

2013

**From: Holy Redeemer Youth Ministry  
Brandi Thomason, Youth Minister**

*Dear Parents of teens,*

*Welcome to the new year of Holy Redeemer Youth Ministry! We have some exciting activities planned for the year.*

**Contact me:** If at anytime you need to ask me a question about anything, please feel free to call or text my cell phone at 812-204-9691, or my office at 812-424-8344 ext 324. **You can also e-mail me at [bthomason@evdio.org](mailto:bthomason@evdio.org).**

**Communication:**

Social networking has come along way from just phone calling and mailings. Therefore, I want to share with you the ways the Youth Ministry Office communicates with you and your teens. It is suggested by the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) that all forms of communication from our office to your teens be made available to you. I agree! Attached to his letter is a social networking page to fill out and return to me at your convenience.

- **E-mail.** I send out e-mails for important upcoming information to the teens occasionally. If you would like to receive the same e-mails as your teen(s), please fill out the social networking page and return it to the parish office. All emails sent to me from a teen or parent are saved and kept on file. They are not shared with anybody (including parents) unless there is a concern of harm to anyone or upon special request.
- **Website.** I would like to introduce you to [www.holyredeemeryouth.org](http://www.holyredeemeryouth.org). It is our own website where important information is posted on a weekly basis and flyers/permission forms can be downloaded. I encourage you and your teen to use the website regularly to receive details of events and important cancellation information.
- **Texting.** For teenagers with texting... I send out reminders on a weekly basis to the kids of the upcoming Activities. Parents, If you would like to receive the same text messages as the teens, please fill out the social networking page and return it to the parish office.
- **Phone/Snail mail.** Yes, occasionally we still do this. However, to save on paper and mailing costs, the means of electronic communication is preferred.
- **Facebook.** You can find me on facebook as Brandi Thomason HRYG. I do be-friend the teens of Holy Redeemer, their parents, and adult helpers (who have attended our youth protection program and received background checks) on this page. This is not my personal account. This account is for friends of Holy Redeemer HRYG only. Only invited friends can join, see each others posts, view pictures, and get e-mails. NO strangers can view this page. There is also a HRYG group page on facebook that the kids are invited to join. It is also protected by invitation only. Reminders, discussions, pictures, and event invitations are shared on the group page. NO strangers can view the group page. **AS PARENTS, YOU ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGE TO JOIN BOTH PAGES ON FACEBOOK.** (*You must be-friend Me (Brandi Thomason HRYG) first before you can request to join the group page.*)
- **Bulletin.** Check out the Mass Bulletin each week to remind you what we are doing at HRYG Sundays or any upcoming events.

# Social Networking

Holy Redeemer Youth Ministry

*(Please complete and return to the parish youth ministry office or return it on Sunday nights)*

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of (child's name here) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I would like to receive all e-mails sent to the teens from Holy Redeemer.

My E-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I would like to receive all text messages sent to the teens from Holy Redeemer.

My mobile phone (for texting) is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am currently on Facebook and would like to be invited to join the HRYG group page.

You can find me in Facebook under this name \_\_\_\_\_