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## *2017 Summer Youth Camps - Walking with God*

❖ **July 7 – 9 High School Retreat**

*"Why do questionings rise in your heart?" - Lk 24:38*

❖ **July 13 - 16 Middle School Camp (6 - 8 grades)**

*"...opened minds...hearts burned." - Lk 24:32,45*

❖ **July 20 - 23 Upper Elementary Camp (4 - 6 grades)**

*"...and they recognized him." - Lk 24:31*

Dear Parents, Pastors, DREs & Youth Ministers

I am happy to introduce our 2017 Summer Youth Camps and High School Retreat for 2017. Our theme this year is *Walking with God*.

Honoring the rich tradition of the Camp Connolly Youth Camps, these camps and retreat will help the hearts of young men and women to burn with the love of Christ. Each event is designed toward the attending age group with a balance of fun indoor and outdoor activities, inspiring talks, facilitated small group time and liturgy (prayers, music, confessions, Adoration and Holy Mass).

Using "The Road to Emmaus" as our Scriptural basis, participants will gain insight into their own journeys of faith and be afforded the opportunity to meet their peers from across the diocese; forging friendships and building a sense of community.

**Parishes are required to send chaperones with their youth** (Diocesan guidelines dictate 1 adult per 7 youth). We understand that some parishes may only send 1 or 2 youth so please speak to your neighboring parishes and try to arrange a chaperone to represent more than one parish. All chaperones need to have successfully completed a background check, safe environment training (*Darkness to Light*) and have signed a Code of Conduct (all available via our diocesan website: [http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/protection\\_of\\_children.htm](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/protection_of_children.htm)).

Enclosed are posters, flyers and registration forms. The deadline for registration is indicated on each form. In addition to our traditional hardcopy registration form, we are introducing an online registration and payment option (link on the poster and flyer). All promotional material, this letter and a **special video message to youth leaders and parents** are all available on our diocesan website at: <http://www.dioceseofbaker.org/Youth2.htm>.

We look forward to serving you in the sacred task of forming faithful and holy Catholics in our Diocese.

Sincerely,

Barry M Metzentine

Director of Evangelization and Catechesis | Safe Environment Coordinator