

Confirmation Retreat Day



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Re: School Retreats 2016/2017

Dear Principal/Teacher/Chaplain,

My name is Marie Manley and in January 2014 I was appointed as the Retreat Team Leader here in Mount St. Anne's Retreat Centre.

Since my appointment I have assessed and renewed our Retreat Programme for students based on suggestions from them, and I am pleased to say that our new programme is receiving fantastic feedback. Each member of the retreat team works with the sincere intention of making the day relevant and meaningful for every student. We strive through our programme to both challenge and affirm them in their life's journey.

In 2013 the Retreat Centre was fully refurbished and extended, with spacious, bright interiors and open grounds accessible to all. If you come along to Mount St. Anne's, you will find yourself in a peaceful environment of natural beauty and simplicity.

If you have any questions regarding a school retreat please don't hesitate to contact me.

Rath Dé oraibh go léir.
Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Marie Manley Smith
Team Leader

Confirmation is such an important part of a child's life and vital to his/her life as a Christian. We have developed a revised Confirmation programme which emphasises the gifts the Holy Spirit brings and helps the students to see the Spirit working in their own lives, enabling them to actively participate in the sacrament of Confirmation.

The Confirmation retreat day is divided into various modules, each aiming to capture the imagination, creatively engaging the students through the use of:

Art - Music - Meditation - Prayer - Nature - Group reflection and discussion.

We recognize the uniqueness of each child and we strive to enable him/her to be aware of God's unconditional love. Together we try to develop gospel values of understanding and compassion.



Who We Are

Mount St. Anne's is a Retreat and Conference Centre in the tradition of the Catholic faith and that of Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters. It is situated in the heart of the countryside set in 30 acres of mature lawns, serene pasture and woodlands. We are located 5 minutes from Monasterevin and 20 minutes from Portlaoise, easily accessed from the M7.

Here in Mount St. Anne's we are a faith community; fostering faith among children, youth and adults is a part of our role. Approximately ten thousand people pass through our doors each year. Many have come to Mount St. Anne's and gone home, refreshed and renewed with energy to make a fresh start; Many too, have experienced a new depth of consolation and challenge arising from their faith.



The School Team

The retreat team is composed of Religious and lay colleagues, who have immense experience in working with young people in a professional and non-judgmental manner.

Important Information

- Time: 10am-2.30pm.
- Cost: €15 (€12 if Team visit the school)
- A deposit of €10 per student is required.
- Please bring packed lunches.
- Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.
- Bring comfortable clothing including suitable coats and footwear for outdoors.
- We welcome musical instruments.
- Confirmation retreats take place from Monday to Friday from January to June.



Some Comments from Past Students:



"I liked the meditation the best because it made me feel closer to God."

"I really enjoyed the retreat day because it was really fun and I learned a lot."

"I loved the meditation because the sound effects were lovely and it was so peaceful."

"I loved the atmosphere here it was so welcoming and I not only had fun but learnt a lot about God and faith."

"The leaders were amazing!!They were so kind to us and funny!!"

"I loved the dance we learned and the song!!"

"I loved the whole day and the leaders too!!THANK YOU!!"

"It was a great day! It was very special. Thank you!"



***“ If I could be of service to anyone, in any part of the globe, I
would willingly do all in my power.”***

- Nano Nagle