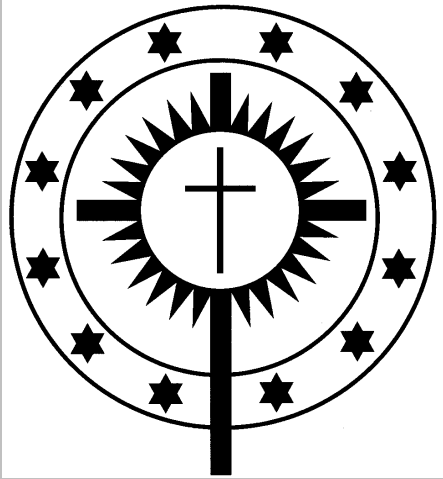


# YOUTH 2000

## Retreat



A weekend  
for, of, and  
by young  
people

*All youth  
ages 13-18 are  
invited!*

March 23 - 25, 2012

John Carroll Catholic High School  
Birmingham, AL

*“Dear young people,  
Learn to ‘see’ and  
‘meet’ Jesus in the  
Eucharist,  
where He is present  
and close to us.”*

*Pope Benedict XVI  
Message for World Youth Day 2011*

Retreat led by on-fire, outstanding speakers!!!

Friday, March 23, 6:30 – 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 24, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 25, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call (205) 322-0481

†Inspiring Talks

†Eucharistic Adoration

†Lively Music

†Group workshop

†Personal testimonies

†Sharing Faith

# **General Information**

The YOUTH 2000 Retreat will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 23-25, 2012 at John Carroll Catholic High School in Birmingham, AL. All youth and young adults, ages 13-18 are invited. If you have any questions after reading the following information, please call (205) 322-0481.

## **REGISTRATION**

The Registration Form and Liability Release are enclosed. **All participants, including chaperones, must complete the Liability Release Form.** All forms for participants age 17 and younger must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and must be completed in advance of the weekend. Participants are encouraged to pre-register. Participants who wait to register at the door must have Liability Release and Registration Forms signed by a parent or legal guardian and will only be allowed entrance if space is available. Return completed registration forms by March 9th. The registration fee is \$50 per person. All chaperones must submit proof of compliance with Diocesan requirements for providing a safe and secure environment for minors (see below). Additional donations to help offset the costs are gratefully accepted.

## **CHAPERONES**

There must be one adult chaperone, age 21 and over, for every one to seven youth under the age of 18. Parent/guardian has the responsibility of finding a chaperone. Chaperones must arrive with, attend, and stay with their youth during the Retreat. All chaperones and volunteers must fulfill and be in compliance with their Diocesan requirements and policies for providing a safe and secure environment for minors **by completing any Diocesan required training and a current criminal background check.** All chaperones must provide a letter from their parish or diocese confirming their compliance with diocesan policies and procedures. Send chaperone form, fee and compliance letter with participants' forms and fees.

## **LOCATION**

John Carroll Catholic High School is located at 300 Lakeshore Parkway, Birmingham, Alabama, 35209. (2/3 of a mile west of I-65 – see map)

## **MEALS**

Lunch, dinner and a drink with each meal will be provided on Saturday. The cost for these two meals is included in the \$50 registration fee. Leaving the site for these meals is not an option.

*YOUTH 2000 relies on private donations. Your donations are welcomed. If you would like to make a donation,*

## **Program “I Am The Bread of Life” Jn 6:35**

### **Friday, March 31**

6:00 p.m.	Registration
6:30 p.m.	Music
7:00 p.m.	Welcome/Introduction and Rosary
7:30 p.m.	Mass
8:45 p.m.	Short Break
9:00 p.m.	Talk
9:45 p.m.	Music, Meditation, Adoration
11:00 p.m.	Closing

### **Saturday, April 1**

8:00 a.m.	Music
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m.	Talk
9:45 a.m.	Workshops
10:30 a.m.	Short Break
10:45 a.m.	Music, Meditation, Testimonies
noon	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Talk/Examination of Conscience
2:15 p.m.	Workshops
3:00 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m.	Music, Meditation, International Rosary
4:30 p.m.	Mass
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Talk
8:15 p.m.	Music, Meditation, Adoration
9:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Procession
10:00 p.m.	Closing

### **Sunday, April 2**

8:00 a.m.	Music
8:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m.	Talk
9:00 a.m.	Rosary
9:30 a.m.	Short Break
10:00 a.m.	Benediction and Reposition
10:15 a.m.	Crowning of Mary
10:30 a.m.	Mass
12:00 p.m.	Testimonies
12:30 p.m.	Closing

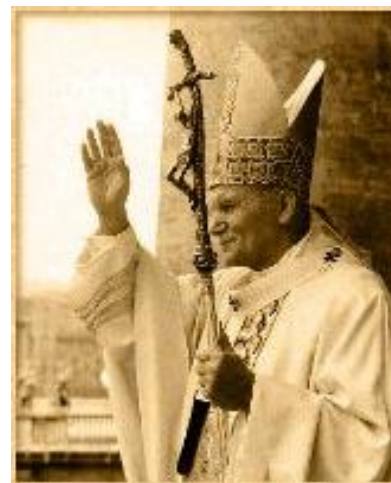
† Priests will be available for confession entire weekend.

*please make checks payable to YOUTH 2000 and mail it to the National Office: YOUTH 2000, 6225 Boca Raton, Dallas, TX 75230*

## **HOUSING**

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“It is to you, young people, that the task first falls of bearing witness to the Faith and bringing into the third millennium the Gospel of Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, the Life ...  
Pope John Paul II



Whether you are familiar with YOUTH 2000 or this is your first opportunity to participate in this exciting weekend, we want to share some personal experiences with you. *The YOUTH 2000 Retreat*, a booklet outlining the theological content and liturgical practices of the YOUTH 2000 Retreat received an Imprimatur in 2000.

#### **POPE JOHN PAUL II**

✠ As a priority in your response to the call for a new evangelization, I am heartened to learn of your resolute efforts to bring further energy to youth ministry. The growth of such groups as YOUTH 2000 and the development of university chaplaincy programs are evidence of the desire of many young people to share in the Church's life. *Pope John Paul II*

✠ Set the Eucharist at the center of your personal life and community life: love the Eucharist, adore the Eucharist, and celebrate it... Live the Eucharist by testifying to God's love for every person."

*Pope John Paul II*  
*World Youth Day, Rome, 2000*

#### **THE BISHOPS**

✠ It was inspiring to witness the faith of the young people and

their obvious love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. *Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza*

✠ It is a unique opportunity for you to encounter Christ in the Eucharist, to learn about Mary and the Church, as well as build new friendships based on our Catholic faith ... As I am sure you agree, you play a vital role in the Church. It is Jesus' love that calls us to this role.  
*Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, Rome*

#### **THE TEENS**

✠ I learned a lot about how I'm supposed to live my life as a Catholic. I also grew closer to God through adoration and prayer. I feel more confident in spreading God's word everywhere I go. *Teresa*

✠ I became more spiritually aware. I learned many new things. I became more close to God. It was my first experience of adoration, and now that I've done it, it makes me want to come in to our church and give an hour to God. *Mary Ann*

✠ At YOUTH 2000 I learned Jesus IS really present in the Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist. *Emma*

✠ I got reacquainted with God and Jesus and I felt one with them. I got peace, happiness and joy from the retreat. I got a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit and I have a new understanding of faith. *Brent*

✠ At YOUTH 2000 I learned that prayer is extremely important in order to keep a close relationship with God and Jesus Christ. *Ernie*

#### **MOTHER TERESA**

"May the Immaculate Heart of Mary guide and protect this beautiful spiritual initiative, YOUTH 2000, and lead each one of you to respond with enthusiasm that you may be in the world, true carriers of God's love, peace, joy, and unity."

#### **THE SPIRITUALITY OF YOUTH 2000**

The charism of YOUTH 2000 is to lead young people, through prayer and instruction before the Blessed Sacrament to a personal encounter and ever-deepening union of heart and mind with the Eucharistic heart of Jesus Christ.

The primary goal of YOUTH 2000 is to inspire and prepare young people to live and give witness to the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ especially in this decade of evangelization called by the Holy Father.

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**Please make all checks payable to:**

## **Diocese of Birmingham**

**There is limited room available in these Birmingham area hotels; please reserve early.**  
(All #'s 205 area code)

Holiday Inn  
492 Wildwood Circle  
Birmingham, AL 35209  
345-8082

La Quinta  
60 State Farm Parkway  
Birmingham, AL 35209  
670-5933

Hampton Inn  
30 State Farm Parkway  
Birmingham, AL 35209  
313-2060

Residence Inn  
50 State Farm Parkway  
Birmingham, AL 35209  
website

Hilton Garden Inn  
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