

# 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR RETREAT



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Retreat is our annual *weekend retreat* at the Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds in Occidental, CA. It is planned and run by high school upperclassmen (so it's relevant) with a little help from the adult core team (so it's supervised lol). It's a time for teens to step away from the busyness of their lives and reconnect with God and each other. *It is by far most teens' favorite part of the whole program (see what they said on the next page).* **It is a requirement for Year-2 Confirmation.**

**When:** 4:15pm Friday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 4:00pm Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds

**Cost:** \$180

**More details to come...**

**Have questions?** Contact Jacob at [jperry@stbonaventure.net](mailto:jperry@stbonaventure.net) or 925-672-5800 x2229

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## A few quotes about retreat from last year's teens...

“My favorite part of the Confirmation program was definitely retreat. I loved retreat. I loved the stories people told”

“The stories got to me”

“My favorite part about retreat was how close I got to my small group. We were up till like 2:00am talking every night!

“We really got to know each other better”

“At first I was like, do we have to go?? But sophomores told me I would like it. It was so spiritual! I didn't even think about my phone. I got to be with God. It was a great experience and I am glad we all have to go. It was really awesome”

“Before retreat I struggled really bad and life was hard. Retreat changed my life”

“Retreat got me closer to God. I felt weird. My whole life changed”

“The retreat a few weeks ago seriously changed my life and I can't thank you enough. I really lost my way about a year ago and I completely strayed from my faith. Going into the retreat I didn't call myself catholic and I didn't believe in God. Honestly, there was nothing I wanted to do less than get on those buses. But after building relationships and hearing people's stories I realized how much I had to learn. I'm finally rebuilding my relationship with Jesus and with the Catholic Church and that is 100% thanks to my small group and the retreat in general. It was truly incredible.”

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**St. Bonaventure**

**Confirmation 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Retreat (February 23-25, 2018: Alliance Redwoods Conference Grounds)  
PARENTAL PERMISSION**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell or Other Number \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, NOTIFY PERSON OTHER THAN PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTAL PERMISSION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF  
CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM**

I/We, parent(s) or authorized guardian(s) of the child named above give permission for his/her participation in **Confirmation 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Retreat** and all related activities, including but not limited to transportation to and from this youth ministry and/or Confirmation event sponsored by St. Bonaventure.

I/We agree to direct my/our child to cooperate and comply with reasonable directions and instructions from Faith Formation and/or Youth Ministry staff or adult volunteer leaders.

I/We agree to be responsible for all medical expenses relating to injury of my/our child as a result of his/her participation in this event, whether or not caused by the negligence of the parish, faith formation and/or youth ministry program employees, agents or volunteers or other participants.

I/We understand that youth participating in faith formation and/or youth ministry events risk injury to the body, psyche or property damage to themselves and others. Such injuries can be caused by other persons or accidentally or intentionally self inflicted, faulty equipment or facilities, conditions of recreational facilities, vehicles accidents while in transport to or through the activity itself.

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## RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration for being permitted to participate in this event, use of the equipment provided and to enter the premises or facilities of the Diocese of Oakland (Diocese) for any purpose including observation and participation in activities, the parent(s) or guardian(s) for him or herself and any successors in interest and on behalf of the minor child agrees:

1. To release, waive, discharge and promise not to sue the Diocese of Oakland, and its affiliated entities, its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers (hereafter referred to as "Releasees") from all liability for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of serious or mortal injury to the body, injury to psyche or property of the minor child, or undersigned parent(s) or guardian(s), whether caused by negligence or other conduct by the Releasees while the minor child, parent(s) or guardian(s) is participating in this event or in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese or any of its facilities or equipment.
2. To indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost it may incur due to the presence of the minor child, parent(s) or guardian(s) in, upon or about the premises of the Diocese, its facilities or equipment, or while participating in any **Youth Ministry event**, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise.
3. That the parent(s) or guardian(s) has/have read this Agreement, voluntarily signs the Agreement and that no oral representations, statements or inducements apart from the contents of this written Agreement have been made.

### Model Release Statement

I hereby (*circle one*) GRANT/DECLINE permission to be photographed and/or videotaped during Youth Ministry and Faith Formation Activities and events; and for the resulting photographs and /or videotaped footage to be edited, for church/diocesan website, etc. for the purpose of promoting activities at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church.

I have read this Agreement and understand everything written above.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

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