Third Annual Recollection Day Retreat

Courage and EnCourage Apostolate—San Antonio Chapter

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(edited for clarity and brevity)



On August 3, 2019, the Courage and EnCourage chapters of San Antonio sponsored their third annual Recollection Day Retreat entitled ***"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart"*** (Jer. 1:5). The retreat was conducted in both English and Spanish, with separate talks for each language group. It was open to all individuals who are in search of holiness and God's will for their lives. Present were members of the San Antonio chapters and other chapters of Texas, as well as non-members from different cities of Texas (a total of seventy participants). It was a day filled with talks, discussions, and group sharing pertaining to each individual's journey and challenges, with a focus on seeking chastity as a means to gain holiness. Most importantly, the retreat concluded with Reconciliation, Adoration, and Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Richard M. Samour, chaplain of Courage San Antonio, and Fr. John Francis Bentley, BBD.

One of the goals of the retreat was to promote the Apostolate and to invite people who experience same-sex attractions to discover that there is hope in the Catholic Church. We received good feedback and encouraging answers.



I would like to thank all the hard-working volunteers who assisted in making this Recollection Day successful and spiritual, including our English presenters, Fr. John Francis Bentley, BBD, and Mr. and Mrs. Mario Macias, who are certified in Theology of the Body, and our Spanish presenters, Fr. Sady Santana of San José Church in Del Rio, and Fr. José Ramón Pérez of St. Lorenzo Church in San Antonio.