

SOPHOMORE RETREAT SUPERB SELECTION OPTIONS

A. "MARVEL-OUS" BIKING RETREAT SEPT. 8/9, 2019 24 PARTICIPANTS

This overnight biking retreat connects the physical challenge of a 50 mile round trip extended bike ride with the challenges faced in daily life spelled out in Joseph Campbell's concept of the Hero's Journey. Students will be challenged to unite themes to the Christian call to live out the Paschal Mystery. The student is responsible to organize transportation to the trip starting point on Sunday morning near the Little Miami Bike Trail and the return to this point on Monday afternoon between 1:00 and 2:00. The student should be in very good shape to ride 50 miles in two days. Student must have an appropriate, suitable bike in very good condition for the length of the trip and basic camping equipment like a sleeping bag and tent.

B. SUPERHEROES JOURNEY BIKE RETREAT SEPT 8/9, 2019 28 PARTICIPANTS

This overnight biking retreat connects the physical challenge of a 75 mile extended bike ride with the challenges faced in daily life spelled out in Joseph Campbell's concept of the Hero's Journey. Students will be challenged to unite these themes with Christian call to live out the Paschal Mystery. The student is responsible to arrange transportation to the starting point near Springfield, Ohio by 10:00 am. Sunday morning and the ending point Monday afternoon near Newtown. The student must be in excellent shape to ride 75 miles. Student must have an appropriate, suitable bike in excellent condition for the trip and basic camping equipment like a sleeping bag and tent.

C. CHALLENGE CHOICE COMMUNITY RETREAT SEPT 20, 2019 28-30 PARTICIPANTS

Growth in the Christian faith involves challenges, choices, and a community of believers to support and strengthen the bond that tie us together. This retreat experientially challenges students to make choices that will allow them to complete a high ropes course. Students must be willing to fully engage in the high above the ground activities to complete the course. Students must be able to take direction from the high ropes course coordinators.

D. ZOO PHOTO SAFARI RETREAT SEPT 25, 2019 36 PARTICIPANTS

On the Zoo photo Safari Retreat students will be invited to embrace the awesome mystery of life by developing a sacramental awareness that believes "there is always more than meets the eye." Through photography, wildlife education, and silence students will be challenged to embrace the awe and mystery of everyday that is always bigger than ourselves. In this way the student can more fully embrace the Ignatian idea of "Finding God in all Things."

E. FISHERS OF PEOPLE RETREAT Sept. 29/30, 2019 20 PARTICIPANTS

Using the relaxing art of fishing this retreat will help students recognize their personal gifts/talents while honing their skills to bring others to Christ. Students will be fishing and camping so they must have basic gear for both such as fishing poles, sleeping bags, tents, etc. An additional fee may be required for a fishing license.

F. WILDMAN WALKING HERO'S JOURNEY #1 October 24, 2019 36 PARTICIPANTS

This most popular retreat follows trails in the fantastically scenic area of Clarksville, Ohio. The 6-7 mile hike involves creek crossings, streams, hills climbing, and walking through fields and forests with spectacular backgrounds. We will connect the hiking experience to the Hero's Journey cycle. Students should be in good hiking shape and have proper foot gear and daypack with water bottles.

G. WILDMAN WALKING Hero's JOURNEY #2 November 5, 2019 36 PARTICIPANTS

Did we say this was popular? Same as above just different date.

H. ZOO PHOTO SAFARI RETREAT #2 November 7, 2019 36 PARTICIPANTS
See description for Letter D. So popular we need a 2nd date.

I. SIGNS OF THE TIMES RETREAT November 12, 2019 30 PARTICIPANTS
Students will discuss some of the signs of the times before departing for a private tour of the American Sign Museum in Camp Washington to make parallels between the meaning, culture and times surrounding the signs with “markers” in their own life journey. The retreat will then focus on modern signs of impacting the lives of students. Students will learn how to use meditative techniques, silence, and art to become more grounded, engaged, and reflective of their own life. Like all of our retreats, silence will be a part of this retreat.

J. ATLANTA AQUARIUM AWESOME MYSTERY OF LIFE Dec. 6/7, 2019 24 PARTICIPANTS
Students will join Mr./Mrs. Nardini and Mr./Mrs. Eby and the marine biology club on an overnight trip to the Atlanta Aquarium to embrace the awesome mystery of life by developing a sacramental awareness that believes “there is always more than meets the eye” while touring one of America’s premier aquariums. There is an additional cost of \$200.00 for this trip for sophomores which includes transportation, overnight entrance and lodging at aquarium, and special private tours. This fee will be collected well before the retreat starts. Students can choose to snorkel for an extra \$240.00 or scuba dive for an additional fee of \$340.00 with the whale sharks. If students cancel on this trip and cannot be replaced a full charge for the retreat will be assessed.

K. KNIGHTWATCH RETREAT FEBRUARY 16/17, 2020 36 PARTICIPANTS
This overnight retreat follows a knight’s watch as a young man prepares to be knighted by examining themes of challenge, gifts, and belonging. Students will come to recognize their own gifts, talents and ability to give with others through witness talks, reflections, and small group sharing. Students must be comfortable with dealing with a large amount of silence and witness sharing with their small group. Participants will walk the labyrinth as a summative experience of the retreat.

L. LABYRINTH RETREAT FEBRUARY 27, 2020 36 PARTICIPANTS
This retreat takes some of the themes from Knightwatch and blends them into a one day labyrinth retreat where students will take a step back from the daily rhythms of life and listen to what God is trying to say to us. There will be plenty of time for small group prayer, private prayer, and walking the labyrinth. Students must be comfortable with dealing with times of silence.

M. CANOEING AND HIKING WITH MARQUETTE AND JOLLIET MAY 3/4, 2020 30 PARTICIPANTS
This retreat remembers the adventurous spirit of Jacques Marquette S.J. and Louis Jolliet who hiked and canoed while accurately plotting the Mississippi River and establishing Michigan’s first European settlement at Sault St. Marie and later St. Ignace, Michigan. This retreat combines the experiential elements of backwoods primitive camping with canoeing (weather and river permitting) and the Ignatian ideal of “Finding God in all things.” The retreat follows the themes of the Hero’s Journey while challenging participants to embrace the Paschal Mystery in their personal lives. Students must be very physically fit to carry an overnight pack and equipment to the backwoods campsite. Preferably some experience in canoeing helps as the river is usually high in the spring. Students are responsible for transportation to Morrow, Ohio area. Basic camping and hiking gear like a trail pack, sleeping bag, etc. are needed for the retreat.