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Reel Life

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Bethany House

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"This life is Yours and hope is rising, as Your glory floods our hearts. Let love tear down these walls, that all creation would come back to You. It's all for You!"

# Reel Life

## 2009 Life Teen Fall Retreat

October 2-4, 2009 • Bethany House

### Overview

The Fall Retreat this year will really help our teens to live in Reel Life...I mean, Real Life. There are some things that we take for granted – what does it really mean that God loves us? What does it really mean to live every moment with the dignity that comes with being His sons and daughters? How should that impact what happens to us in Life? How should we respond to that love, that call, that dignity? When we're attacked, how can we call on the Lord to defend us? How do we respond to the challenges that face us every day at school, at home...really, everywhere? How can we truly live in the Power that we're given to be a light for the world around us?

The retreat will include all of the things you've come to know and love about Life Teen retreats – Mass, reconciliation, great talks, small groups, free time, and of course – a kickin' prayer meeting on Saturday night.

### Schedule

Please plan to arrive on October 2, 2009 between 6:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. **Mass begins at 7:00** – so **please be on time**. Be sure to eat dinner before coming to Bethany House.

The retreat will be finished on Sunday by 2:00 p.m. Parents, please pick up your teens by 2:30 p.m.

### What to Bring?

Please bring a Bible, Rosary, a notebook and something to write with. We're also asking each person to bring some sort of a snack to share with the group – chips, fruit, cookies, brownies, etc. Oh, and don't forget the necessities like clothes, toiletries, etc. Bethany House provides sheets, towels and pillows, so there's no need to bring any of those (unless you just *love* your own pillow...you're not alone ☺).

## Registration Information

The retreat is limited to the first 80 teens that register. The cost of the retreat is \$115.00 per person. This includes breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. The fee also includes lodging, a t-shirt, and helps to cover the expenses of the retreat. To request financial aid, email Fr. Ed at [fr.ed@ctkcc.net](mailto:fr.ed@ctkcc.net)...never let money keep you or your teens away from a retreat.

Registration is due by **Tuesday, September 15, 2009**. A \$10 late fee will apply after September 15 if space is still available.

When registering, please include the parental release form and the Bethany House Code of Conduct Form included in this packet. If you did not register your son or daughter for Religious Education at Christ the King, you also need a Medical Release Form, available on the Life Teen page of the Christ the King website.

## Cancellations

A full refund is available until September 15, 2009. After September 15, the refund is \$50.00. No refunds are available for cancellations received after 12:00 p.m. on September, 28, 2009.

## Directions to Bethany House <From Christ the King>

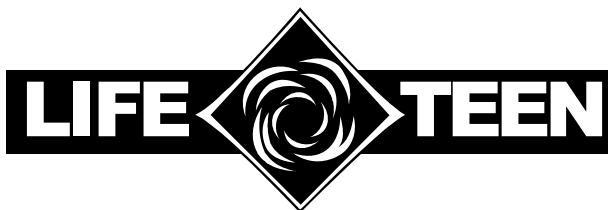
23 North to I-96 West. Follow I-96 to US-127 North toward downtown Lansing. Take the Round Lake Road exit toward Dewitt. Turn right onto East Round Lake Road, follow to the left staying on East Round Lake Rd., this becomes E. Main St. Bethany House is located at 703 E Main St.

## Bethany House Contact Info

The emergency number for Bethany House is 517-669-2431. If you need to get a message to your teen, you can also call Brad Schmidt's cell phone and leave a message; the number is 734-673-5816. The phone won't be on all day, but any message you leave will get to your son or daughter.

## Questions?

Call Brad Schmidt at 734-673-5816, or email him at [bschmidt@emich.edu](mailto:bschmidt@emich.edu) with any questions.





## 2009 Fall Retreat Parental Release Form

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

Your child is eligible to participate in a Parish sponsored activity requiring transportation to a location away from the Parish premises. This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of employees and volunteers from Christ the King Parish. A brief description of the activity follows:

- **Retreat location** is Bethany House 703 E. Main St., DeWitt, MI 48820 (517) 669-8321 (office). In case of emergency, call 517-669-2431.
- **Retreat supervisor** is Brad Schmidt, Christ the King Parish
- **Retreat length** is from 6:15 p.m. Friday, October 2, 2009 to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 4, 2009.
- **Retreat transportation** is **not** provided; parents should arrange for drop-off and pickup.
- **Retreat cost** is \$115/teen for overnight on Friday and Saturday night and 5 meals (3 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday). Eat dinner on Friday before you arrive. A \$10 late fee applies to registrations received after September 15 if space is still available.
- **Refunds** are possible until September 15, \$50 refund for cancellations until September 28 at noon, non-refundable after September 28 at noon.
- **Retreat includes** games, talks, small groups, prayer, songs, a t-shirt, and five meals.

If you would like your teen to participate in this event, please complete, sign, and return the bottom half of this form to Brad Schmidt, or the parish office by **Tuesday, September 15, 2009.**

### STATEMENT OF CONSENT

**Event:** Life Teen 2009 Fall Retreat – Reel Life

**Date:** October 2-4, 2009

I hereby consent to participation by my child \_\_\_\_\_ in the event described above. I understand that this event will take place away from the parish grounds and that my child will be under the supervision of the designated parish employee on the stated dates. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation.

In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in this field trip, I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my child, to release Christ the King Parish, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lansing, and any and all affiliated organizations, their employees, agents, and representatives, including volunteer drivers (collectively "Releasees"), from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child, arising from or relating to my child's participation in the field trip. In the event this release on behalf of myself and/or my child is held to be invalid or unenforceable, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, including negligence, which may be asserted by me or my child, or on behalf of my child arising from or relating to my child's participation in the field trip. This release or indemnification does not apply to claims of intentional misconduct or gross negligence; nor does this release or indemnification apply to the extent of commercial insurance coverage for any claim, but this Release or Indemnification shall apply to the extent of any self-insurance or deductible applicable to any claim. I also give permission for photos from the event that include my child to be used for promotional purposes by Christ the King Catholic Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Parent's or Guardian's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's or Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

During this event, I can be reached at: (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (09-10): \_\_\_\_\_

# Bethany House Youth Code of Conduct

At all Bethany House programs and retreats in which I participate, I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and agree to the following:

I, along with my peers, represent the Catholic Church. Responsible leadership and character are trademarks of the Catholic youth in the Lansing Diocese. Christ-like behavior is promoted and expected at all Bethany House activities.

I am asked to project an image of Christian consideration, sensitivity, and respect to all others and to the property around me. Disrespect towards peers or event leaders will not be tolerated. I will listen when asked or instructed to do something and follow leader directions.

I am responsible for my own actions and behavior and will assume the natural consequences for any negative behavior or disturbance. I will take full responsibility for any damage or theft.

I will attend all event activities except in the situation of an emergency where an adult leader and/or the center director have been notified, doing my best to be on time arriving at activities, awaking from sleep, and returning from breaks.

I will not leave the site unless the event leader or center director is informed and an adult accompanies me from my school or faith community.

No alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco are allowed. Food and drink are allowed in the dining room only. At no time is visiting guest rooms or halls of the opposite sex permitted. Inappropriate contact, touch, gesture, language, or activity of a sexual nature, which would offend any person, is unacceptable.

Cell phones or pagers are not to be in use and local or long distance calls will be made only in emergency situations when an adult leader has been notified.

I will get a good nights rest and agree to any curfew set by event leaders. Curfew means shut eye time in my room. There will be no leaving rooms after curfew.

I understand that youth and adult leaders will enforce this code of conduct and are acting in my best interest and in the best interest of the event when doing so.

Infractions of these rules will result in adult leaders and/or the center director discussing the infraction with me. In the unlikely event that a behavior problem requires extreme action, I understand that my parents will be notified immediately and I will be picked up by a parent or guardian or sent home with an adult chaperone at my own expense.

*I agree to cooperate and have no trouble adhering to this code of conduct.*

Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I accept the conditions stated above in reference to my child's participation in Bethany House activities and understand that without my permission he/she cannot attend. I have reviewed the code of conduct with my teen. I understand that if he/she does not follow these expectations, I will be called and my teen will be sent home at my expense.

*Parent/Guardian Signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

*Emergency Phone Number(s)* \_\_\_\_\_