

TEXAS ORDINARIATE YOUTH RETREAT 2024

BY HIS WOUNDS



HOWDY!

We are excited for you to join us on the Texas Ordinariate Youth Retreat - 2024!

We'll be gathering youth members from our seven Ordinariate parishes in Texas again this summer to talk, hang out, and get to know one another and the gift of authentic friendship.

Here's some information you'll need in preparation for our retreat:

WHO: Active youth of the Ordinariate*, ages 14-17**

WHEN: JUNE 5th – 8th

WHERE: *NEW THIS YEAR!*

Christ Central Camp

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Beaumont, TX 77713

(409) 924-4300

<https://christcentralcamp.org/>



You will need to turn in the documents contained in this packet to your parish retreat coordinator **no later than Friday, May 10th**.

If you have not already submitted payment online through the Ordinariate website: <https://ordinariate.net/ordinariate-youth-retreat>, you will need to do so before the retreat. Please contact your parish coordinator if you are in need of financial assistance.

* Each parish will decide their definition of active participation in youth ministry; however, the expectation is that these teens are members of an Ordinariate parish and active in the youth ministry program of that parish to the degree that such a program exists.

** This is a teen retreat, and topics addressed will be geared to the teen experience and level of maturity; thus, no one under the age of 14 (entering Freshmen) will be allowed to attend. On the other end, teens who will have just graduated in the class of 2024 and have turned 18 during the academic year, will be allowed to attend; however, they will have to have completed the Ordinariate's Safe Environment Training online course and will be bunked with other 18 year olds or the adults as needed.

PACKING LIST

- Comfortable outfits - t-shirts, shorts, pants (casual clothing)
 - *Consult the accompanying Retreat Guidelines and the Ordinariate Youth Code of Conduct for specific rules regarding attire.* Modesty in dress is expected at all times. If you have further questions, your parish's retreat coordinator will be happy to talk with you about it.
- Swimwear
 - *Consult the accompanying Retreat Guidelines and the Ordinariate Youth Code of Conduct for specific rules regarding swimwear.*
- Possibly a rain jacket (check the weather)
- Possibly a light sweatshirt
- Athletic shoes
- Personal toiletries
- Rosary
- Bible
- St. Gregory Prayerbook (if you have one)
- Notebook or sketchbook and Pen/Pencil (optional)
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Sunblock
- Insect Repellent
- Any prescription/medicines you need (ask your parish retreat coordinator about your policy on how these are administered)



LABEL ALL THE THINGS!

Texas Ordinariate Youth Retreat Agenda 2024

Wednesday (June 5)

5:00-6:00pm Arrival and Unpack

6pm Dinner

7:30pm Welcome and Introductions
Talk #1
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10:00pm Lights Out



Thursday (June 6)

7:00am Wake up

8:00am Morning Prayer

9:00am Breakfast

10:00am Talk #2 /Activity [Reconciliation available]

| Time | Underclassmen | Upperclassmen |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| 10am | Talk | Activity |
| 11am | Activity | Talk |

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Talk #3 /Activity [Reconciliation available]

| Time | Underclassmen | Upperclassmen |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| 1pm | Talk | Activity |
| 2pm | Activity | Talk |

3:00pm Free Time/Recreation [Reconciliation available]

5:00pm Mass

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Holy Hour w/ Penance Service [Reconciliation available]

8:00pm Bonfire (Evening Activities/Snacks/Games/Jam Session/Dance/Karaoke)

10:00pm Lights Out

Friday (June 7)

7:00am Wake up

8:00am Mass

9:00am Breakfast

10:00am Talk #2 /Activity [Reconciliation available]

| Time | Underclassmen | Upperclassmen |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| 10am | Talk | Activity |
| 11am | Activity | Talk |

12:00pm Lunch

1:00pm Talk #5 /Activity [Reconciliation available]

| Time | Underclassmen | Upperclassmen |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| 1pm | Talk | Activity |
| 2pm | Activity | Talk |

3:00pm Free Time/Recreation [Reconciliation available]

5:30pm Evening Prayer

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Talk #6 + Adoration [Reconciliation available]

8:00pm Bonfire (Evening Activities/Snacks/Games/Jam Session/Dance/Karaoke)

10:00pm Lights Out

Saturday (June 8)

7:00am Wake Up

8:00am Breakfast

9:00am Wrap up talk

10:00am Mass

11:00am Pack up/Depart

Texas Ordinariate Youth Retreat

~ Guidelines ~

Attire Guidelines

- If your retreatant is packing their own clothes, please help them understand the camp attire and swimwear guidelines and maybe do a once over of the clothes they've packed to make sure they fit the camp attire and swimwear guidelines!
- **General Camp Attire**
 - All clothing must fit appropriately. It should not be tight or revealing.
 - Shorts (both men and women), skirts, and dresses must come to the top of the knee or below.
 - If a female retreatant chooses to wear a skirt or dress, modesty shorts must also be worn.
 - Shirts must have sleeves of some type (the ½ sleeves are acceptable - but sleeveless is not, this includes but is not limited to tank tops and muscle shirts). Sleeves may not have gaping holes or cut-outs.
 - All girls are to wear bras, and we should never see any part of them.
 - Leggings/yoga pants are not acceptable unless a loose-fitting top is also worn of mid-thigh or longer length
 - No open midriffs
 - All clothing must be in accordance with Christian values. No worldly or sexual references or innuendos.
- **Swimwear**
 - All Campers must be fully covered to and from swimming areas (shorts, t-shirts, coverups, shoes/sandals, etc.).
 - Boys must wear swim trunks or board shorts that reach the top of the knee. Speedos are not allowed. They may wear a dark colored t-shirt as well.
 - Girls must wear a modest (full-coverage, no cut-outs or low necklines), athletic-type one piece swimsuit with shorts. They may wear a dark colored t-shirt as well.
 - Swimsuits that are deemed too revealing (male or female) will be covered by board shorts and a dark colored t-shirt - we will have extras for those who do not come prepared.
 - Please pack for two extra sets of clothes to get wet or dirty during recreation. Girls should also bring several dark shirts for recreation. Recreation will frequently involve water, and shirts that can be seen through when wet are not acceptable.

THE RETREAT CHAPERONES MAY REQUIRE ANY CAMPER TO CHANGE CLOTHES, OR WEAR PROVIDED COVERINGS IF THE RETREATANT'S CLOTHING IS DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE. ALL SUCH DETERMINATIONS WILL BE MADE BY AN AGREEMENT OF AT LEAST TWO (2) RETREAT CHAPERONES.

Behavior Guidelines

- **General Behavior**
 - We are to please the Lord at all times and in all places.
 - Retreatants are to demonstrate Christian Character and adhere to the Ordinariate Youth Code of Behaviour, which they have signed with their own hand.

- Retreatants are to be respectful of the retreat staff, priests, seminarians, parent chaperones, and camp staff and adhere to their instructions without quibbling.
 - Retreatants are to attend all services, meals, and all scheduled activities.
 - The waterfront and its activities are off limits except at designated times with counselors and lifeguards present.
 - If you have a problem with a fellow retreatant, and you feel it is necessary to tell someone, tell it to your own parish's lead chaperone and the retreat director only, do not discuss it with others.
 - Campers are expected to sleep in their assigned cabins and remain in their cabins after "lights out" each night.
 - The destruction of property or wildlife will not be permitted. Writing on or otherwise defacing bunks, tables, or other camp property is not allowed.
- **What we ask you to leave at home**
 - No cell phones, music players, or electronic devices while on retreat. Leave them all at home. Chaperones will have their cell phones for the purpose of alarms and to allow youth to briefly call home if deemed necessary. Should a retreatant be found in possession of an electronic device, it will be taken up and held by the parish's lead chaperone until the end of the retreat, and returned upon arrival back at the retreatant's home parish.
 - No Illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products (including vaping)
 - No weapons, or anything that resembles such; this includes, but is not limited to firearms, fixed-blade knives, hatchets, fireworks, nunchuks, etc. (if you have to ask if it's okay to bring, then best to leave it at home).
 - No clothing with profanity, sexuality, drugs, alcohol, anything contrary to church teaching or human decency.

THE DIRECTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SEND ANY PERSON HOME IF, IN THEIR JUDGMENT, SUCH ACTION IS WARRANTED BY THE ACTIONS, COMMENTS, OR DEMEANOR OF SAID PERSON, AND WILL FUNCTION TO THE ONGOING SUCCESS OF THE RETREAT. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, NO REFUND WILL BE MADE.

REQUIRED ORDINARIATE DOCUMENTS



The ORDINARIATE of the CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

YOUTH CODE OF BEHAVIOR

(Adaptable by parishes, communities, and schools only with permission of the Director of Child and Youth Protection.)

Welcome to the Youth Ministry/Educational programs of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter. We expect you will represent your parish, educational program, or school and the Ordinariate well during all programs and gatherings. Remember that you are a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all who will attend; demonstrate Christian consideration, sensitivity, and respect to everyone and to the property around you. We are confident you will display the maturity, responsible leadership, and character, which have become the trademark qualities of Catholic youth. Thank You.

In General

Youth Ministry/Educational Leaders are responsible for the behavior of the members of their group. Leaders and adult chaperones are to help enforce this Code of Behavior and to set an example for their youth. Leaders and chaperones have been given the authority to reprimand those in violation. These persons will be made known to you in advance. Please give them your respect and cooperation.

Some Rules

1. Remember that disruptive behavior can result in serious injury to persons and/or property, and you could be asked to leave the activity for such behavior. Each participant is legally and financially responsible for the removal, defacing, or willful damage to public or private property.
2. Participants must attend all scheduled activities and may not leave early without prior written approval of a parent or guardian.
3. At overnight events, socializing prior to curfew should be done in the public areas. Remember to keep noise levels down in the sleeping areas; especially later in the evenings. This guarantees the right to privacy and quiet times for other overnight attendees and other guests. All participants must be in their assigned rooms or areas by curfew. No visiting is permitted in areas occupied by members of the opposite sex.
4. Be on time for scheduled activities. When exiting the building, parish, prayer, Mass, and other activities, please keep noise to a minimum so that other activities still in session will not be disturbed.
5. Smoking is not permitted at youth activities.
6. Participants may not possess weapons of any kind.
7. Cell phones are to be turned off during general sessions, workshops, at prayer, and liturgy. Please keep calls to a minimum at all other times. Texting during workshops, liturgy, or general sessions is also not appropriate.
8. Youth should dress modestly and appropriately. Your body is God's sacred creation. Respect it as a gift from God. The way you dress is a reflection of what you are on the inside. Show yourself to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.
9. **Youth are not to hurt anyone verbally, emotionally, physically, or sexually.** Treat everyone with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration.
10. **Youth are to report any emergencies, concerns, strangers or intruders, and safety issues immediately to adult leaders or chaperones.**

As a youth participating in *The Texas Ordinariate Youth Retreat*, I agree to abide by these guidelines.

Youth Participant (sign and print your name, date):

Parent/Guardian (sign and print your name, date):

Parish group leaders must ensure that each youth in their group agrees to follow these guidelines and signs this form.



The ORDINARIATE of the
CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

YOUTH PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Participant's Name (First, MI, Last) : _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Parents Names: _____

Siblings Names: _____

Home Address: _____ City/Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Youth Email Address (not required): _____

Parish or Catholic School: _____

Activity or Event or Program: _____

T-Shirt Size (Please Select one): ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL

LIABILITY WAIVER

The undersigned represent that they are the parents or legal guardians of *Participant* and have full authority under law to sign this document.

A. *Parents* grant their permission for *Participant* to enroll and participate in the *activity or event or program*.

B. *Parents* acknowledge and agree that:

- (1) *Participant* and *Parents* voluntarily seek to participate in the *activity or event or program*;
- (2) the *activity or event* may involve physical activity that involves risk of injury;
- (3) *Participant* and *Parents* will abide by all policies and rules established for the *activity or event or program*, instructions of those persons facilitating, organizing, or overseeing the *activity or event or program*;
- (4) *Parents* and *Participant* are responsible for *Participant's* conduct during the *activity or event or program* and are responsible for any damages, claims, or other costs caused by *Participant* or incurred as a result *Participant's* conduct; and
- (5) if *Participant's* conduct is inappropriate, unsafe, or detrimental to the *activity or event or program*, or to other participants or persons, the *Parish/School*, or the *Ordinariate*, may suspend or expel *Participant* from *activity or event or program* and future events.

C. To the extent permitted by law, *Parents* (for themselves, heirs, executors, and administrators), for themselves and for *Participant*, release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the *Parish/School* (including its faculty, employees, contractors, clergy, agents, facilitators, and volunteers), and the *Ordinariate* (The Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, a Texas non-profit corporation, including its employees, contractors, clergy, agents, facilitators, and volunteers), from any and all liability, claims, demands, and costs which may arise as a result of *Participant's* participation in the *activity or event or program* or which is, in any way, related to such participation. This paragraph covers loss under any theory of loss (negligence or otherwise) including but not limited to personal injury or property damage. *Parents* and *Participant* assume all risk of injury or loss to themselves or their property.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Participant signature: _____ Date: _____

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION AND RELEASE

In the event of an emergency contact: _____ Relation: _____

Phone: _____

Alternatively, contact: _____ Relation: _____

Phone: _____

Participant's Insurance Carrier: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Copy of insurance card must be attached.

Participant has the following conditions (allergies, medical conditions, etc.): _____

NOTICE to those with FOOD ALLERGIES and OTHER ALLERGIES: Neither the parish, school, or the Ordinariate represents or gives any assurance that the facilities, or the food offered at the facilities, will not trigger food or other allergies. All students, parents, and guardians assume full responsibility for independently determining that the facilities and food will or will not trigger such allergies.

Participant is currently taking the following medication(s): _____

Attach copies of prescription and any instructions related to the medication, including the amount and timing of dosages.

Special instructions or other information: _____

Unless this paragraph is struck and initialed by the undersigned, *Parents* authorize the *Parish/School* and the *Ordinariate* to provide over-the-counter aspirin, pain relievers, cold medicine, and other over-the-counter medications to *Participant* at *Participant's* request if the *Parish/School* or *Ordinariate* deem it reasonable to do so. The *Parish/School* will make reasonable attempts to notify *Parents* prior to authorizing any such over-the-counter medication.

In the event of an emergency or a situation that is reasonably considered to be an emergency, *Parents* authorize the *Parish/School* and the *Ordinariate* to seek and authorize emergency medical care to be given to *Participant* (for example, first aid, medication, anesthesia, or surgery). The *Parish/School* will make reasonable attempts to notify *Parents* prior to authorizing any such emergency care.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

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VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

Parents grant *Parish/School* and the *Ordinariate* permission:

- (1) to photograph and video tape *Participant* during the activity or event; and
- (2) to use the photographs and video tapes in publications and promotions of the *Parish/School* and the *Ordinariate*, including but not limited to publications such as websites, newsletters, advertisements, scrapbooks, and yearbooks.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

PERMISSION FORM

I (name of parent/guardian) _____, grant permission for my child, (participant's name) _____, to participate in (event) _____ to be held (date) _____ (time) _____ at (location) _____.

☐ ***I have completed and returned a signed Emergency Medical Information and Release Form to be kept on file with the sponsoring organization.***

In consideration of my child's participation in this event, I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, and our heirs, successors, and assigns to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter, the sponsoring parish, its pastor, youth ministry leader, principal, other agents, employees or other representatives associated with the event from any and all injuries, losses or claims arising out of my child's participation in the event.

In signing this form I certify that all information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature (Parent/Guardian)

Date

Signature (Parent/Guardian)

Date

YOUTH PARTICIPANT: In signing the line below I agree to abide by any/all policies and rules established for this event (see Youth Code of Conduct). Should I not be able to maintain the guidelines and expectations of the adults and my peers, I understand that there will be consequences for my actions, including being removed from the activity and being sent home at my parent's expense.

Signature (Youth Participant)

Date

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Signature (Youth Participant)

Date

REQUIRED CAMP DOCUMENTS



WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In signing this release, I, _____, chose to participate in Christ Central Camp activities. I agree to waive any causes of actions, claims, or demands of any nature arising out of or related to any loss, personal injury, disease, illness or property damage that may occur during participation.

I acknowledge that I have carefully read the Camp Rules and Acknowledgement of Risk and Waiver of Liability. I understand it completely and am signing this release voluntarily and competently.

Participant's Name (Print)

Participant Signature

Parent's Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date

Date



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

I, _____, acknowledge there are risk associated with activities offered by Christ Central Camp, including but not limited to: slips and falls, athletic injuries, illnesses, and exposures to elements such as viruses and bacteria. I acknowledge that in participating in any activity, I am assuming all risk associated with it including but not limited to injuries.

WATER SAFETY

Health & Safety Code §341.0646 requires an organization that authorizes a child (defined as 12 years and under) to engage in an organized water activity to; 1) require the child's parent or legal guardian to affirm in writing whether the child is able to swim or is at risk injury or death when swimming or otherwise accessing a body of water; 2) provide each child who is unable to swim or is at risk of injury or death when swimming or otherwise entering a body of water, a properly fitted and fastened Type I, Type II, or Type III United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device; and 3) ensure the child is wearing the personal floatation device, and the device is properly fitted and fastened for the child. The organization is not required to provide a child with a flotation device or ensure the child is wearing the device if: 1) the child is actively participating in swim instruction or a competition; and 2) the organization ensures each child participating in the instruction or a competition is closely supervised during the instruction or competition.

Please answer questions below:

1. Does you or your child plan to participate in a water activity? _____ Yes _____ No

2. Is the participant 12 or younger? _____ Yes _____ No

3. If the answers to both 1 and 2 are yes, please check one below.

_____ my child is able to swim.

_____ my child is at risk of injury or death when swimming or otherwise accessing a body of water