



Virtual Baptism Retreat for the 2024-2025 School Year

Sr. Suzanne Thibault has been presenting youth retreats since 1986. She is best known for the ability to engage students and adults on retreat. The Virtual Retreat format includes live presentations on the Zoom Platform. Each session is 30-45 minutes in length and includes breakout rooms with small group sharing. Each session is followed with discussion and reflection work for the student and sponsor to take a deeper look into the presented material. The reflection work is returned to the presenter before the next zoom session. This Virtual Retreat would be presented as a 5 hour in-person retreat with large group, small group and one-on-one sharing between student and sponsor. If you or your parish would like to register for this retreat or schedule an "In-Person" retreat with Sr. Suzanne, contact the Bethany Youth Retreat Center:

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Students and their sponsor will come to appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism

Education Component

Zoom Session 1 – What do you know? (30 minutes)

Zoom Session 2 – What do you think? (30 minutes)

Zoom Session 3 – What do you believe? (30 minutes)

Process Component for student and sponsor to discuss (partners for this retreat)

Reflection Component for student and sponsor to share

Assessment Component for student to return before next Zoom Session

Virtual Baptism Retreat (3 Zoom Sessions)

Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday 8:00pm – 8:45pm



November 17, 20, 24, 2024

January 26, 29, February 2, 2025

This retreat is designed for student and an adult.

Adult may be parent, Godparent, Confirmation Sponsor.

Explore the sacrament of Baptism and the gift it is in our faith life. We will look at the gift of Baptism as the foundational sacrament of the Catholic Faith as well as the Apostle's Creed as it outlines Catholic beliefs and doctrine.

Cost: \$10 per person



Parish Registration
2024-2025 School Year
Baptism Virtual Retreat

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Scope

Students and their sponsor will come to appreciate the Sacrament of Baptism

Education Component

Zoom Session – What do you know?

Questionnaire on the sacrament as pre-retreat worksheet

Presentation on the Ceremony of the Sacrament

Zoom Session 2 – What do you think?

Foundation, Door, Gate from Catechism

What do you believe?

Presentation on the Apostles Creed

Zoom Session 3 – What do you believe?

Beauty, warmth, strength

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Process Component

Zoom Session with follow-up material

At home worksheet discussed with parent/sponsor and candidate

Reflection Component

Opportunity to discuss and share thoughts and faith with parent/sponsor

Assessment Component

Follow-up material completed and returned before the next Zoom Session

Benefits

Strengthen bond between student and sponsor

Initiative-taking processes will illustrate student's readiness

Exposure to form of prayer that they may integrate into personal life

Registration Process:

1. DRE registers parish, sends this to Sr. Suzanne,
2. DRE receives Student Registration Form and forwards to families
3. Families return this registration to you
4. DRE mails registration no later than 2 weeks before retreat begins

Presenter Responsibilities

Receive Registration forms from Parish and Candidate

Set up Zoom Sessions

Present Education Components

Send Process, Integration and Assessment Components through email to Candidate and sponsor

DRE will receive:

All Materials sent to those registered

Invite to Zoom Sessions

Bill for parish - \$10 per person/\$20 per family

Updates regarding participants in Zoom sessions

Certificate of Completion for each student

Candidate, Parent/Sponsor will receive:

Letter of welcome which details retreat

Invite to Zoom Sessions

Education Components

Process Components

Reflection Components

Assessment Components



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Presenter Responsibilities

Present Educational Components at Zoom Sessions
Receive Assessment Components from Candidate
Give updates to DRE of participants
Invoice Parish at \$20 per family
Create Certificate of Completion and Mail to DRE

DRE Responsibilities

Present Retreat Overview to Parents as well as reminder of “Zoom Protocol Policy”
Parish Registration form completed and emailed to Sr. Suzanne Thibault
Provide Candidate with Student Registration once collected mail to Bethany Youth Center no later than two (2) weeks before retreat.
Attend Zoom Meetings and monitor your students and adults

Candidate Responsibilities

Attend Zoom Meetings – 3 Meetings: Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday
8:00 pm over the course of one week.
Complete with Sponsor the Process, Integration, and Assessment Materials
Return this material to Sr. Suzanne by email.

Sponsor Responsibilities

Attend Zoom Meetings - 3 Meetings on Sunday, Wednesday, (8:00pm) Sunday (7:00pm)
Personally, complete the Process, Integration, and Assessment Materials
Meet with Candidate to share and discuss this material before the student needs to email the material to Sr. Suzanne before the next Zoom Meeting

Candidate and Sponsor must attend the same Zoom Meeting. If Candidate or Sponsor cannot attend a Zoom Meeting, there will be a scheduled make-up session on the Monday (for the Sunday Zoom) and Thursday (for the Wednesday Zoom) of the same week. Candidate may not progress to the next Zoom Session without returning Assessment Material to Sr. Suzanne. Arrangements for Make Up Sessions are arranged by the candidate directly with Sr. Suzanne Thibault.



Parish Registration
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Parish Name / Address _____

DRE Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____ Number of students who may attend _____

Retreat Date- Circle retreat student and sponsor will attend

November 7, 20, 24, 2024

DRE will receive:

- All Materials sent to those registered
- Invite to Zoom Sessions
- Bill for parish - \$15 per person/\$30 per family
- Updates regarding participants in Zoom sessions

Candidate, Parent and Sponsor will receive:

- Letter of welcome which details retreat
- Invite to Zoom Sessions
- Education Components
- Process Components

DRE Responsibilities

- Parish Registration form emailed to Sr. Suzanne Thibault
- Gather Student Registrations and submit no later than two weeks before retreat
- Present Retreat Overview to Parents as well as reminder of Zoom Protocol Policy
- Attend Zoom Session, yourself, or designated adult, to admit your students into Zoom Session

Candidate Responsibilities

- Attend Zoom Meetings – 5 Meetings: Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday at 8:00 pm
- Meet with Sponsor to discuss and complete process material
- Return Assessment Material to Sr. Suzanne

Sponsor Responsibilities

- Attend Zoom Meetings – 5 Meetings on Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday at 8:00 pm
- Meet with Candidate to discuss and complete Process Material same as Candidate

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Student Registration

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Parish: _____ Town: _____

Date of Retreat – November 17, 20, 24, 2024 by Zoom

Student Name _____ Parents _____

Student Email _____ (Fill in only if student is to receive email)

Parent Email _____ Phone _____

Sponsor

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Bethany Youth Retreat Center: Minor Contact Form

I do, I do not,

grant permission for my child _____ to directly receive emails,
(Child's Full Name)

from Bethany Youth Retreat Center employees & volunteers associated with the Bethany Youth Retreat Program. Personal contact includes messages, reminders, announcements, etc., done through phone calls, cell phone texting, and messaging within social media apps. Phone numbers & social networking links of students are not kept on file anywhere & are only used when they have been personally shared with an employee/volunteer by the student or their parents/guardians.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

Permissions on this *Minor Contact Form* expires 1 year from date signed.

Please contact Sr. Suzanne Thibault, Youth Retreat Director, for more information or clarifications.

New Erie Diocesan Policy for Child Protection requires parent/guardian give permission for Adult employees/volunteers to contact students under the age of 18 through social media outlets and cell phones. A copy of the Diocese of Erie's policies pertaining to protection of youth and young adults can be found at www.erieecd.org.



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Virtual Retreat Zoom Protocol

- 1 - You will need to log onto the Zoom Session between 7:45-8:00 pm due to the large number of participants. Do not share your invitation. Those who are registered will be sent one.
- 2 - Each computer attendee will enter a waiting room and will wait until you are invited to enter the Zoom Session by the DRE of your parish
- 3 - At 8:05 the session will be locked, and no one will be able to enter.
- 4 – Please have your name as the screen name, this helps me tremendously!
- 5 – Sign in through the “Chat” with your name, parish, town
If you are a Sponsor – also tell us the student’s name, you are sponsoring.
- 5 - You need to mute your speaker and turn your video on during the session.
If you are not able to turn your video on, you need to be in contact with your Parish DRE before the session, so that they will allow you to stay in the session. If this has not been arranged ahead of time you will be deleted from the session
- 6 – During the Sessions it will be important to see you on the screen
- 7 – When breakout rooms are used it will be necessary for all participants to unmute.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to journey with you and your child on this adventure of faith. If you have any questions, concerns or other needs please contact me, and we will see what we can do together!

Blessings on you and your family,

Sr. Suzanne Thibault, C.A.