



“Welcome” is a renewal weekend open to every registered adult female (age 19+) of St. Joseph Parish. You will experience a personal, spiritual renewal and an abundance of joy in the Christian Community. **The dates are September 16-17, 2023.**

The **“Welcome”** Renewal Weekend, previously known as “Christ Renews His Parish” (CRHP), is a process designed to bring members of our parish together in Christ. It consists of two gifts. The first is our gift of the weekend to you wherein you “step away” from the everyday world for a time of listening, sharing, prayer, fun and food! The second is your gift to others when you simply take your renewed heart into your everyday life.

This **“Welcome”** renewal weekend is given by a Team of parishioners - the Giving Team - along with a Priest/Deacon - who have come together to prepare this ‘gift’ especial for you.

This is not a silent retreat. The emphasis is on personal and community renewal. The process is centered on the sharing of God’s love by members of the Team and table sharing in a liturgical, scriptural, prayerful & casual atmosphere. There will be no pressure on you to talk or share. Sensitivity to you and your needs will always be respected.

“Welcome” is a process that does not come on like a tornado! It brings God’s message of love into finer focus and allows us a relaxed atmosphere in which to respond to Christ’s call to a closer and deeper relationship with Him and other members of our parish.

This is a two-day retreat here at St. Joseph’s parish. **It will begin at 7:00 am on Saturday morning and conclude on Sunday at approximately 4:00 pm.**

All meals are prepared for you. If you have special dietary or other requirements, we will accommodate you. Please specify them on the reservation form. The entire weekend is informal. Casual and comfortable clothing is encouraged.

Sacraments are part of the weekend. Mass is celebrated and Reconciliation is available. As reservations are **limited in number, please return the Form, plus payment, at your earliest convenience.** If an unforeseen reason arises causing your inability to attend, please contact us immediately so that we can offer the weekend to a person on our waiting list.

Can you afford this weekend? Absolutely **YES!** While the process attempts to be self-sustaining, we ask that you do not stay away for financial reasons. We would appreciate a \$50 donation to help reduce the cost to the parish.

COME AWAY WITH US!

How do you participate in this weekend renewal?

The 2023 **Welcome weekend is September 15-16.** Simply complete the attached registration form and return it to the parish office or put it in an envelope marked **“Welcome”** and place it in the Sunday collection basket with the registration fee. Email welcome2023@aol.com with questions.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Thank you for saying **“Yes, here I am Lord!”** The Team is anxiously looking forward to spending the weekend with you.