

# Christ Renews His Parish at St. John Church - This is your invitation!!!

Check mark which retreat you want to attend: Men's Retreat:  Jan 22/23, 2011  July 23/24, 2011  
Women's Retreat:  Feb 19/20, 2011  Aug 6/7, 2011

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last : \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname (for Nametag): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a registered member of St. John? No Yes

Do you have food allergies or special dietary needs, or do you require any special accommodations? No Yes, they are \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact # 1 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #2 Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions or Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form to the collection plate or mail to: St. John Church | 1229 Vermont | Lawrence, KS 66044**  
**First come. First serve. Only 25 spaces available.** Questions? Cris Denning, cdenning@saint-johns.net, 843.0109

## Office Use:

Date Recvd. \_\_\_\_\_ # for desired retreat \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmed date \_\_\_\_\_ initials \_\_\_\_\_ Confirm Letter \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What is CRHP?** "Christ Renews His Parish" is a spiritual renewal process which calls together the members of the parish – priests, religious, laity – to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of their own parish. It is completely oriented to the parish in order to give both the individual and the parish an opportunity for renewal and growth in the spiritual life. It is led by a team of parishioners properly formed in prayer and love and instructed in the content of the total process. It was developed in 1969 and has been experienced by hundreds of parishes across the country.

**2. What happens during the weekend?** Most say, "You can't explain what happens; you have to experience it." This is your invitation to the experience. You will enjoy the 30-hour Christ Renews His Parish Weekend. This includes group activities and discussions, prayer and sacraments together, and reflections by fellow parishioners on such subjects as: Father's loving care for us, Renewal, Scripture, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Discipleship, and what Christian Life is all about.

**3. Where and when is the retreat weekend?** There are retreats for Men and retreats for Women on different weekends.

**4. How long will it last?** Begins 7:30am on Saturday and ends Sunday by 5pm.

**5. Who may come?** Anyone 19 years or older, Catholic, and who is a registered member of St. John Church is invited.

**6. I'm doubtful. Who will invite me?** This is your invitation. It is up to you to make up your own mind. You are not being pressured. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit is calling you, COME!

**7. What about Confession?** There is a Reconciliation Service that concludes with confession for those who desire it.

**8. What about Mass?** The Eucharistic Celebration is in the church, which is reserved for the participants of the weekend.

**9. Where do people sleep?** Sleeping accommodations are at St. John Catholic School. It is recommended that you bring a air mattress. Service is excellent, since you make your own bed and provide whatever linens, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags etc.

**10. What about meals?** Hot meals are served. The food is excellent and the portions ample. .

**11. What is the uniform of the day?** Casual and comfortable clothes. Blue jeans and track suits are the usual. No extra "Sunday best" attire is expected.

**12. Can I afford the price of the weekend?** Suggested donation \$35.

**13. I'd like to attend the weekend, but I have a health problem.** Mention that you have a special need on this form. A person from the Retreat Team will contact you.

**14. I can't get up and talk in front of people. Will I have to?** You will not be asked to get up and talk.

**15. I'm still not sure. How do I know if I need renewal?** As Christians we are called to continually renew our faith and our relationship with Christ. As a parish we are called to continually renew our community, to experience "being church for others". Do not worry about your preconceived reluctance to participate. Come and see. What do you have to lose?

**16. What are Fr. John's thoughts on Christ Renews His Parish?** Fr. John committed to Christ Renews His Parish. He has participated in the weekend as a retreatant and will continue to be involved as our Spiritual Director at each retreat. He is always praying for the renewal of our parish and encourage all to consider the weekend.

**17. How do I register?** Invitation Registration forms are available at the back of Church and in the Parish Office. Applications are accepted on a "first come, first served" basis.