

Yes
**I WANT TO BE A
PART OF CHRIST RENEWS HIS
PARISH AT ST. RAPHAEL.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I wish to attend the *men's* retreat weekend.

I wish to attend the *women's* retreat weekend.

Please describe any health or diet restrictions:

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

*Please complete this registration form and drop it
in the collection basket or return to the rectory:
6047 Bishops Place, St. Louis, MO 63109.*

Prayer
**FOR SPIRITUAL
RENEWAL**

OF ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

Loving Father:

*You have made the St. Raphael the Archangel
Community.*

*We are your daughters and sons and members
of your family.*

We thank you for this.

*We offer our personal lives and the lives of our
parish family.*

*Show us how we are to be renewed in the
likeness of your son, Jesus.*

*Send us your Holy Spirit. Give us His gifts, His
fruits and His special blessing.*

*All this we ask in the name of Christ, our
Lord.*

Amen!

For more information, please contact:

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Christ
**RENEWS
HIS PARISH**

*St. Raphael the Archangel
Catholic Church*

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Frequently ASKED QUESTIONS

TELL ME BRIEFLY. WHAT IS IT?

“Christ Renews His Parish” (CRHP, pronounced “chirp”) is a spiritual renewal process that calls together the members of St. Raphael the Archangel to experience personal conversion and Christian community in the environment of our own parish. After the initial retreats, it is led by a team of parishioners formed in prayer and love and instructed in the process. It was developed in 1969 and has been experienced by hundreds of parishes across the country.

WHAT IS IT NOT?

It is not a silent retreat.

It is not a parish organization.

It is not a public confessional.

It is not an emotional cult.

It is not a parish clique.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE WEEKEND?

Most who have made it say, “You can’t explain what happens; you have to experience it.” This is your invitation to the experience. You will enjoy the 30-hour Christ Renews His Parish weekend at St. Raphael. It includes group activities and discussions, prayer and sacraments together, and reflections by fellow parishioners.

WHERE AND WHEN IS THE RETREAT HELD?

There will be a Men’s Retreat and a Women’s Retreat each spring and fall held at St. Raphael. Women and men attend on different weekends.

HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

The weekend begins Saturday morning and will end Sunday afternoon.

WHO MAY COME?

Anyone 19 years or older, Catholic or non-Catholic, who resides within the St. Raphael parish boundaries, or who is registered in the parish, is invited to the Christ Renews His Parish Retreat.

I’M DOUBTFUL. WHO WILL INVITE ME?

You will be invited by announcements at Mass, through the church bulletin and perhaps by someone in the parish who may know you. It is up to you, as an individual, to make up your own mind. You are not being pressured to go. Praying for guidance is important. If you feel that Christ, through the Holy Spirit or through a human mediator, is calling you, *come!*

WHAT ABOUT CONFESSION?

There will be a Reconciliation Service that will conclude with confession for those who desire this sacrament.

WHAT ABOUT MASS?

The Eucharistic Celebration will take place in church, which is reserved for the participants of the renewal weekend.

WHERE DO PEOPLE SLEEP?

The sleeping accommodations are in the school, with cots and/or air mattresses provided. You make your own bed and provide whatever linens, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags, etc., you desire.

WHAT ABOUT MEALS?

Hot meals are served. The food is excellent, and the portions ample. There are regular breaks for coffee, soft drinks and snacks.

WHAT DO I WEAR?

Participants wear casual and comfortable clothes. Blue jeans and track suits are the usual. No extra “Sunday best” attire is expected.

CAN I AFFORD THE PRICE OF THE WEEKEND?

Absolutely *yes!* Volunteer helpers and contributions of some items help keep cost to a minimum. The cost is supported by St. Raphael Parish. The opportunity to make a good will offering will be provided at the end of the retreat.

I HAVE A HEALTH PROBLEM. CAN I COME?

Mention that you have a special need on the registration form. A person from the retreat team will contact you about your requirements. It should not keep you from coming. There are very few situations we cannot accommodate.

WILL I HAVE TO TALK IN FRONT OF PEOPLE?

You will not be asked to get up and talk. No pressure will be on you if others choose to speak. The retreat is an opportunity to meet and get to know people from the parish.