September 10, 2026

Dear Sophomore Parents & Guardians,

Fall greetings! Last February, Campus Ministry enjoyed growing in community and faith with your students on the Frosh Retreat. To honor our mission and commitment to help our students encounter Christ, pursue excellence and lead with love, we are excited to offer the Sophomore Solidarity Retreat this fall on Friday, September 25!

Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, this retreat is a daylong **mandatory** service-based retreat where students participate in Care for God's creation through our partnership with EarthCorps, a local non-profit advancing environmental justice. We will volunteer at Lincoln Park in West Seattle. This beloved park is in need of our students' help in eradicating invasive plants like English Ivy and Himalayan Blackberry. Please note the following:

- **8am arrival** at Kennedy Catholic at the Chapel for prayer *(please note the start time)*
- Departure to Lincoln Park on Kennedy Catholic buses
- Volunteer work focused on removing invasive plant species from the park
- BBQ lunch at Kennedy Catholic (cooked by faculty and staff)
- Community bonding activity to close the day out by **2:30pm dismissal**

This retreat is mandatory. Regular bus transportation is NOT running; however, we will provide transport to Lincoln Park. For this purpose, we need your student to arrive on time (at or before 8am). The retreat will finish at 2:30pm for students to attend normal extra-curricular and sports activities.

We need your help in doing two things:

1. Complete the permission slip sent home in Community Period classes on Friday, September 11. It can also be accessed through a ParentSquare notification from Vice Principal of Student Services, Katie Burns.
2. Complete the online EarthCorps waiver. Please use the QR code at the bottom of this letter.

This online waiver must be submitted, and the hard copy permission slip turned into Campus Ministry on or before Friday, September 18.

This retreat promises to be a memorable experience for the Sophomore Class! Thanks so much for your support of our efforts to build solidarity and impact the community in a positive way. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Tauno Latvala with any questions or concerns.

Peace,

Matt Mohs
Principal/President

Tauno Latvala
Service Coordinator

EarthCorps QR Code