# HIGHER GROUND RETREATSTM

HIGHER GROUND - Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford

Week 1: May 28-June 2, 2017—Registration Deadline May 19, 2017\*

Week 2: June 4-9, 2017—Registration Deadline May 26, 2017\*

Week 3: June 11-16, 2017—Registration Deadline June 2, 2017\*

HIGHER GROUND II—Camp Norwesca, Chadron

Week 1: May 28-June 2, 2017—Registration Deadline May 19, 2017\*

Week 2: June 11-16, 2017—Registration Deadline June 2, 2017\*

### HIGHER GROUND COLLEGE RETREAT -

Nebraska State 4-H Camp, Halsey

Week 1: May 22-27, 2017—Registration Deadline May 12, 2017\*

#### HIGHER GROUND MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT—

Week 1: Camp Norwesca, Chadron Week 2: Nebraska State 4-H Camp, Halsey

Week 1: June 4-8, 2017—Registration Deadline May 26, 2017\*

Week 2: June 25-29, 2017—Registration Deadline June 16, 2017\*

Register on-line at highergroudretreats.org.

#### **All Retreats Cost \$150**

(we don't want anyone to miss the opportunity of HG, please call for assistance)

Late registrations can only be accepted as space allows.

If you have any questions about the registration process, for Higher Ground Retreats, please feel free to contact the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry at (308)532-2707 or youth@gidiocese.org.

\*The actual cost for each participant attending Higher Ground Retreats<sup>TM</sup> is approximately \$265 and \$105 to ride the bus. Thanks to the Diocesan Appeal by the people of the Diocese, the cost of attending Higher Ground Retreats<sup>TM</sup> has been kept as affordable as possible (\$150). If you would like to make an additional donation to Higher Ground Retreats<sup>TM</sup> on behalf of your son or daughter, you will have the opportunity to do so when you register and pay electronically. Thank you for your support!

Youth and Young Adult Ministry





"This I command you: love one another." John 15:17

Diocese of Grand Island www.highergroundretreats.org

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## **Higher Ground**

Higher Ground is a five-day Catholic youth program for those who will be juniors or seniors in high school. The purpose of Higher Ground is to create an environment where Christian community may be experienced. The activities provide an enjoyable opportunity for the young people to develop a better sense of self, to build positive relationships with others and to grow closer to God.

Cost: \$150

Financial Assistance is available through the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry Transportation: \$80 (non-refundable)
A bus stops along HWY 2, round-trip

### Higher Ground Middle School

Higher Ground Middle School Retreat is a four-day Catholic youth program for those who completed sixth or seventh grade in the spring of 2017. The purpose of the Higher Ground Middle School Retreat is to create an environment where we belong and can invite others to belong. The activities provide an enjoyable opportunity for the young people to develop a better sense of self, to build positive relationships with others and to grow closer to God.

Cost: \$150

Financial Assistance is available through the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Transportation: \$80 (non-refundable)
A bus stops along HWY 2, One-way to HGMS

## **Higher Ground II**

Higher Ground II is for those young people who have attended Higher Ground, or who are graduating seniors from High School (even if they haven't attended Higher Ground). The program is designed to give the participants skills and experiences which will enable them to better live a Christian lifestyle of discipleship and service.

Higher Ground II calls participants to a deeper experience of prayer, Scripture and community interaction. The intent of this program is to help youth discover that the Church needs their gifts and talents. They are encouraged to reflect on their call to fuller participation in their parish communities and challenged to greater global awareness.

Cost: \$150

Financial Assistance is available through the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Transportation: \$80 (non-refundable)
A bus travels round-trip,
stopping along HWY 2.

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# **Higher Ground College Retreat**

The Higher Ground College Retreat (HGCR) was launched in June of 2000 as the next step in the Higher Ground family. It is directed toward young adults who have attended Higher Ground II or who are one year out of high school (even if they haven't attended Higher Ground or Higher Ground II).

The HGCR is built upon the spirit, the experience and the foundation of Higher Ground and Higher Ground II.

The retreat experience is based upon the Biblical pattern of Apostleship: First, one is called to a relationship with Christ by developing methods of prayer and by discerning one's call to follow Christ. Second, one is taught the way of Christ by training in Christian leadership skills.

Third, one is sent on a mission for Christ by developing an action plan and a plan of follow-up that young people can accomplish after the retreat is completed.

The overall purpose of the week is to enable young people to explore the ways they are sent into the world as Apostles of Jesus Christ and to create action plans to carry out that mission.

Cost: \$150

Financial Assistance is available through the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry