



Fall 2009

RE: Sacred Heart's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Retreat

Parents,

On **November 21, 2009**, Sacred Heart Youth Ministry will host its **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeless Retreat**. Any youth of the parish in grades 9-12 are welcome and encouraged to attend this retreat.

During the course of the evening, we will be participating in Mass, icebreakers, a simulated soup kitchen dinner, praise & worship, and we will spend the night in our own tent city. We will also participate in various break-out sessions dealing with issues that affect the poor in our community and issues that affect the youth themselves.

The youth will only be allowed to bring *three* items to the retreat, including their bedding for the night. The three items may not include any electronics (ie, cell phones, iPods, etc.), food, drink, or any other items that the typical homeless person would not have. Any tents must be homemade, and each piece of tent counts as an item. Also, extra clothing such as a jacket or sweatshirt counts as an item unless it is being worn or tied around their waste. Bags and cases holding items also count as items themselves as they provide more convenience. Choose your items wisely! All items are subject to search when we arrive. The three item rule is enforced; the homeless are not able to travel with many personal belongings.

The cost of the retreat is \$25. Permission slips must be submitted by **November 1, 2009**.

This retreat is not one that your teen should miss. This experience will remind us all why Jesus asks us to help the less fortunate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email. Thank you for entrusting your youth to our youth ministry!

In Christ,

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"The mystery of the poor is this: That they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do for Him. It is the only way we have of knowing and believing in our love. The mystery of poverty is that by sharing in it, making ourselves poor in giving to others, we increase our knowledge of and belief in love."

—Dorothy Day