

Initial "Save the Date" Email Sent 11 Weeks Out

Hard to believe, but we're just 11 weeks away from the 2009 Men's Retreat, which will take place on *(Date)* at the Loyola Retreat House in Morristown, New Jersey. The retreat starts with dinner on Friday, *(Date)*, and concludes with lunch on Sunday *(Date)*.

There were *(how many)* of us who attended last year's retreat *(List some names here, may help inspire some people to come)*, and I hope that we can better that number this year. Please look over the distribution list, and if you know someone whom you think would enjoy attending, please forward this message to them and cc me so that I can include them in future distributions.

The theme for this year is *("Theme")*. The retreat leader is *(Retreat Master)*. I had the privilege of having *(Retreat Master Name)* as leader for one of my retreats, which was a treat. He is a very gifted speaker. The theme as described on Loyola's web site at www.loyola.org is as follows:

(Theme from website)

I don't know about any of you, but I take for granted most of the gifts God has given me. I often lose perspective on the fact that I have nothing ~ whatsoever to complain about - that I have a wonderful wife and children, an abundance of God-given talents and abilities, physical health, material possessions well beyond what I really need, and the privilege of being an American citizen, among many other blessings. This retreat will help me more deeply realize how blessed I really am, which will in turn put today's trials and tribulations in a little better perspective.

For those of you who have not yet been on one of these retreats, I encourage you to learn more about them by visiting Loyola's web site, calling or emailing me, or asking one of the people who went this past year.

No need to respond as to your attendance as this is just a "save the date" message. I will hit you back in early *(Month)* to get initial responses.

Peace,

(Name)