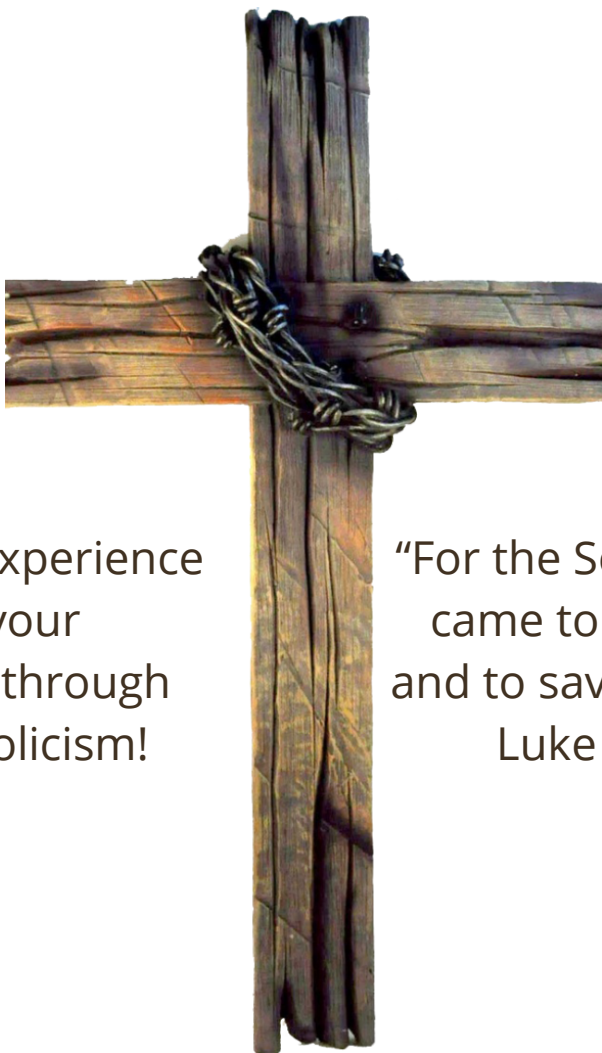


The Cross Retreat

October 8-10, 2021



Come experience
your
faith through
Catholicism!

“For the Son of Man
came to seek out
and to save the lost.”
Luke 19:10

A Catholic Retreat for grade 9-12 and
their adult leaders.

<http://www.crossretreat.net>
@Camp Tekakwitha



Office for Youth – The Diocese of Birmingham

The CROSS Retreat

October 8, 9, & 10, 2021

More information at www.crossretreat.net



Please Register Early! This retreat often sells out

Camp Tekakwitha- Springville, AL

When is the Retreat? Check-In Friday is between 7:45 and 9:00 PM – **Do not arrive prior to 7:45 PM.** If you must arrive later than 9:00 PM, get permission from the diocesan youth director (205-838-8301) before you sign-up for the retreat.

4 Meals provided: Saturday breakfast through Sunday breakfast.

Cost: \$45 per person. Make checks payable to the Office for Youth. We have a limited number of confidential scholarships available. Also, most parishes are willing to give financial assistance. Scholarship applications are available at www.crossretreat.net.

➤ **Registration:** Space is limited. Do not wait to send your form, do it now to ensure your space.

➤ **All fees are non-refundable after October 3rd, 2021**

Who May Attend? The retreat is intended mainly for high schoolers. However, College age participants are welcome. Please do not register those who are younger than 9th grade.

The Purpose of the CROSS Retreat

1. To help teens increase their knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.
2. Using the general format of Called, Formed, and Sent, we work to foster growth toward being Missionary Disciples
3. To offer an opportunity to meet new friends and have fun.
4. To give adult participants an experience of Catholic Youth Retreats.

The CROSS Retreat is planned and conducted **by** young adults under the supervision of the Youth Services Office of the Diocese of Birmingham.

➤ **Chaperones** Any parish sending four or more young people to CROSS should provide (and pay for) at least one qualified chaperone. Parish groups of more than nine should provide the number of qualified chaperones as called for in the diocesan Code of Conduct. All chaperones must have completed Youth Protection 1, have a current background check on file and be approved for service with youth by his or her pastor. Please contact us right away if you want to come but think there will be a problem finding chaperones.

What should a young person know before going to CROSS?

- 1) The retreat is in a rustic environment. We use bunk houses with heat, A.C. and modern bathrooms.
- 2) The food is good, and servings are generous but don't expect gourmet.

Directions to

Camp Tekakwitha

8500 Deer Haven Rd, Springville AL 35146

VIA I-59 (from the North)

- Take Springville Exit 154 from I-59
- Turn Left onto Hwy 174. 1 mi
- Turn Left onto Village Spring Village Spring Rd becomes Clayton Rd when you enter Jefferson County. 5 mi
- Turn Right onto Zuber Rd. 1.7 mi
- Turn Right onto Deer Haven Rd. 0.8 mi
- Deer Haven Rd. dead ends at the camp gate.

VIA I-59 (From the South)

- I-59 to Deerfoot Pkwy exit, EXIT 143
- Take the ramp toward Clay. Turn West on Deerfoot Parkway toward Clay.
- Merge onto Deerfoot Pkwy. 2.0 mi
- Turn Right onto Trussville Clay Rd/Cr-153. 1.4 mi
- Turn Right onto Old Springville Rd/Cr-30. 2.1 mi
- Turn Left onto Clayton Rd. 2.0 mi
- Turn Left onto Zuber Rd. 1.7 mi
- Turn Right onto Deer Haven Rd. 0.8 mi
- Deer Haven Rd dead ends at Camp Tekakwitha.

- 3) You will be expected to fully participate in every part of the weekend. This includes getting up on time and being on time at activities.
- 4) There is a curfew, so don't expect to stay up all night.
- 5) Bring casual, outdoor type clothes but leave home anything that might be offensive at a church event. Open toe shoes should be avoided. Bring flip-flops for shower use only.
- 6) If you come to the retreat with an open mind, you'll make new friends and have a great time.



Must participants be Catholic? Young people of all faiths are welcome; however, CROSS is a Catholic retreat. All participants are expected to participate in all aspects of the weekend, including Mass.

What about transportation? Transportation is not provided. Carpooling with a teenager behind the wheel is strongly discouraged. All drivers under age 21 will be required to turn in car keys.

What to Bring

- Masks for COVID prevention
- Casual clothing suitable for outdoor wear
- Pillow
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Bed sheets
- Personal toiletry items
- Appropriate shoes for active outdoor wear - No open toe shoes (except for shower wear)
- Towel
- Swimsuit & extra towel (in case it's warm enough to swim)
- Jacket
- Raincoat
- Flashlight
- Your favorite snack to share. All snacks are to be brought to the meeting room snack bar so they can be shared with the whole group.

Check payable and mail to:
Youth Services
 PO Box 12047
 Birmingham AL 35202
 (205) 838-8301

Do Not Bring

- Clothing with inappropriate or rude graphics or words
- Radios, cell phones, CD players, TVs or electronic games, iPods, computers or similar devices
- Firearms, fireworks, knives or weapons of any kind
- Anything else that could distract you from the retreat atmosphere
- We cannot be responsible for valuables, so leave them at home

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COVID-19 Prevention Measures:

Masks will be required for indoor meetings and activities. Social distancing will be a part of our program. Please come prepared to willingly comply with these measures.

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Please call or e-mail the Office for Youth if you have questions or concerns. Many times we can help clear up roadblocks to participation – especially when you ask in advance. You can reach us at (205) 838-8301 or YouthMinistry@BhmDiocese.org.

The CROSS Retreat

Registration and Consent - Page 1

October 8-10-2021

A Catholic retreat intended primarily for grades 9-12. However, college age young people are welcome

- Check-In on Friday between 6:00 and 9 PM
- Check-Out on Sunday at approximately 1:00 PM
- Retreat Fee: \$45 per person (Non-refundable after October 3rd) – Scholarships may be available
- Location: 8500 Deer Haven Rd, Springville AL 35146
- Transportation is not provided by the Diocese or the retreat
- Contact: The Office for Youth (205) 838-8301 or YouthMinistry@bhmdiocese.org
- See attached notes and www.CROSSretreat.net for details

-- ALL Participants must plan to stay for the entire weekend –

Please print all information – Complete both pages

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Parish: _____ City Where Parish is Located: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male Female Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

E-mail address (optional) _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent Phone(s) with area code: _____

I grant permission for my child herein named to participate in the event described above.

I agree on behalf of myself, my child (named herein), our heirs, successors, and assigns to hold harmless and defend the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, its Bishop, Parishes, Employees and Volunteers from any liability for illness, injury or death arising from or in connection to my child's attendance at the event described above.

To the best of my knowledge, my child (named herein) is in good health, I assume all responsibility for the health of my child. In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child for emergency treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any treatment by a hospital, clinic or doctor. ***I have noted all health/diet concerns on page 2 of this form.***

As parent/legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any actions taken by my child (named herein). My child will conduct himself/herself in a proper and respectful manner. I understand that failure to abide by standard codes of conduct will cause my child to be dismissed from the above named event. I agree that if my child is dismissed from the event I will travel (or send an adult designee) at my expense to the event location and retrieve my child.

I/We understand that COVID-19 Prevention measures will be required of all participants. (see flier)

Yes No **Media Permission** I give my permission for my child (named herein) to be photographed and/or recorded at the event described herein and understand that media produced may be used to advertise or promote future events:

Print Parent Name _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Complete both pages of this form

Participant Name: _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Family Health Plan Carrier: _____

Policy/Contract Number: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Policy Holder: _____

My child is taking medication at present. He or She will bring all medications necessary, and such medications will be well labeled. Names of medications and instructions: _____

Optional Instruction (Check if "yes")
Do not give non-prescription medication of any kind to my child without my express permission.
Exceptions: _____

Allergic Reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.) _____

Date of Last tetanus shot: _____

Special Dietary Concerns: _____

-- Note: The parent or guardian must provide any special foods required by the child.

Physical Limitations: _____

Special medical or psychological conditions of my child:

-- Any other information you wish to give us--

Alternate Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Complete both pages of this form. Make Check Payable and Mail to:

**Youth Services
PO Box 12047
Birmingham, AL 35202-2047**

**** Scholarships should be requested early ****