

Greetings Saints!

It is with mixed feelings that I write this message. Due to the effects of COVID-19 we have had to evaluate each Camp in the light of State re-opening phases and regulations and the sites' ability to host us. Accordingly, we have been required to cancel Camp Veritas at Clongowes in Ireland and Mount Saint Mary's in Newburgh this Summer. Ireland was due to the country's re-opening phases and MSMC was due the college being unable to host us. We will truly miss all of you and know what a disappointment this is.

On a more positive note, due to their being later in the Summer we are still hopeful for our other camps. Currently, Lake Placid, FL; Summit Lake, MD and Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY are moving forward. They will be contingent on the forthcoming CDC guidelines and state regulations. We apologize that we are unable to provide concrete confirmation. As information becomes available, we will send further updates. For planning purposes, we ask that you still sign up for camp, **the early bird rate ends today**. If any other camps are cancelled everyone will be given the options detailed below.

We will be establishing safety measures and detailed protocols reflective of the CDC guidelines which will be posted to our website and sent with the welcome emails for each camp. Each parent can make the choice that is best for their children. A thought to consider would be, will there be a difference in risk between the end of July/August and September when kids are scheduled to be returning to school?

**For those from MSMC**, in regards to refunds you have three options. Firstly, we would encourage you to attend an alternative Camp location. You may find, that with some variation, your experience is enhanced. Secondly, you may request a refund or lastly, you may roll-over your deposit to ensure your spot for Camp 2021 (MSMC 2021: July 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>).

**To indicate your choice of the options offered, please fill out this form (Please note, if we do not hear from you, we will assume you wish to roll-over your deposit to 2021):**

<https://forms.gle/XXxF4CV84iXy1HHU6>

We have a day event in the works to be hosted at Greymoor Retreat Center on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. It is contingent on state guidelines, but we hope to host an outdoor day of praise, prayer and fellowship for all our Campers and their families; especially those who we may not see due to cancellation of the Mount.

Remember, ***"There is a God, and I'm not Him!"*** God is in charge and while the whole world seems crazy now; He can bring something better out of everything! Stay in touch with each other, attend local Catholic events as they are able to be held. Connect with us on Facebook and Instagram.

***"What's the objective of your lives?" - "Heaven!" - "And if it's not?" - "We're wasting our time!"*** You have the time now, use it. There is still no greater time than the present to BE DISCIPLES. I encourage each and every one of you, to not give in to a spirit of discouragement, but rather be courageous and continue to make your faith your own! No one can make that choice for you. It is easy when you are at Camp surrounded by your friends, the Friars and Sisters and your counselors. But choose now, when it is hard. This time is the time in which true Saints are made!

God Bless you all!

Your Brother in Christ,

Ryan Young