



Retreat Center
Christ the King Retreat House
and Conference Center

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Group Leaders, Guests & Supporters,

Today Governor Cuomo announced a new Executive Order that will require non-essential businesses to temporarily close their doors. This order, in partnership with the Diocese of Syracuse, has led us to mandate the closing of our facility for an indefinite period of time. Effective immediately all retreats and group meetings will be cancelled through the month of April.

This new update is a challenge for all of us. Christ the King Retreat House means so much to so many. There are countless individuals that have had life changing experiences here. Many have made new friends and gained spiritual, personal and professional growth. We look forward to the time when we can once again open our doors and create new memories together.

Whenever I have experienced a difficult trial in my life my dad has always said, "this too shall pass". Every time I heard those words it brought me comfort. It is easy for us to be tempted into thinking that we are so far away from getting beyond this virus and seeing the light. I can only imagine the difficult temptations Jesus faced in the desert by the enemy. The light must have felt so far away. However, after he made it through those difficult temptations "angels came and ministered to Him." What a beautiful message this is for all of us as we move through Lent! God and his angels are going to minister to us when we make it through this great trial!

Together, alongside Christ, we will bounce back and be stronger than we ever have before. I'm excited about the tremendous programs we have coming up this summer. After some time in quarantine you'll probably need one of those retreats! Lastly, in the next week we will be sending out a virtual letter seeking donations to help get us through this challenging time. If you feel called to donate we would greatly appreciate it. Please know of our prayers for you and your families during this time. God bless you and see you soon!

Sincerely,

*Christopher Spilka, Executive Director
& The Staff at Christ The King Retreat House*