

Frequently Asked Questions

What is CRHP?

The "Christ Renews His Parish" (CRHP) program is a spiritual retreat experience which brings adult parishioners together in small groups in order to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. It stresses a clear focus on the Gospel and provides a way to relax, unwind and reflect on our sometimes hectic lives.

What happens during the weekend?

The actual Renewal Weekend begins early Saturday and goes through Sunday mid-afternoon. It consists of small group participation, witnessing and sharing by previous members; exercises in the group process and community building; and sharing set in a scriptural and prayerful atmosphere. It also provides those attending with an opportunity for experiencing deep personal conversion through prayer and reflection. This experience would hopefully initiate a process of spiritual growth, Christian community building, good old fashioned fellowship and lay ministry formation. The weekend provides an opportunity for you to respond to a closer and deeper relationship with Christ.

Who may attend?

CRHP is open to all St. Joseph parishioners who are at least 18 years of age.

When and where do the weekends take place?

The weekends are conducted using the Formation Center, Koenig Center and four classrooms.

How long do the weekends last?

A typical weekend begins at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday and will end by 4:00 P.M. on Sunday.



Where do I sleep?

The parish provides aero beds for you to sleep on in four of the school classrooms. You bring your own bedding.

What about food?

Meals are provided by previous CRHP groups and members of the parish. There will be opportunities during the weekend for regular breaks for coffee, soft drinks and snacks. If you have a special diet, please let us know when you register so we will be able to provide for your needs. You will find that you will eat extremely well.

What should I wear?

Casual and comfortable clothing is appropriate and highly encouraged. The key is to be relaxed.

What about the sacraments?

An opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance occurs on Saturday evening and we celebrate Mass together Sunday afternoon.

How much does the weekend cost?

We ask participants to pay a \$55 fee to help defray the cost of the weekend. However, no one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay. Scholarships are available.

How can I be contacted in an emergency?

An emergency number will be given to you before the weekend which will be answered by one of the weekend team members. Cell phones, pager and watches are discouraged since they detract from the retreat experience.