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His Grace, Bishop Michael, has issued the following letter regarding the upcoming Youth Retreat at Wayne NJ.

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Beloved Brothers in the Lord:

Christ is in our midst!

Our Diocese of New York and New Jersey has scheduled a **Lenten Youth Retreat** for Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2, at Holy Resurrection Church complex in Wayne, New Jersey. Father Joseph and Matushka Charlotte Woodill will be leading this overnight gathering.

To date, the response has been very sparse. Therefore, I am asking that our clergy make strong appeals the next two Sundays from the amvon, encouraging our young people to attend this encounter. Please include in your announcement that the bishop will be with them Friday evening and Saturday morning.

If financial concerns are an issue, scholarship assistance is available. No young person should be unable to attend for financial reasons.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in the matter of this request.

Wishing you a continued grace-filled Lenten journey, I remain with my blessing, my prayers and my love,

+ **M I C H A E L**
Bishop of New York and the
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