

# St. Louis College Ministry

*Keeping you Connected to the Fam*

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### ST. LOUIS CHURCH

Happy New Year from College Ministry!

It has been great to see a lot of you at St. Louis while you were on break! Know that our office is praying for you during the beginning of your semester.

Believe it or not, Lent is right around the corner (Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day... sooo romantic!) Start considering a spiritual commitment you could make to help prepare you for Easter. We will be offering you some ideas through St. Louis. See the first on the back!

-Pat, Katie, Marie, & Meg (The CYM Office)

## DCL18 Retreat: What are you looking for?



### Retreat Session Recaps

#### 1.) Are you even looking for something?

~Do you live on the surface or do you go deep?

#### 2.) What exactly are you looking for?

~Love, Joy, Freedom, Peace (all in God versus in the world)

#### 3.) How do you look? Go DEEP

~Get **desperate** (admit to needing something more), overcome your **environment** (don't use it as an excuse), make **eye contact** (be vulnerable with God and others), find the **Pearl of Great Price** (when you find it, commit your life to it)

#### 4.) Who is looking?

~In what is your identity rooted? Can these things be taken away from you? Where should you invest your identity?

#### 5.) Now what? A- Awareness C- Church T- Trust



**1.** What are your experiences of the Catholic Church, good and bad?

*"I was always questioning and I would always bring things up... I never felt like I was receiving satisfactory answers..."*

**2.** Does it matter what religion you belong to, or are they all pointed in the same direction?

*"Maybe, I thought, the truth is a combination of several religions."*

**3.** Do you need religion? Is it "good enough" to be spiritual or a good person?

*"I'm sure I'll be fine in the afterlife as long as I'm a good person."*

**4.** What are teachings of the Church that you don't agree with? Is there a place for people who do not agree to still be part of the Church?

*"I do not have the same beliefs as most Catholics, such as on the issues of same sex marriage and abortion."*

**5.** Is it rational to believe in God? Does science support or undermine belief in a higher power?

*"I realized that an all powerful being could not exist."*

**6.** If there is a God, is he involved in human life? Is there such a thing as God's plan?

*"There's not really evidence for the kind of God Christians believe in, but if there is one, it doesn't appear to be one that intervenes to help us, so we ought to live as if no help is coming from elsewhere..."*

**One hour. Six Weeks. A *totally manageable* commitment for something *very important*.**

Inspired by the research from "Going, Going, Gone" on disaffiliation from religion, come our online small group topics for Lent 2018! It's time to discuss the questions we all have.

Each session will have an adult facilitator who is present to listen and guide discussion.

Session details and registration online at [stlouisparish.org/collegesmallgroups](http://stlouisparish.org/collegesmallgroups). Sign up by Feb 11.



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