



## Office for Ministry with Youth Office for Ministry with Young Adults

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

# Come to the Altar - Be Renewed -

A day retreat for those who minister with youth or young adults

Dear ministers with youth and ministers with young adults,

First of all, thank you for all your enthusiasm in building young hearts for the Kingdom! It is an honor to serve you in your sacred work. As such, it is our joy to be able to offer this opportunity for your spiritual nourishment. Before being called to ministry, we are called to be sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, through Christ, in the Spirit.

Below is some information about your day.

### General Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, September 25, 2021.
- **Location:** The retreat will be held at The Miraculous Medal Shrine at 500 E Cheltenham Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144.
  - Our day will begin at the Shrine.
  - Part of our day will take place across the street at the conference space located in their Central Association of the Miraculous Medal building.
  - You may park at the Shrine parking lot through Magnolia St. OR at the Central Association building parking lot through Morton St.
- **Cost and Payments:** The retreat is \$40.00 per person. You may send payment via check to  
Office for Faith Formation of Youth and Young Adults  
Minister's Retreat  
222 N 17th St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19103
  - Checks should be made out to "Office for Faith Formation of Youth and Young Adults"
  - **Payments to be received by September 17, 2021.**
  - \*Should you have any questions or concerns regarding payment, please contact one of us at the phone numbers or emails noted at the end.
- **Registration:** Registrations are open! Please [click here](#) to register. Don't forget to share it with other ministers you may know!
- **Holy Hour:** We will have an hour of Adoration as part of our day. During that time, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession and have members of our Catholic family pray for you in a prayer team.

- **Workshops/Breakouts:** There will be four (4) workshops for you to choose from. If you would like, you may pre-select your workshop in your registration. Here are some details to help in your selection. Please note some workshops will be offered in English (Eng), Spanish (Sp), or Bilingual English and Spanish (Eng/Sp).
  - (Sp) “EL, constante en mi vida: Jesús conmigo a pesar de todo” by David Serrano
    - In our lives there are moments when it seems that nothing is going well and everything is floating in the air; We feel afraid to live and continue because nothing is concrete. Everyone tells us "You have to be strong" but the question that I ask myself is how do I achieve it? or how do I get that? In this talk I would like to discover with you who it is that is always there, in whom we place our conviction and trust when everything seems uncertain.
  - (Eng) “Spiritual Healing: Receiving Christ’s Promise for Life in Abundance” by Meghan Cokeley
    - As we journey with Jesus in the spiritual life, one of the things He will do for us is bring to light the areas of our hearts that need healing and freedom. This talk will explore (1) how the Lord works through the circumstances of our lives to invite us to deeper freedom, (2) how we can respond to this invitation and (3) some simple things we can do to cooperate with Christ to allow His healing and freedom to enter more fully into our lives. The goal is to discover ever more fully the “life in abundance” that He promises.
  - (Eng/Sp) “Visio Divina: Mediation through "Sacred Seeing" by Marisally Santiago
    - “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory”, John 1:14. Through Christ we were able to see the Father and experience, in a most unique way, His tender and loving mercy towards each of us. Similarly, through Visio Divina, or sacred seeing, we can experience Him through the sacred art that makes visible the glorious mysteries of our faith. In our time together, we will experience art as “the sacrament that opens our hearts to the indwelling Spirit of God” (Keary, Kathy. “Contemplative Prayer: The Five Steps of Visio Divina.” *Precious Blood Renewal Center*) through meditation and prayer utilizing works of art at the Shrine.
  - (Eng/Sp) “World Rosary: Meditative making and praying the Rosary” by Pontifical Missions
    - Our Lady calls us to prayer through the power of the Rosary. In this workshop She invites you to deeper meditation on its mysteries as you make a rosary designed with every person of every continent in the world in mind. After, you will come together and pray the rosary for the world in the beautiful courtyard of St. Vincents Seminary.
- **COVID:** The Miraculous Medal Shrine will follow the protocols in place at the time of the event.

### Day Schedule:

- 9:00am – Doors open for check-in and continental breakfast in the lower Shrine
- 9:30am – We begin with Welcome, prayer, and some fun!
- 10:25am – Talk followed by Holy Hour
- 12:35pm – lunch at the conference space across the street
- 1:35pm – Workshops followed by time of “Silence and Solitude”

- You may pre-select your workshop on the registration form OR during check-in on the day of.
- Workshop locations will vary.
- 3:00pm - small group conversations
- 4:00pm - Mass

We truly hope to see every minister with youth and young adults from parishes to schools and beyond so we can share together as the community of servant leaders we are.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of us below.

Blessings,

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