



SEARCH

FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY RETREAT

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THE PHILOSOPHY

The SEARCH for Christian Maturity retreat program is based on the philosophy that a retreat experience run by teens For teens will provide each of the searchers with the opportunity of developing the awareness of SELF WORTH, to GROW WITH, IN AND TOWARDS CHRIST, and BUILDING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.

DEVELOPING THE AWARENESS OF SELF WORTH

As a teen with human and Christian potentials, the SEARCH experience provides the climate in which each person can explore the meaning of self as an individual, free to choose from among many alternatives with a sense of responsibility for personal growth within the Catholic faith

GROWING WITH, IN AND TOWARDS CHRIST

Developing an awareness of Jesus as a Divine-Human person with whom Searchers can relate. The weekend retreat experience provides the opportunity to see Christ in the light of one's personal experiences and to realize that Christ is the unity which brings meaning to the believing community.

BUILDING CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

The SEARCH retreat experience provides a setting in which Searchers have a chance to understand, deepen, and share their faith with others, who share the values of a Catholic Christian Community.

The SEARCH retreat program does not intend to correct one's character, morals, emotions, or unstable school or family life. The vision of The SEARCH Program is to provide a method of giving those who have potential of influencing others a personal encounter with Christ. SEARCH gives teens the opportunity and the tools to see and bring Christ into their own environment and share Him with everyone around them. The essential approach of the SEARCH programs is the 'youth talking with youth' approach referred to as Peer Ministry.

Youth Ministers:

This is a wonderful retreat experience for smaller parishes that are unable to put on their own retreat or bigger parishes that have a few teens who want that extra retreat experience with youth from outside their own parish.

This retreat program is designed to assist the parish level Youth Ministry programs by offering a weekend experience in Christian Living for High School aged teens. The weekend participants are encouraged to bring their growth and ideas to the different communities in which they spend their lives.

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SEARCH Retreat Program — VALUES

TRUST

One of the most important values of SEARCH is trust. Participants are divided into "family groups and asked to trust their Table Guides and Y.D.'s (Teen Youth Directors) as they are carefully led through the SEARCH experience.

SHARING

Throughout the weekend the 'Team members give talks in which they share their personal testimony of their growth as a Catholic Christian. Their sincerity, love and openness is an encouragement for "New Searchers" to share their thoughts and feelings.

COMMUNITY

The SEARCH Retreat program is designed to enable those who experience the weekend to better see themselves as members of the Catholic Christian Community. To talk about the possibilities of community support and involvement and to experience it will help each participant to better understand their own faith.

PRAYER

A time for group and individual prayer, the chance to experience the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation, are meant to help the participants better understand their personal relationship with Christ.

GROWTH

Seeing yourself for who you are now, and your potential as a catholic Christian within your own community.

"FUN"

We do not only speak of Christianity as a joyful and loving experience, but something we must also live out in our daily lives ... Being a Catholic Christian is not boring!