



Dear Friend,
 Thank you for donating money to the Sacred Heart Retreat Center to allow us to learn more about friendship, faith, and to be a good role model and a hero. All of the sisters there that are at the retreat center, are extremely friendly, kind, nice, and very respectful toward others. Going to the retreat center helped me learn more about my faith and how I can be more faithful towards God.

Thank you,
 Natalia
 Age 14



All groups, whose aim is spiritual formation, are invited to the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center. Organizations who wish to direct their own retreats are also encouraged to come. We welcome groups whose purpose and philosophy is in accord with the mission and non-profit status of the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center and reserve the right to limit its use.



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LET THE PEACEFUL PRESENCE OF THE LORD DEEPEN YOUR FAITH, LIFT YOUR HEART AND WITH NEW HOPE REFRESH YOU:

body, mind & spirit.

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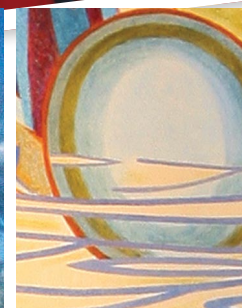
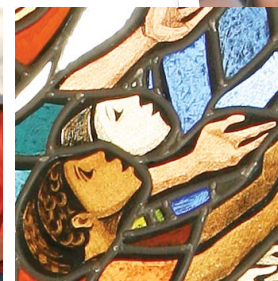
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The Heart of Jesus Retreat Center is a place where God and His children can meet one another in quiet, laughter, prayer and learning. Here children can come to recognize and understand their dignity as children of God, and realize that God is not someone out there; God is someone with us.

The Retreat Center is a beacon of faith, hope and love reaching out and extending the love of God to His children, giving them the perspective and confidence to choose peace rather than violence, truth rather than lies, love rather than hatred. Owned and operated by the Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart, the Center provides an avenue for faith and moral development in children to help them choose God and choose a life filled with good and goodness.

*To prepare a child for the future is important.
To prepare a child for eternal life, that is essential.*

A retreat experience includes prayer, presentations on the faith, singing, sharing together, a craft activity and time for play. A retreat day is an opportunity for young people to know God and, through God, to know themselves in a happy and loving environment.



The Sacred Heart Sisters are dedicated to telling of God the Father as Jesus did, enlivened by the dynamism of the Spirit. Personal attention, teamwork and joy characterize their mission and apostolic vision. Retreats directed by the Sisters are carefully planned to meet the needs of a wide variety of groups: sacramental, parish staff, parent/child, family retreats, school faculty, classroom field trips, graduation classes, Christian Initiation, etc. Often the day will end with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which takes on a deeper and more personal meaning for young people in the retreat setting.



The Retreat Center welcomes all of God's children, youth and adults in cultural diversity. It serves the counties of Orange, Los Angeles and Riverside. Welcoming over 12,000 participants yearly and some 250,000 since it opened, the Center is now reaching the second generation of retreatants.

It is crucial that young people have a source of spiritual stability in their lives. This is where the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center fulfills their needs in a unique way.

-Sister Ida

The Heart of Jesus Retreat Center is on the site of the Anton and Anna Borchard ranch in Santa Ana. The first retreats at the Center began in 1978 in the converted garage on the property. Only thirty children a day could attend, bringing an annual capacity of 2500 retreatants. In the late 1980's a capital campaign raised the funds for the new Retreat Center that opened in 1992. Its peaceful, Mission-like surroundings include a beautiful 5,000 square foot chapel with exquisite artwork by Isabel Piczek, conference rooms for 10 to 350, recreation area with basketball and volleyball courts, indoor/outdoor dining, kitchens, gift shop, office, garden and parking. It was Sister Ida Peterfy, the foundress of the Sacred Heart Sisters, who had the original inspiration that the grounds and buildings be designed particularly for the spiritual refreshment of children and young adults.

The Sacred Heart Sisters have brought "30" years of love to the Retreat Center. My children and grandchildren have all been there for retreats. Now, my daughter who is a teacher, brings her students for retreats. Thank you, Sisters, for your love and for bringing our family closer to God.

- Ann, Volunteer at Heart of Jesus Retreat Center



Youth develop a happy, hopeful vision of life in friendship with Jesus Christ. His Good News for them sparks an enthusiasm to discover and appreciate their personal gifts. Conferences, small group discussions and activities with peers are ways to help them to find and treasure their place in the Christian Community.

Thank you for a beautiful day at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center. Each of the Sisters made the day so special for us, the parents and children. The Sisters helped us to truly spend the day with Jesus. They helped me and my two children, Lonnie and Kerstie, on our journey of faith to Jesus.

- Laurie, Retreatant

