

August 2006

Dear Northridge Fathers:

At *Northridge Prep*, we are concerned for the spiritual welfare of the fathers of our students as much as for the boys. So please accept our invitation to an *Evening of Recollection* in our chapel dedicated to St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei, on the second Tuesday of each month. For a full schedule of recollections, please go to [www.castlewoodfdn.org](http://www.castlewoodfdn.org)

Our *Evening of Recollection* begins at 7:30pm with a talk by a Northridge teacher or a father. This is followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and two conferences in the chapel led by our chaplains. The recollection gives you time for quiet prayer, a chance to take a deeper look at yourself and to go to Confession if you like.

Long-term experience has shown that this investment of time is worth whatever sacrifice it might take. You can count on receiving much more than you put into it, and you can depend on the evening to have a tangible effect on your life at home and at work. More importantly, any time that we spend in adoration of the Eucharist can only help us.

We suggest that you attend an *Evening of Recollection* not only for your own good, but also for your children. A child's reference point for how they should live as a Catholic is usually their mother and father. Any effort you make to be more committed can only help them in their growth. Maybe you owe it to yourself and your family to attend a recollection!

Please consider this invitation carefully and come to see for yourself what we mean. If this time is not convenient for you and you would still like to attend, just call one of us and we will direct you to another *Evening of Recollection* sponsored by Opus Dei in the Chicago area.

The fathers of our students also usually benefit from seeing one of the school chaplains at least once, and if possible on a regular basis, for personal spiritual guidance. If you would like an appointment, feel free to contact Fr. Francis (Rocky) Hoffman at [FrancisHoffman@msn.com](mailto:FrancisHoffman@msn.com).

Best wishes for you and your family as the new school year begins. We hope to see you soon. If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please call (847) 375-0600.

Sincerely,

Rev. Frank J. Hoffman  
*Chaplain*

Luke Ferris  
*Headmaster*

Mike Larkin  
*Parent Coordinator*

*PS: We are also starting a series of men's classes on the new Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church at Northridge on Saturday mornings, from 7:15 till 8:45. This series will run every Saturday from October 7 through November 11, 2006. Please feel free to join us for Mass at 6:30am followed by coffee and donuts before class. This course is open to all adult men, including non-Catholics.*