



**What is the Christ Renews His Parish Retreat?  
Can it really change my life?  
Should I attend CRHP?  
What are others saying about the retreat?**



**When I was first asked to attend a CRHP weekend, I was hesitant.** I was unsure what to expect. I have always kept my faith in God to myself. I have never been one to stand on a rooftop and profess my beliefs out loud. This is what I thought CRHP was all about. Boy, was I wrong. We all know our glorious God is a forgiving God. The difficult part is; we are not so forgiving of ourselves. How can God forgive me my sins, if I am unable to forgive myself? I have met some of the most amazing women through CRHP. Women just like myself. With their help, CRHP, and our almighty God above, I have been blessed with the knowledge that I can forgive myself. This has been an everyday challenge in my life, that I have overcome. I am human. I am a sinner. I am a Child of God. And, I am worthy of all the many blessings He has bestowed on me. **Gracie Lemons**

**I have been on many days of renewal, reflections, retreat weekends of many types and focus.... so why another?**

In my lifetime, I have participated in many, many, retreat weekends and days of renewal, in parish settings and outside of the parish. Our lives are so busy, roller coaster rides...in our family, children and jobs. Even if not. Jesus beckons; "set yourself apart for awhile"....refresh yourself. Who doesn't need to be refreshed and renewed. How big is your God? He always has more he longs to give you! How very, very, true that was for me on the Christ Renews His Parish weekend! Gift upon gift for me, I am still enjoying the fruit of the weekend. Come and see! **Annette Smith**



**CRHP was the most extraordinary & meaningful retreat that I have ever experienced.** During the CRHP weekend a bond is formed in friendship with the ladies who share it together. You realize that though each of us walks a different path in life and bears our own personal crosses, strength & hope are found in the love and support of one another. Your faith increases, and you gain friends who truly care about you, are there for you, and who pray for you daily. **Lisa Welko**



**CRHP was a wonderful weekend for me,** sharing, laughing, praying, making new friends, and becoming closer to God and stronger in my faith. This was my first retreat. I'm glad I made the decision to attend and to do this for ME.

**CRHP to me is a spiritual gift offered to everyone** in the parish over the age of 18. CRHP encouraged me to explore what I have done in my life to be a good Catholic and what I can do become a better disciple for the Lord. I have been honored to meet many people who share similar struggles in their lives as they try to do the Lord's will. After attending CRHP, I became more involved in different ministries in my previous parish and have become enthusiastic about praying and reading scripture because I have been inspired to do so by my CRHP friends. I believe CRHP participants can come together and help each other become friends in Christ who support each other's faith journey. **Katherine Ritchie**

## Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) 2018 Retreats

**Men's Weekend ~ February 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Women's Weekend ~ February 24<sup>th</sup> — 25<sup>th</sup>**

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**CRHP has made a profound impact in my personal faith journey.** I was apprehensive for the retreat weekend at first but decided to step outside of my comfort zone and trust God. That weekend turned out to be a beautiful and enriching turning point in my life. My family has been attending Our Lady of the Lake for nearly 15 years but I barely knew any of my fellow parishioners. Without even realizing it, CRHP has given me the opportunity to grow my faith and my reward has been the beautiful relationships that have

developed, and will continue to develop, with my fellow sisters in Christ! I truly believe that CRHP was an answered prayer for me. I pray that it is for you too. **Jody Stahl**

**CRHP is the beginning of walking** in the overflow of God's love and his holy and apostolic church. I am blessed to have bonded with my Catholic sisters from our parish. **Mary Thole**

**CRHP coming along when it did was a blessing for me.** Having been involved with Cursillo and Charis prior to moving to the Branson area 5 plus years ago I was feeling kind of lost since I couldn't find anything like it here. Then along came CRHP and I was again rejuvenated by the love of Christ and my fellow parishioners. **Art Thole**

### **Men's Weekend ~ February 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>**

For more information about the men's renewal weekend, please contact:

Fr. David Hulshof (417) 334-2928 or

Deacon Dan Vaughn at (417)336-5585

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**CHRP has been the best experience for me since moving to Branson.** The women in our group inspire and encourage each other to work through challenges in order to become closer to God. We share our triumphs and failings on our journey of life and gain dignity by affirming our common bond as women of God. The retreat enlivened my relationship with God, the Catholic church, and others. **Bonita Holtkamp**

**Being a part of the CRHP weekend was one of the best things** that I have done to strengthen my faith. It is a time of listening to people talk of their faith journey and how God has played a part in their lives. It is also a time of fellowship with other parishioners that you may not know very well and a time to build new friendships. I would recommend it to anyone. Find a way to fit it into your busy life! You won't regret it. Janice Cooper

**Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) has been a wonderful part of my life for nine years,** and now I am thrilled to be a part of Our Lady of the Lake's CRHP Women's team #1. It took me almost two years to finally agree to attend my first CRHP retreat at our parish in Indiana. I think my guardian angel was waiting for the right group, and I was blessed with 14 beautiful women who became my sisters in Christ. A CRHP retreat gives you the opportunity to listen to your fellow parishioners' stories of their faith journey; and allows you the chance to build upon your faith as you meet with your team members during the period of formation. Our Women's team #1 has 13 beautiful women who have become my sisters in Christ at Our Lady of the Lake. Please open your heart to saying yes to this 32 hour retreat and find your sisters in Christ also. Please, ask me about CRHP -- I'd love to tell you my story! Beth Vaughn

**The CRHP weekend provided the perfect setting** to focus on Christ and renew my commitment to Him. Experiencing the weekend has brought a new sense of community among those who have attended, which has also strengthened my faith. Sue Head, CRHP #2

**I think it's important to take time away from the world and focus on my Catholic faith.** CRHP gave me the opportunity to build community with other women from OLOL while focusing on the Catholic beliefs that are important to me - Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and the celebration of the Mass. I am so glad I attended CRHP. Mary Dodd

**I believe one of the great benefits of CRHP** is the true brotherhood that is born and maintained. Through CRHP, I met and became a true friend to men I would have never even known before. Praying and working together binds people to one another more than you can imagine. There is also the religious aspect of course, but the love I feel from both CRHP brothers and sisters is what makes it great to me. Bill Barnes

**Being new to the church, I didn't have many friends.** I felt like an island. Since getting involved with CHRP, that has all changed. I now have a bunch of men that I know have my back, and are praying for me. I'm not going it alone anymore. David Lingner

**The CRHP weekend brought the fire of the Holy Spirit** to my heart and soul like nothing I have experienced before. A wonderful chance to share Jesus and get to know other men from our parish. CRHP has instilled a real and deep sharing of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit with others from our parish. It has provided a real incentive to learn more, make prayer and the bible a daily part of our life. Steve Harter

**CRHP is a process of building loving & lasting relationships within your Parish Community.** Retreats were not new to me as I had attended two retreats a year for at least 25 years. CRHP is not your normal retreat. I truly believe that the Holy Spirit led me to Branson so I could experience CRHP and its

## **Women's Weekend ~ February 24<sup>th</sup> — 25<sup>th</sup>**

For more information about the women's renewal weekend, please contact:

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benefits, which included for me healing, a renewed Spirit, and increased faith, a better understanding of scripture and best of all, lasting relationships. Julie Johnsonbaugh