

Infinite Horizons

We invite you to join us as we unpack through graced conversation and prayer the blessings that have come from the Post-Synodal Exhortation, *Christus Vivit* and the richness that it has provided for those that serve in youth ministry.

In *Christus Vivit*, the Holy Father speaks of great blessings that keep us young in ministry; solid friendship, fervor in prayer, hunger for the Word, longing for the Eucharist, desire to live holy lives, inner strength, peace and joy (161). Together we will reflect on these gifts and where we can be allies for one another along the road as we strive to continuously renew our own youthfulness.

Please feel free to bring the following to help with your prayer:

- A well-loved journal and pen
- Scripture, devotional reading
- Any materials for personal prayer

Daily prayer, Confessions, Adoration and Celebration of the Eucharist will all be available on our retreat weekend.

Musician Call Out:

We welcome any musicians who would like to support our worship through music ministry over the course of the weekend. Please notify Christina if you are willing to volunteer.

Mount Mary Retreat Centre "The Villa"

Youth ministers will spend the weekend at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster. Managed by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, this Diocesan Centre comprises just over one hundred acres of woodlands, walking trails, and a great variety of magnificent trees; all these create a welcoming space for rest and renewal.

The villa offers private and semi-private style accommodations with shared bathrooms. All meals are to be provided by Mount Mary. If you have any dietary concerns, please make note of them on the registration form.

Items to bring:

Please pack for the weekend according to the weather for Ancaster, ON. We will be spending some time outdoors.

- Weather appropriate clothing
- Rain coat
- Toiletries
- Outdoor and Indoor Shoes
- Snacks to share are welcome
- Reusable water bottle
- Entertainment: instruments, board games etc. are welcome

**Please note: Mount Mary will happily provide linens and towels for the duration of your stay.*

*Mount Mary Retreat Centre is located at
437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster Ontario.*



Hamilton Diocesan Youth Ministers Retreat



Mount Mary Retreat
Centre, Ancaster
September 20-22, 2019

"Infinite Horizons"

*A reflection on the renewal of
youthfulness from*

"Christus Vivit"

Retreat Registration

Please register online at or complete the below form no later than September 6, 2019

Name:_____

Parish:_____

Phone Number: ()_____

Email:_____

Emergency Contact:_____

Emergency Contact phone: ()_____

Allergies:_____

Dietary concerns:

- Lactose Intolerant
- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Gluten Free
- Other_____

Accommodations:

Please note room requests are first come, first served.

- Private
- Semi Private (2 beds in 1 room)

Registration Fee: \$200.00

Please submit this form along with cheque payment to:

*Catholic Diocesan Account
(Attn: Christina Mines)
700 King Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
L8P 1C7*

You are invited!

Come away and rest for a while. Our Diocesan Youth Ministers and Ministry Teams are warmly invited to attend our annual Youth Ministers Retreat to grow in relationship with one another and to focus on some personal prayer and reflection at the beginning of another busy ministerial year.

The registration fee for the weekend is \$200.00 per person. This fee covers the cost of accommodations, all meals (excluding Friday night dinner), and all programming materials for the weekend. Please submit registrations no later than Friday, September 6, 2019.

Please consider this retreat weekend as a necessary professional expense. Invest in yourself and in your ministry! You deserve some time away to rest in the Lord. With this said, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is difficulty with the registration fee.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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Retreat Schedule

Friday, September 20, 2019

7:00pm: *Check in, Registration & Welcome*

8:00pm: *Evening Prayer and Sharing of the Graces*

9:00pm: *Wine and Cheese*

Saturday, September 21, 2019

8:00am: *Breakfast*

9:30am: *Morning Prayer and Praise*

10:00-11:00am: *Session #1*

11:00 – 11:30am: *Refreshments and Reflection*

11:30 – 12:00am: *Session #2*

12:00 – 1:00pm: *Lunch*

1:00 – 2:30pm: *Session #3*

3:00 – 5:00pm: *Free Time*

5:00 – 6:30pm: *Dinner*

6:30 – 8:00pm: *Adoration and Praise*
Priests will be on hand to hear confessions

8:30pm: *Beers & Board Games: Coach and Lantern*
Cash bar with snacks provided

Sunday, September 22, 2019

8:00am: *Breakfast*

9:30am: *Morning Prayer and Final Gathering*

10:30am: *Break for Mass (Confessions available)*

11:00am: *Sunday Eucharist*

12:00pm: *Lunch*

1:00pm – 3:00pm: *Annual General Meeting*