



ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL  
Dominican Sisters of Houston ★ 1956

## THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY

J.M.J.D.C.

September 14, 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians<sup>1</sup>,

For over sixty years, St. Pius X High School, under the leadership and care of the Dominican Sisters of Houston, has been faithful to the educational mission of the Catholic Church in providing strong and sound spiritual guidance for young women and men educated in the Dominican tradition. This commitment is embodied today through the Office for Campus Ministry which seeks to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today; to draw young people into responsible participation in the life and mission of the Church; and to foster the personal and spiritual growth of every student on their faith journey.

As you have seen on the school's calendar, the Class of 2022 will experience their first high school class retreat on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. Our annual class retreats are designed, prepared, and conducted by the Office for Campus Ministry, and are integral to the school's philosophy and mission for comprehensive Catholic education. A retreat team comprised of faculty, staff, senior, junior and sophomore student leaders, who are specially formed to lead the retreat experience, have been praying and preparing to serve the class of 2022. The retreat will be conducted during regular school hours, and hosted at Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Church in The Woodlands, Texas. We pray that this retreat experience will be one of many significant and memorable spiritual experiences for your sons and daughters as members of the St. Pius X Family in years to come. The ninth grade retreat introduces students to our rich Dominican heritage and traditions and to the **Family of Dominic**, and the St. Pius X Family of which they are now a most welcome part.

This retreat is a required activity for all class members. Students will be expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen of St. Pius X High School. Please take a few minutes to review together with your son/daughter the following sections of the Student- Parent/Guardian Handbook: *The Retreat Ministry* – p.18, and *Behavior Expectations* - p.33, and *Student & Parental Behavior* - p. 43. The required retreat form is available for you to complete and sign in electronic format. We ask that you please complete the permission agreement and return it electronically by the deadline **Thursday, September 20, 2018**.

We pray that this retreat experience will be enriching and satisfying for every participant. To assist us in this goal, we would ask that you advise us if your son or daughter is currently receiving professional counseling, or if there is some other concern, condition, or incident that may warrant any special consideration or observation while we are away on retreat. Please call and speak personally and confidentially with your student's guidance counselor or with me prior to the retreat.

If you have any other questions or concerns, I welcome your call at 713-579-7525, or feel free to e-mail me at [spedalep@stpiusx.org](mailto:spedalep@stpiusx.org). I am always happy to visit with parents/guardians regarding questions or concerns and also to share details regarding our spiritual formation ministry and programs. Finally, may I ask that you please keep the Class of 2022 and our entire retreat team in your prayers on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. With every good wish, I remain sincerely yours

In the Spirit of St. Dominic,

Patrick W. Spedale, Director  
The Office for Campus Ministry

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<sup>1</sup> Esta carta esta disponible en Español en la pagina web de la escuela: [www.stpiusx.org](http://www.stpiusx.org) presione Ministry y Retiros