

PAUL VI CAMPUS MINISTRY

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RETREAT PROGRAM 2009-2010

The first priority of any Catholic education program is to communicate God's message of love and to encourage every member of the community to share this message with our brothers and sisters.

Catholic education exists to assist the young in maturing in courage and knowledge to enable them to proclaim the truth as taught by Jesus Christ through His Church.

RETREATS & DAYS OF REFLECTION

Christ acts on each individual whom He calls. To foster and encourage regular and frequent discernment of God's will for each individual, faculty and students retreats, as well as Days of Reflection are offered throughout the school year.

These retreats are scheduled each school year to take place during the school day. *All students are required to attend these days of reflection.*

GRADUATION RETREAT REQUIREMENT

Various two-night retreats are offered to the students throughout the year to provide them an opportunity for deeper reflection on their Christian discipleship.

Every student is required to attend a two-night retreat during his or her Junior or Senior year prior to graduation.

This requirement may also be met by participation in a parish, youth ministry, or local church retreat (minimum 45 hours in duration] **only if it is pre-approved by Campus Ministry.**

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PVI JUNIOR/SENIOR RETREATS

ECHO RETREATS

- ECHO, an acronym for **E**ncountering **C**hrist in **O**thers, is a coed retreat based on the Paschal Mystery, led by a team of Lay Co-Directors, a Spiritual Director, adults (parents, faculty, friends of PVI), and young adults (alumni/recent grads and students/peers)
- The Theology of the retreat is reflected in each of the three days focusing on an aspect of Christ's life: dying, rising, and being present in us, in each other, in His Church, and in this world.
- Through a series of dynamic talks, discussions, activities, liturgical celebrations, and sacraments, each participant is called to live out his/her uniqueness as a creation of God, by modeling his/her relationship with Christ throughout the weekend and beyond, and being challenged to bring it back to family, PVI and the larger community
- ECHO's impact is in the simplicity and beauty of its goal: to see the face of Christ reflected, first in themselves, and then to see Him reflected in others.

GUIDED RETREATS

- Theme retreats are single gender retreats planned to meet the spiritual needs of students living in a secular world. Through a format of spiritual/contemporary issues, Spiritual Directors offer the students the opportunity to focus on their faith and their ongoing relationship with God now and in the future.

{SENIORS ARE OFFERED PRIORITY REGISTRATION 1ST SEMESTER ONLY}