

## **What is a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)?**

A CEW is an opportunity to take a “time out” for learning about Christianity from a Catholic perspective, for private reflection, for forming or retooling your spirituality, and for getting acquainted with members of the parish community.

The format is like that of a retreat. It includes speakers, small group discussions, private reflection, liturgy, and plenty of time for fellowship.

You won't be pressured into “giving witness” or disclosing personal information. It's a weekend to listen, learn, relax, and be refreshed.

## **Who May Attend a CEW?**

CEW is open to anyone 18 and older, regardless of religious affiliation. Women's and men's weekends are conducted separately.

## **I don't consider myself “religious.” Is CEW for me?**

The weekend welcomes everyone, regardless of where you are in your spiritual journey. In fact, many people attend because they would like to improve their relationship with Christ. There are no tests or quizzes. Again, no one is ever put on the spot.

**Take a quiet moment and list all the reasons  
why you could attend a CEW.**

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**4.**

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**Then, mail in your CEW registration form!!!!**

**“The journeys in our lives  
always begin with a single step.”**

A Christian Experience Weekend (CEW) is a very personal and meaningful event. Young or not so young alike--this special weekend has left an imprint on many lives.

*I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,  
I will come in and sit down to supper.*

Revelation 3.20

*“The weekend allowed me to take the time to look at my life, past and present. I learned about myself, the Catholic Church, and how the two can work together to help and serve others.”*

A male participant.

*Jesus said to his disciples:  
Whoever wishes to come after me  
must deny himself, take up his cross,  
and follow me.*

Matthew 16.24

***“My CEW experience has motivated me to become close friends with my fellow parishioners that I met on the weekend.”***

female participant

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***“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”***

Matthew 18.20

***“I really wondered what this weekend was all about. To my pleasant surprise, it was so encouraging, uplifting, and rewarding, while opening up my eyes to what I could be as a spouse, parent, and friend.”***

A male participant

***Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.  
Whoever approaches God must believe that God exists and that God  
rewards those who seek God. Heb. 11.1, 6***

## WHAT ARE THE SPECIFICS?

Dates for 2011: Women: Feb. 4-6      Men: Feb. 18-20

**Time:** Arrive no earlier than 7:30 pm. and no later than 8:00 p.m. Friday. CEW ends about 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

**Place:** Resurrection School. All meals and sleeping accommodations--deluxe air mattresses on the gym floor--are provided.

**Cost:** \$30 payable with registration. This covers meals, supplies, etc. If this fee poses a hardship, accommodations may be made by simply contacting the lay director.

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

Simply fill out the registration form in this brochure and mail to:

Women: Mary Schmidt; 3390 Venture Court;  
Dubuque IA 52002-2875

Men: Brad Florence; 10840 Cedar Ridge Court;  
Peosta IA 52068-9656

## I Have Other Questions. Whom Should I Call?

Feel free to contact the lay director or the assistant:

**Women's**  
**Directors:** Mary Schmidt  
588-0017

**Men's**  
Brad Florence  
583-2858

**Asst. Directors:** Sue Olson  
557-1873

Mike Frommelt  
590-3171

## CEW Registration

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_)

E-Mail Address **(We will use this to contact you, so only one that you regularly check)**

**please give**

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Age \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Current (or previous) occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who influenced or encouraged you to attend this weekend?

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**QUESTIONS???** . . . Feel free to contact the directors.

**Fee: \$30\* payable to Resurrection CEW. Mail to:**

**Women's weekend:**

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