

Dear Parents and Students,

The Campus Ministry Program at Vandebilt Catholic recognizes that the Catholic faith is not merely something we learn, it is something we live. It is essential that our students have opportunities to encounter God within their faith community. To foster this experience, spiritual retreats are offered for each grade level, with special attention given to the unique needs of each age group. The Senior Overnight Retreat is consistently mentioned by graduates as one of their favorite high school memories.

The cost of the retreat is **\$125**, which includes lodging, transportation, meals (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch), and snacks throughout the weekend. This fee will be invoiced separately by the finance office in July, 2026.

All **male members of the Senior Class** will attend their class retreat from **Saturday, August 15, 2026, through Sunday, August 16, 2026**, at Saint Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Transportation will be provided by bus to and from Vandebilt Catholic and the retreat location. Students should arrive at school no later than **12:45 p.m. on Saturday**. Please eat lunch before arriving. Buses will depart from Vandebilt at 1:00 pm. The buses are expected to return to Vandebilt Catholic at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, at which time students will be dismissed.

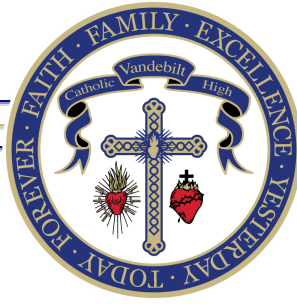
A packing list is attached for your convenience. Students should dress comfortably for the weekend and be prepared for both indoor and outdoor activities, weather permitting. Outdoor activities could include time spent at the beach and/or campus pool. Clothing should be modest and appropriate for the occasion.

Meals will be provided throughout the retreat weekend. Please refer to the attached menu for additional details. **Any food allergies or dietary restrictions should be reported to Katie Champagne at kchampagne@htdiocese.org prior to the retreat.** Snacks and beverages will also be provided. Students will **not** be permitted to purchase food or have food delivered during the retreat.

Please complete the **online permission slip** available in the **Forms Folder** of your **Parent PlusPortals** account by **Friday, July 31, 2026**.

We are excited to provide this special off-campus retreat experience for your son and pray that he will grow in his relationship with God, deepen his friendships with classmates, and create lasting memories. We ask that you join us in praying for the success of this retreat and for all who will attend. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,
Caroline Luke
Director of Campus Ministry



Packing List:

- Bible
- Rosary
- Twin size sheets and blanket
- Pillow
- Beach Towel
- Bath Towel and washcloth
- Personal items:
 - Toothbrush and toothpaste
 - Soap
 - Shampoo
 - Deodorant
 - Sunscreen
- Clothing:
 - Clothing should be appropriate for the occasion and weather conditions.
 - Plan for indoor and outdoor activities including beach/pool time.
 - Extra clothes for running or working out (if you would like to participate)
 - Modest bathing suits (cover-ups for girls if wearing a 2 piece)
 - Appropriate fitting clothing - NO short shorts, leggings, or crop tops.
 - Clothing should be appropriate for mass.
 - At least one pair of closed toe and heel shoes for outdoor activities
- Refillable water bottle
- Extra snacks/drinks (if desired)

Weekend Menu:

Dinner: Chicken Alfredo Pasta, Caesar Salad, Bread & Dessert

Breakfast: Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Fresh Fruit & Biscuits

Lunch: Pizza & Breadsticks

Snacks: Assorted Chips, CheezIts, Goldfish, Cookies, Candy, Granola Bars, Freeze Pops, etc.