

September 20, 2022

Dear CRE student,

We missed you at CRE on Monday! So that you are starting out at as much the same place as the other people in your group, we ask that you complete the following:

- View the presentation that we gave as orientation. You can access the presentation here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/8wkr4lelcosgdpn/HS%20Orientation.pptx?dl=0>  
We are asking that each freshman and sophomore participate in at least one retreat this year. Which one looks most interesting to you?
- Complete the questions found here: <https://forms.gle/p7uvXC6kaRsexwoz9>
- As this was our first session, we participated in several “get to know you” activities. Please complete these as well:
  - Would you rather:
    - Go without showering or go without brushing your teeth?
    - Have the ability to fly or the ability to time travel?
    - Be alone for ever or always surrounded by annoying people?
    - Never use a social media app again or never watch TV or movies in any way?
    - Live without the Internet or live without AC?
  - How do you brush your teeth?
    - Water then toothpaste?
    - Toothpaste then water?
    - Water toothpaste water
    - Toothpaste only
    - Are you stationary or do you walk and brush
  - Rank the following in order of priority with 1 being the lowest:
    - Watching Netflix
    - Homework
    - Work
    - Activities outside of work or school
    - Keeping my room clean
    - Making my parents proud of me
    - Relationship with God
    - Relationships with friends
  - It has been discovered that your house or apartment was built on a previously unknown bed of quicksand. The government has discovered this and has detected that the building will collapse into the quicksand in 90 seconds and you are to evacuate immediately. You have time to retrieve three things and three

things only. Assuming that people and pets are okay, what three things would you take with? Why?

- Out of the following items, which three are the most important to you and why?
  - God
  - School
  - Family
  - Work
  - Sports
  - Music
  - Gaming
  - Theater
  - Friends
  - Art

We prayed the following for our closing prayer:

God who is the Father of us all, we offer thanks for all of the good things in our life: school, family, friends. We are grateful for the things that are most important to us and we ask for your blessing on all of these things. May we judge wisely the things of earth and love the things of heaven. We pray this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Read** Matthew 6: 19-21. <sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Prayer Leader:** There is nothing wrong possessing things, but our greatest attention should on the things that will last forever. In particular, the people in our lives. Let’s turn once again to the people in our small group. Then think about the people in our lives. Do any of the people that are important to us need anything right now? We ask you to share who you are thinking about, what they are going through, and how we can pray for them.

If you are comfortable doing so, share who or what you would like us all to pray for.

Please complete and turn in by October 3. You can email it to [rotramelm@stjohn23rd.org](mailto:rotramelm@stjohn23rd.org) or turn it in to your catechist/small group leader.

Peace and Blessings,

Maureen Rotramel  
Director of Faith Formation