

Encountering Christ will strengthen retreat experiences



Our pastoral plan, *Encounter that Leads to Transformation*, charges us to strengthen retreat experiences and broaden their availability to facilitate encounters with Christ. Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center encourages retreatants to rest, to be renewed in their faith and to return to their parishes and communities refreshed, energized and prepared to engage in more prayerful and fruitful leadership.

Encountering Christ will direct \$2 million to Cedarbrake, which is situated on 75 acres in Belton, to ensure it better serves the needs of the diocese today.

Campaign funds will be used to expand Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel from 50 seats to 80. New sacred art and upgrade lighting will also be added to the chapel. A small prayer chapel and prayer garden will also be built to expand designated indoor and outdoor private prayer space.

Cedarbrake also lacks suitable accommodations for youth retreats. The diocese will build a multipurpose meeting and dining space designed specifically for youth. Two dormitory-style cabins will accommodate 48 retreatants, with the ability to expand to 90.

These enhancements will ensure Cedarbrake is more welcoming, spacious and comfortable, creating an appealing and enriching environment for all generations to encounter Christ.