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OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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Greetings from the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry!

I hope you had a great summer! I am writing to let you know about the upcoming **Immersion Retreat** at the **Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells** that will be held **November 8-10, 2019**. The Immersion Retreat is a time for young people in **grades 9-12** to come together to grow closer in their relationship with Jesus Christ, to understand their faith on a deeper level regardless of where they are in their faith journey, and to connect with other Catholic young people from around the Diocese of La Crosse and beyond. The theme for this year's retreat is **"Fully Alive" and is based on 2 Corinthians 5:17:**

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come!"

Keynote Speakers

Will Smith is a Speaker, Worship Leader, Music Educator, and Digital and Social Media Marketer. He is a dynamic and creative speaker who uses story-telling, humor, and experience to bring the heart of the Gospel home to the listener. Will has spent years speaking at various retreats, rallies, and workshops across the country. He and his wife Christie have 3 children and live in Pennsylvania.

Kelly Colangelo fell in love with Jesus at age 17 and has dedicated her life to bringing others into a radical relationship with Christ. She has been involved in ministry for more than a decade spreading the Gospel message at retreats, rallies and conferences. She speaks internationally to people of all ages on a variety of topics and has appeared on EWTN's Life on the Rock, and has been a contributor to Life Teen and Chastity Project blogs. Kelly currently serves as the Director of Youth and College Ministry at a parish in Northwest Florida. She graduated with honors from Niagara University with her B.A. in psychology, communications & theology and from Syracuse University with her M.S. in counseling. Kelly resides in Tallahassee, Florida.

Cost

The "Early Bird" Price: The "Early Bird" price is **\$175 per person**. This applies to each person in your group whose forms, money, and adult background check dates are in our office by the **October 28, 2019 deadline**. So if you have people register late, for whatever reason, only those late registrations will forfeit the "Early Bird" price and not the entire group. This cost includes: lodging, t-shirt, water park pass, meals, and the retreat itself.

Regular Price: Forms, money, and background check dates that come in **after October 28** will be charged the regular price of **\$185 per person**. These people will not be guaranteed a t-shirt, and may be required to bring a sleeping bag to sleep on the floor depending on room capacity.

The individual parishes will need to provide: transportation to and from the Chula Vista Resort - dinner Friday, breakfast and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. The room you will be staying in sleeps 13 people (must be the same gender) and is equipped with a full kitchen. To keep costs down, many parishes arrange to bring their own food and prepare meals as stated above, in their suites rather than eating at the restaurants at the resort. Parish leaders may want to increase their price to cover transportation and food costs. Two adults of the same gender must be present in each room. If you are bringing a smaller group, you may be asked to share a suite with another parish and the meals for that suite can be worked out with the parish group leaders.

To register, please first read the Event Registration Policy found on the website. Each parish or school will register as a parish or school. Please mail all Adult/Child Comprehensive Medical Release Forms and money to our office at 3710 East Avenue South La Crosse, WI 54601. Background check dates for adults may also be emailed to Jen Mickschl at jmickschl@diolc.org.

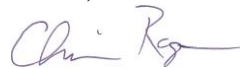
Please visit our website at:

<http://diolc.org/yya/youth-opportunities/immersion-retreat/>

Here you will find all of the registration materials, forms, and poster to promote retreat.

Please keep this retreat in your prayers as well as the participants who will be there. Thank you for all you are doing and know that my prayers are with you and the ministry that you do. Please call or email us with any questions.

Peace,



Chris Rogers

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry