

From our Catechists and Participants...

"They're so faith-filled...there's a love you feel in seeing God in all of these special people that we welcome each year. You don't get this anywhere else." - Mary Roesinger (St. Pius X)

"It's been awesome. I love the camaraderie. These are nice people who are all here for one reason—God."
-John Lorton (Participant, St. Monica)

"We are all a family together sharing the faith. It's so joyous, I can't even tell you." - Nicole McConnell (St. Malachy)



SPRED Overnight Retreat



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*"To respond in love
to God who loved us first"*



A Unique Experience...

Each year almost as soon as the retreat is wrapped up, the participants are asking when the next one will be. There are catechists who have helped plan and participate for over ten years!

The overwhelming response by both catechists and participants is that the retreat is a unique experience they look forward to—just full of joy, and love and friendship.

This weekend is designed especially for our adult SPRED friends—individuals who have an intellectual/developmental disability. What all who come find is a place to share their to grow in their relationship with Jesus, to share their faith, and to enjoy fellowship with each other.

You Can Participate Too!

- **Prayers:** for our planning team, catechists, participants and volunteers.
- **Spreading the Word:** Help us in our effort to reach participants and catechists, and to raise awareness!
- **Donations:** Perhaps sponsoring a participant, or providing supplies needed for the retreat activities. Call or e-mail Erin Jeffries if you are interested in making a donation



Volunteer: It takes many hands and skills to put on a retreat! Come for a couple of hours to share a skill or passion you have, to help set up, clean up, or help with a retreat activity. Or, stay for the weekend and be a companion and helper to one or two participants! Find the volunteer/catechist registration form here:

www.archindy.org/specialneeds

What Happens at the Retreat?

The retreat runs from 9:30 am on Saturday, to 3:00 pm Sunday. In that time you will see:

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass
- Developmentally appropriate scripturally based talks, reflections and faith sharing.
- Variety of activities, including guided painting/meditation, lawn games, and arts and crafts.
- “SPRED the Joy” community service project, for example making care packages for soldiers, or for prison ministry.
- Community building fun and fellowship including trivia, BINGO and the ever popular sing-along!



Sr. Cathy Anne Lepore, OSB leads the group in a sing-along.