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currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Secondary Education and English. She loves working with the students that enter Mount Manresa and hopes to become a high school English teacher.



Fr. Jeff Chojnacki, S.J. most recently served as Provincial of the New York Province of the Society of Jesus. He has also long been involved in social justice and pastoral ministries among people in poverty.

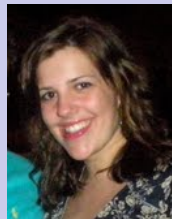
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Kristen Dalto is a youth leader at Mount Manresa and a graduate student at Wagner College pursuing a degree in education. Along with leading retreats, Kristen is currently a pre-school teacher and theater arts teacher.

Fr. Matthew Roche, S.J.

entered the Jesuits in 1973. After entering he tutored ex-convicts, published books on tape for the blind, worked with the terminally ill at Calvary Hospital, and Men of the Street at a Soup Kitchen in Syracuse, as well as the mentally disabled at Daybreak, a L'Arche Home. He has been on the staff at Mount Manresa for 3 years and has done ongoing spiritual direction for more than 27 years.



Cristina Ramos is a youth leader at Mount Manresa and a student at Columbia University majoring in Anthropology. She is interested in the performing arts, especially theatre and dance, and how those can be incorporated into spiritual life. She has worked as a personal assistant, a peer minister at Immaculate Heart Academy High School, and truly loves her work in Mount Manresa's youth ministry!



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A Partial Selection for Retreat Themes



Who Am I?

- Ideal for Juniors and Seniors in high school
- Students reflect on who they are as individuals, who they are to others, and who they are as Children of God
- Uses the movie *Freedom Song* to depict how the characters were able to act as Children of God in the face of adversity

Maximizing our God-Given Potential

- Adaptable to most ages, but preferable for Confirmation
- Using the movie *Pay It Forward*, students will be able to build an awareness of critical peace and justice in our local and global communities
- Build empathy to step outside of their comfort zones
- Bring the values of kindness and humility to our everyday relationships

What Do You Believe?

- Ideal for Confirmation Retreats
- Uses the movie *Secondhand Lions* to engage the students in what it means to believe in something they cannot see.
- Makes connections to people in the Bible who demonstrated great faith.
- Will leave the students with a deeper connection to their own faith and how it prepares them for Confirmation



I Know A Hero!


- Ideal for 8th grade or high school graduates
- Through passages from the Bible, students will reflect on how they can be heroes in their own lives and set examples for others to follow in God's footsteps.
- Students will learn about many of today's heroes—people who are in the spotlight for the courageous actions they have done to help those in need.




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