

## Men's Retreat Agenda

**General Retreat Description** – A ONE day retreat on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> with the St. James Parish Family parish hall as the venue. An intense 8 am to 7 pm all day affair. It features an outside speaker, witness talks by members followed immediately by related discussions, a catered lunch (Pizza?), a carry-in family dinner and attendance at 4 pm Mass. A Reconciliation Service would precede the Mass. Planning on a priest in attendance for at least part of the day.

**Retreat Theme** – Relationship of Scripture to Modern Man

### Chronological Outline

- 8 am to 9 am – Greeting by team members and a formal greeting and welcome by the Pastor... Coffee and donuts (rolls?) provided at a greeting area adjacent to the kitchen. Leave this area set up for the lunch and breaks.
- 9 am to 10:30 am – Planning on a meeting area not unlike the CRHP meeting setup with round tables for 6 to 8 attendees and at least 1 team member at each table.  
The first witness talk by a team member of 30 to 45 minutes followed by a discussion period regarding the presentation. Key here is to draw all into the discussion.
- 10:30 to 12 noon – A presentation by **Kevin Saunders** on a biblical subject to be defined, but likely based on or related to the retreat theme, Relationship of Scripture to Modern Man.
- 12 noon to 1 PM – Lunch with added discussion of the guest presentation.
- 1 PM to 1:30 PM – Group Rosary
- 1:30 pm to 3 pm – A second witness talk of 30 to 45 minutes followed by a discussion regarding the presentation. Again a main objective is to develop the presentation theme and get ALL INVOLVED.
- 3 pm to 4 pm – Reconciliation Service
- 4 pm to 5:00 pm – Procession over and participate in the Mass and Eucharist.
- 5 pm to 5:45 pm – Washing of feet and Sadar Meal ceremonies in the meeting area.
- 5:45 pm to 7 pm – A family get acquainted carry in supper. An introductory format where each participant, team and attendees alike, present their family in a “go around the room” format.
- 7 pm to 7:30 pm – Cleanup/stackup/pickup.

### Some General Thoughts

- The two **member witness talks** would be on subjects related to the theme and well drilled and prepared at the regular meetings.
- A **booklet** for each of the attendees will be prepared similar to the one we did for the CRHP retreats with discussion guides and challenge questions. There will be **nametags** for all attendees and members.
- The **preparation for the retreat** will be an integral part of normal Men's Club Meetings and should require a minimum of additional gatherings for specific stuff like lunch details, etc.