



# Annual High School Retreat Friday, March 30 – Sunday, April 1 Introductory Letter

November 5, 2011

Dear Watermark high schooler and parents/guardians,

All of us live in a noisy, fast-paced world that is always plugged in to the digital world with our computers, televisions, car stereos, smartphones, and other technologies. Often we forget to or simply cannot listen to God in the midst of all these distractions. Therefore, retreats become very important for us, especially those who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation either this year or next year.

“A retreat is a time for God, a time for assessing our relationship with God. We spend time with the people we love cherish and respect. We spend time with God. A retreat nurtures our spiritual life in an environment away from the ordinary distractions of life. In scriptures, we read that Jesus would simply go off and pray. Each and every one of us needs time to be alone, and a retreat provides us with this opportunity...We need to pause and discern where we are, where we are going, where we want to be, and how we get there.”

We invite all current high school students of Watermark to join us this year for our annual retreat the weekend of Palm Sunday. This year the retreat will be at the Saint Francis Retreat Center on the outskirts of San Juan Bautista, about 40 miles south of San Jose. The recently renovated retreat center, which the Franciscan Fathers operate, traces its history back to the rancho days of Mexican rule.

Whether this is your first or fourth time or anything in-between, space is very limited, so we encourage all prospective retreatants to turn in your completed permission slips and payments as soon as possible. The cost of the retreat per retreatant is as follows:

	Cost per person	Additional high school siblings
Early-Bird (thru Dec. 25, 2011)	\$190	\$190
Regular (Dec. 26 - Feb. 20)	\$210	
Late (after Feb. 21, 2012)	\$230	

A retreatant is considered registered when both the permission slip **and** payment has been submitted. These can be turned in to any Watermark Staff member (Patrick Ku, Henry Shu, Kelly Kao, Charlene Chen, Alan Hsia, Jonathan Lin, Edward Chow, or Ben Lu). Checks should be made payable to “SJCCC.” Refunds will not be made after the end of Regular Registration unless another retreatant is able to fill the spot. *Please do not let transportation or finances hinder your participation! Accommodations can be arranged.*

The spiritual retreat master, retreat theme, and packing list will be available Winter 2012.

This weekend of reflective prayer and fellowship will help you build a stronger relationship with God and your peers, so we hope to see you there!

In Christ,  
Watermark Staff members



Annual High School Retreat  
Friday, March 30 – Sunday, April 1  
Parental Permission & Release Form

**Event Information**

**WHAT:** weekend of reflective prayer and fellowship to build stronger relationships with God and peers  
**WHEN:** Friday, March 30, 2012 ~ 6:00 PM – Sunday, April 1, 2012 ~ 12:00 PM  
**WHERE:** St. Francis Retreat Center, 549 Mission Vineyard Rd, San Juan Bautista 95045; 831.623.4234

**Participant Information**

PARTICIPANT’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH: *Chinese Catholic Community* BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT’S/GUARDIAN’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT’S EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOCTOR’S PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ POLICY #: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any known allergies to food or medications that those who work with your young person should be aware of? **YES** **NO**

If YES, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any known physical, psychological, or emotional limitations that would affect this young person’s participation in this event? **YES** **NO**

If YES, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT IN THE EVENT THE PARENT/GUARDIAN CANNOT BE NOTIFIED:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Release Form**

I request that the San Jose Chinese Catholic Community, Watermark Youth Group, permit my child to participate in the **Annual High School Retreat** to be held from **Friday Mar. 30 6PM – Sunday, Apr. 1 12PM** at the **St. Francis Retreat Center (549 Mission Vineyard Road, San Juan Bautista)**. I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard the health and well-being of my child, and that I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. In case of sickness or accident, I authorize and consent to any x-ray exam, anesthetic, medical, dental or treatment and hospital care to be rendered to my child under the general care and advice of any physician, dentist or surgeon licensed to practice in any state. I further understand and agree to be responsible for any such medical, dental and/or hospital expenses incurred.

PARENT’S/  
GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_