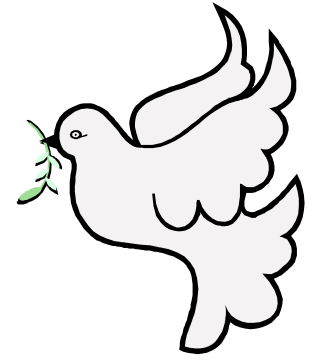


**Are you ready to CONFIRM your FAITH?
St. Robert's Confirmation Overnight Retreat
Sat, October 1 – Sun, October 2, 2011**



**YMCA Camp Jones Gulch
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La Honda, CA 94020-9712
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PARTICIPANTS: All Year II Confirmation Candidates are REQUIRED to attend the Confirmation Retreat.

COST: \$___ **per candidate** to cover lodging and bus transportation. Be sure to submit the enclosed parental permission and waiver form plus the fee at the next Confirmation Class, September 11.

TRANSPORTATION: Participants will meet no later than 8:00 AM in the parking lot of St. Robert's Parish, and proceed to Hennessey Hall for check in and opening activities. Each participant will be assigned to a bus and should place their supplies for the weekend in the staging area for that bus (in the hall). The buses leave at 8:30 AM. We will return on Sunday in time for the 5pm mass. Parents and sponsors are invited to attend the 5pm mass. **ALL CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND MASS.**

WHAT TO BRING: Refer to the attached What to Bring list for other ideas – Bring your own sleeping bag or bedding and a pillow with identification, toiletries, casual clothes, running/hiking shoes, slippers, jacket or sweatshirt, working flashlight and a POSITIVE ATTITUDE! **Please leave your MP3, CD player, iPods, electronic games and any cell phones or valuables at HOME.** We will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles. Any electronic devices will be collected at the beginning of the retreat, labeled and returned after mass on Sunday. This retreat is about time with you and your relationship with God!

For more information contact Joanne Bartolotti
at jobartsre@yahoo.com or 415-810-1171.

Please remember, we are guests at this camp and your utmost efforts to follow all rules and regulations set up by your advisors as well as the camp will be EXPECTED. Any participant who is in violation of any rule will be REQUIRED to call a parent to come to the camp and pick them up IMMEDIATELY. A meeting with Joanne and Fr. Obet will then determine the candidates' readiness for Confirmation. No harassment of any kind will be tolerated!

**Confirmation Retreat
Suggested What to Bring List**

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- o Working flashlight w/extra batteries
- o Warm sleeping bag or bedding
- o Pillow
- o Long pants or jeans
- o Sweatshirt or warm jacket (for evening)
- o T-shirts
- o Shorts (appropriate length)
- o Long sleeve shirt
- o Undergarments & socks
- o Sneakers (daytime)
- o Slippers (night/shower)
- o Toiletries - Soap & washcloth, toothbrush & toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, comb or brush
- o 2 towels
- o Pajamas
- o Book, journal or reading material (optl)
- o Camera
- o Lip Balm
- o Water bottle – labeled with name
- o SUN SCREEN
- o Sunglasses

PLEASE DO NOT BRING HOMEWORK

It is best to be prepared for all types of weather while on retreat in the Pescadero/LaHonda area. Layering is the best way to be prepared for the changing temperatures. The weather conditions can be very unpredictable – **Be Prepared.** The following is a suggested list of items to bring on retreat.

REMEMBER that this retreat is OUTDOORS and may be a great place to wear old, comfortable clothes. REMEMBER PLEASE -- **NO new clothes, flip flops or shoes that can't get dirty!**

YMCA Camp Jones Gulch and St. Robert's Parish - Religious Ed program are NOT responsible for lost or damaged articles. Please mark all of your belongings with your name. Lost and found items will be held for 1 week, after which they will be donated to charity. Arrangements can be made for pick-up of lost & found items through Joanne Bartolotti.

REMEMBER THESE ARE ONLY SUGGESTIONS – Most candidates have been on some type of Outdoor Ed program and may wish to use that as a guide of what to bring.

