

Marriage Preparation Retreat: To fulfill Pre-Cana requirements for Engaged Couples preparing to be married in the Catholic Church

The Weekend Retreat Program offers engaged couples a special opportunity to be together and to encounter Christ through prayer and reflection. The goal of the weekend is to more firmly establish their relationship “in the Lord.” This retreat satisfies the Marriage Preparation requirement for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Dates: August 20, 21, 22, 2010

Location: Malvern Retreat House (St. Joseph in the Hills)
Malvern, PA 19355

Cost: \$395 per couple

Registration is limited to the first 20 couples. To register, call the Family Life Office at 215-587-5639, or email the Office: famlife@adphila.org.

Spiritual Wisdoms...

Two men who are not necessarily thought of in connection with Church membership have given us insights that could well be applied to Church membership and how service is at the heart of the Church and life itself.

“I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve. Those among you who will be truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.”

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

“I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to the future generations.”

George Bernard Shaw

Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul - The Feast Day of the two founding fathers of the Church has always held a special place in the Christian Calendar and as early as 258 A.D. the solemnity of these apostles was celebrated on June 29. This Feast honors St. Paul, the fearless preacher and “Apostle to the Gentiles,” who took the Christian Faith to the non-Jewish world, and St. Peter, the first Pope. According to tradition, both were martyred in Rome: Peter in 64 A.D., during the reign of the Emperor Nero, and Paul in 67 A.D. Tradition always held that Peter was buried on Vatican Hill, where the Basilica of Saint Peter was eventually built. Recently, excavations underneath the Vatican have uncovered with archeological certainty, the tomb of Saint Peter. Those who so desire can visit this tomb during their visit to Saint Peter's.

Sidebar: The famous bronze statue of St. Peter in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, sitting upright on his throne and dressed in a Roman robe with a key in his left hand and his right hand raised, has been kissed by so many pilgrims over 6 ½ centuries, that the feet of the statue are conspicuously bright and shiny, especially the right foot. This interesting phenomenon attests to the devotion and faith of hundreds of thousands of people over centuries to the first Pope.

Newman Center Notes

Penn Newman Center 3720 Chestnut Street
www.newman.upenn.edu

Drexel Newman Center 30 South 33rd Street
www.drexelnewman.org

Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 12:05pm Penn Newman St. Bede Chapel – Upper Level

Drexel Newman has resumed celebrating the 1:00 pm Mass Monday through Thursday this Summer.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Catholic Student Coalition (NCSC) Retreat

Join students of the NCSC for the Days of Recreation/Eco-Spiritual Retreat, **July 23-25, 2010** at Ricketts Glen State Park (Benton, PA). \$30 cost includes meals. You should bring your own tenting equipment but if that's a problem contact Caitlyn Ream, NCSC Northeast Regional Chair, at northeast@ncscweb.com. For more information see www.catholicstudent.org: Click on News & Events, then Days of Recreation.

PENN NEWMAN: ALL STUDENTS

Service Opportunity: Tutoring

Participate in a tutoring program for children from K-4th grades at Annunciation BVM Church in South Philly on **Mondays, 3:00-5:15 pm**. The children are primarily Mexican immigrants who are just learning English, and consequently placed below grade level in local schools. Contact Jeff Klein at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu.

Penn Newman: Spiritual Mentoring/Direction

Spiritual mentoring/direction is an opportunity to meet one-on-one with a professional minister to speak about your life. Several mentors are available to Penn undergraduate and graduate students. See www.newman.upenn.edu.

Support Group for Penn Students Coping with Illness or Death of a Loved One

Penn students facilitate a peer-led support group. For more info, see www.newman.upenn.edu (scroll down to the bottom of the page under “Ongoing Programs”). Though this is not a Penn Newman activity, we are happy to let students know of this opportunity.

PENN NEWMAN: GRAD STUDENTS

Christian Life Community (CLC)

Founded in Ignatian spirituality, CLC is a lay community that meets regularly in groups of 6-12 peers from their community or university to pray, reflect, and discuss issues of life and faith. We would like to start some CLC groups of Penn grad students to begin meeting in Fall 2010. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Klein at jeffklein@newman.upenn.edu.