



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

May 2017

Dear DREs and Confirmation Coordinators,

Happy Easter! The Vocation Office for the Diocesan Priesthood, in conjunction with the Office of Catechetical Formation, is pleased to once again offer Saints A.L.I.V.E., a faith experience for students preparing for Confirmation. Over 1,000 youth have participated in these retreats since their inception, and we pray that you and your students will consider being a part of this year's experience. Saints A.L.I.V.E. Confirmation Retreats will be held twice during the upcoming academic year:

- Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Archbishop Wood High School in Warminster,
- Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Pope John Paul II High School in Royersford.

During these retreats, students will experience powerful talks, interaction with the seminarians from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, high energy music, games, and the opportunity to visit one of the Archdiocesan High Schools. A pizza lunch is included and we end the day with the Vigil Mass for Sunday.

New this year, Saints A.L.I.V.E. will include a 1-hour parent session, during which parents will have the opportunity to hear and discuss ways that they can help foster the faith in their homes and during the formative teenage years. This session will be held one hour prior to the Vigil Mass and parents are then invited to join their child(ren) for Mass. The speaker for the Parent Session is Dr. Mariette Danilo, a licensed psychologist who combines her years of experience working with teens with our Catholic faith. Dr. Danilo will speak to the parents about the importance of religion and prayer in the lives of their children, and will offer practical suggestions and concrete examples to assist parents as they continue to form their family in faith and help their children discover who God wants them to be.

We hope that you will consider bringing your confirmation students to participate in one of the Saints A.L.I.V.E. retreats during this upcoming academic year. Additional information is available on the attached registration packet. Registration is also available online at www.heedthecall.org/saintsalive.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Vocation Office at 610-667-5778.

Sincerely in Christ,

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