



Sacred Heart Retreat Camp

Drawing youth to the Heart of Jesus

Sisters of the Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart



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A great change in my relationship to God took place during a retreat before my senior year of high school. In the quietness of the retreat, the newness of God loving me first, knowing me by name, choosing me as His child in Baptism brought forth a new response of awe and a very personal love.”

— Sister Ida Peterfy

Foundress, Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart



“On this retreat, God made me realize a lot of things. One thing He made me realize is that I’m not alone in this world. God is my friend, my healer, my happiness, my guide and more.”

— Nancy

High school retreatant, Sacred Heart Retreat Camp



What makes Sacred Heart Retreat Camp a place to meet God?

Listen to what our retreatants have to say:

The Sacred Heart Sisters

"The Sacred Heart Sisters conduct a very spirit-filled Confirmation Retreat in Big Bear. The youth are given an opportunity to explore their faith through reflection, prayer and rituals. They leave the mountain knowing their faith is real and that they are precious to God." — *Bill Luehrmann, Confirmation Team Member*

Fun

"I had a fun time in Big Bear. On my bus ride up there I thought it was going to be boring, but the Sisters proved me wrong, by showing me the games, the good food, and the skits." — *Stephen*

Mass

"The beautiful thing I remember was when we did the Mass! I loved that I was the one who carried the cross! I volunteered to do it and I was happy! I will never forget the Mass because I've never experienced a Mass just of teenagers my age. It was beautiful." — *Blanca*



Prayer

"During the retreat I discovered what real praying was all about and I could also hear God call to me. It is an experience I will never forget because it is what brought me close to God." — *Trevor*

Nature

"It was so peaceful to be able to stay in Jesus' presence in such a quiet and peaceful environment. I loved the feeling of breathing in the cool Big Bear air and climbing its rocks." — *Kyla*

"After the retreat, the world seemed to be a brighter place. Moreover, I felt something inside me that I have never felt before. I think I finally established a true connection with God. I intend to keep this relationship in my heart. — *Julius*"

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"The adoration was when I really came in contact with God. I have never felt closer with God; praying and singing to God was really powerful. I want to go again. Over all I will probably remember this for the rest of my life." — *Sean*

"Our retreats are doors to the realization that God loves each person uniquely and completely. Responding to this infinite love helps each person to realize his or her own inestimable value as a child of God."

— *Sacred Heart Retreat Camp Mission Statement, Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart*

Confession

"After I heard a talk on Reconciliation, I knew God was encouraging me to have faith in Him and go to Confession. I'm so glad I did! I have a new sense of relief and peace in my soul." — *Christina*

Crafts

"The fun craft gave us time to think about what we want to offer to God. I have truthfully never done that before." — *Sarah*

For your Parish

"I have been bringing teens to the Sacred Heart Retreat Camp for over 20 years because it is a place of joy! How can you not smile and be at peace when you are surrounded by God's beautiful creation, the smiling and loving Sacred Heart Sisters, and be at such a holy place where people can encounter God? My teens and I love it and we feel at home!" — *Jaymes Curran, Director of Youth Ministry, Mission Basilica San Juan Capistrano*



A retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat Camp provides the opportunity for retreatants to enter the presence of the living God, and “to be united with God in love.” (YOUCAT #342) This development of relationship with God can inspire a living, conscious and active participation in the life of the Church.

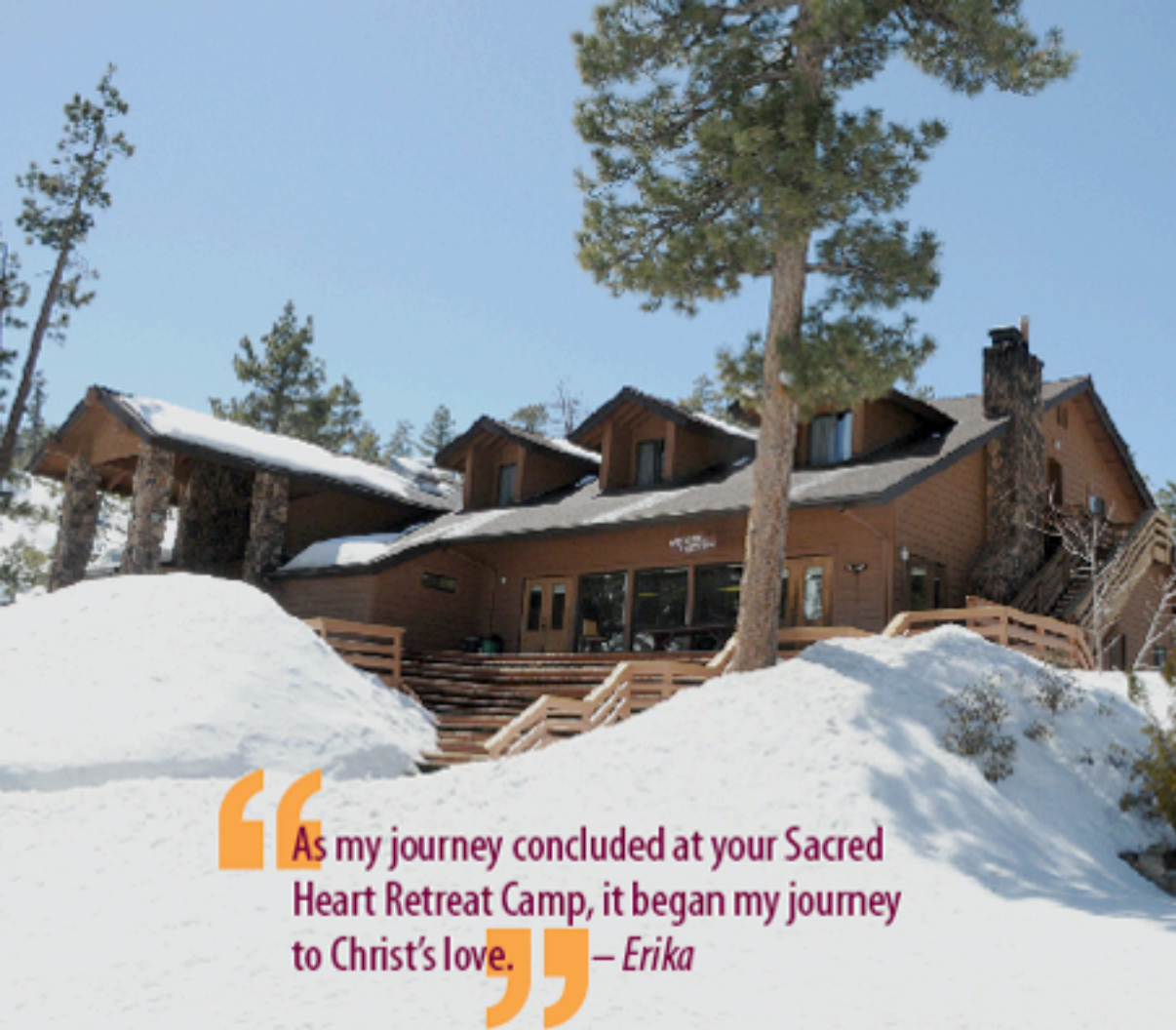
- Confirmation/Youth Retreats
- RCIA/Sacramental Retreats
- Women’s/Men’s Retreats
- Family Retreats
- Catechist/Ministry Team Retreats
- Core Group/Peer Minister Retreats
- Parish/Pastoral Council Retreats

For your Catholic School

“For over 15 years, the 7th and 8th graders from St. Joseph School, Placentia, have traveled up the mountain to Sacred Heart Retreat Camp for an annual overnight retreat. Every year we consider the increasing cost of transportation and the time involved to travel and to and from the Camp, but the overwhelming positive response from students and chaperones keeps us coming back!” — *Dr. Judith Johnston (Principal Emeritus) and Staff of St. Joseph School, Placentia*

A retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat Camp coincides with the strategic plan of the Archdiocese in “building a community of faith,” by providing religious and spiritual development retreats to benefit the school’s community of faculty, staff, students and parents.

- Class Retreats
- Staff/Faculty Retreats
- Coach/Athletic Retreats
- Campus Ministry Retreats
- Club/Organization Retreats
- Family/Parent-Teen Retreats
- Alumni Retreats
- Kairos Retreats



“As my journey concluded at your Sacred Heart Retreat Camp, it began my journey to Christ’s love.” — Erika

Retreat Directors

Retreats are conducted by the Sacred Heart Sisters or you can bring your own facilitator.

Facilities

Sacred Heart Lodge: 60-123 people
Mary’s Lodge: 25-52 people
Saint Joseph’s Lodge: 10-26 people



The Sacred Heart Sisters welcome retreat groups whose purpose for meeting is spiritual or educational, and is not contradictory to the religious principles and human values of our mission.



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