

We moved to Viera on the 1st of August 2015 and were looking for the right parish to join. We were welcomed to St. Johns and asked if we would like to attend the Christ Renews His Parish weekend on August 22nd. Not only did we find the right parish for our family but also had a renewing spiritual experience while meeting amazing brothers and sisters from our new parish family. **Cristian and Joe Maurin**

When I signed up for CRHP I was looking for spiritual growth. By doing the CRHP retreat and joining the formation team, I've experienced tremendous personal and spiritual growth, all while making lasting friendships and strong connections with men in my parish community. **Brendan Prendergast**

"I originally went just to meet women from the parish...and came away with so much more...lifetime friendships and a new awakening to God's love through Jesus and the Holy Spirit! My eyes and my heart have been opened to the daily miracles happening in my life! I encourage all men and women, young and old, to join for weekend of faith, friendship, and fun - you so deserve it!" **Chris Tanner**

When I first began coming to St. John's five years ago, I was nervous about joining a new church. I really liked the warm, welcoming atmosphere and wanted to meet new people, so when I heard about the upcoming CRHP renewal weekend, although unsure, I took a leap of faith and decided to go. The retreat was nothing like I imagined. That warm, welcome I had experienced during mass carried over throughout the weekend. I was pampered and cared for both physically and spiritually. I was invited to share, but only if I wanted. There was never any pressure! When it was over, I truly left a very spiritually refreshed woman with lots of new friends. I can honestly say, and often do, that CRHP has changed my life. As a slumbering Catholic it has been the catalyst I needed to awaken the desire to be more involved with my parish and my community. **Kathy Mos**