

Description of a "Christ Renews His Parish" Weekend

This two-day retreat weekend is unlike any you have previously attended. Parishioners share with one another the ways they have found meaning, hope, peace and love in their lives. The experience is personal, inspirational, and fulfilling. Many participants feel that the weekend was among the most powerful and positive experiences of their lives.

This is the perfect way to establish a stronger bond with your God and fellow parishioners. The atmosphere is casual and you will begin friendships that will last a lifetime. Many of your fellow parishioners, who have previously attended, will be happy to share their experience.

There are two sessions, one for men and the other for women. The two weekends are not mixed sessions and allow for a husband and wife to attend on the different weekends and still attend to family needs. The age of most participants are 25 and above.

This weekend is very similar to half time during a football game, where time has been set aside to rest, regroup, make midcourse adjustments, rethink strategies, refresh, and ready yourself for a victorious 2nd half. The Christ Renews His Parish weekend is a break from our busy schedule of personal, business and family obligations so that we can refresh ourselves spiritually and be ready for the rest of the "game" of life.

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CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

What is Christ Renews His Parish?

- It is time to relax, pray, and rethink priorities.
- It is time to get to know others in the parish and grow as a community.
- It is an opportunity to examine, rediscover, and enrich a personal relationship with Christ.
- It is a weekend of reflection and sharing of spiritual and real life issues.

What Christ Renews His Parish is Not:

- It is not a silent retreat, yet there are periods of quiet reflection and prayer.
- It is not a parish organization or clique.
- It is not a solitary retreat, individual participation enhances the spiritual experience of the weekend for all participants.
- You will not be required to speak in front of the group, however, everyone's participation in small group discussion is key to the weekend.

What Happens During The Weekend:

The retreat format involves short talks given by the Christ Renews His Parish team. Some examples of the talks include; Fathers Loving Care, Scripture, Spirituality, and Christian Awareness. In small groups participants reflect upon those talks and how they may be relevant to their life and their spiritual growth.

About Christ Renews His Parish

"The personal, spiritual, and communal growth that takes place through Christ Renews His Parish is phenomenal." A quote from an article in Indianapolis's Archdiocesan newspaper, The Criterion, this sentence sums up the Christ Renews process and what is heard from people and parishes that have experienced it all over the country. Christ Renews His Parish began in 1969 at Holy Family Parish in Parma, Ohio, when Father John Jacoby gathered a group of parishioners to pray and plan for the spiritual renewal of their parish. The men formed a team, outlined a weekend of prayer and sharing, and lived together at the parish from Saturday morning until Sunday afternoon with 28 other men. The results were dramatic. The group witnessed what is called "numerous miracles of grace" and came away with a new appreciation of the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. Since those early days, hundreds of thousands of Catholic men and women, as well as people of other faith expressions, have taken part in this spiritual renewal process that came to be called Christ Renews His Parish. Most that experience Christ Renew His Parish come to recognize it NOT as "one more thing to do" but as a source of energy to help in all those "things that have to be done". "Renewal" is truly the appropriate word for this process. Christ Renews His Parish is now recommended by the renewal office of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

We invite men and women who are seeking a difference in their lives, for a weekend of renewal.

We will enjoy each other's fellowship, explore the Gospel and how it impacts our lives, and pray for grace.

With renewed grace, we hope to impact our families and communities in a meaningful way. This is how..... **"Christ"** Renews His Parish!

Christ Renews His Parish Workshops..... Coming Soon!!!!

Times and Locations to be announced and posted on our web site at:

<http://beta.archindy.org/evangelization/crhp.aspx>

