

Dear Students and Families of the Class of 2023,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of Campus Ministry, to let you know that we will be hosting The Sophomore Retreat on Monday, March 22nd. This retreat will take place during the last two periods of the school day. All students who are still fully virtual will be able to view the recorded presentation later that week. My Peer Ministry class, in conjunction with Deacon Arthur Miller, will facilitate our socially distanced and COVID-19 appropriate retreat. It is important now more than ever to continue engaging our minds and hearts in matters of faith and community, and I have no doubt that our afternoon of retreat will do just that.

As T.S. Eliot said: "What life have you if you have not life together? There is no life that is not in community, and no community not lived in praise of God". As a classmate of Emmett Till, Deacon Art witnessed first-hand a tragic display of hatred that energized the nascent Civil Rights Movement. His message, ever since, has been as personal as it was dear to his vocation in the Diaconate. On The Sophomore Retreat, we will be blessed to learn from him as we step aside for a moment to assess and understand the genuine Catholic response to the issues we face each and every day as young men and women in a complex and ever-changing world.

In preparation for our March 22nd retreat, **please read Psalm 139:1-17** -- this will be very important for our conversation together! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jordan A. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jordan" being the most prominent.

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