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OFFICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES & THE DEAF APOSTOLATE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to announce that we are able to bring back Camp Overbrook: IN SIGN 2018, a summer day camp for Deaf/Hard of Hearing children. We are grateful to the Maguire Foundation and Saint Joseph's University for supporting this camp. The camp is hosted by the Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Camp Overbrook: IN SIGN 2018 will take place on June 18 – June 29, 2018. (Monday-Friday) from 9AM to 2PM at a new location: Saint Joseph's University, Maguire Campus on City Ave (One mile away from the St Charles Seminary on City Avenue) The enclosed brochure for camp indicates the fee this year is \$85.00 for 10 days of camp. Children ages 6 to 15 in elementary or middle school can attend camp. For families with more than one child to register for camp, the fee is \$50.00 for each additional child. If any family needs assistance with payment, please contact us to request a partial scholarship. We have been fortunate to receive grants and donations to enable us to keep the cost per family very minimal. If any family is able to contribute more, your contributions is appreciated.

This camp provides a unique experience for children who are deaf and hard of hearing to be with peers, teen assistants and adults who are fluent in American Sign Language. Deaf story tellers, performers, athletes and other role models will be part of the afternoon cultural event each day. This also gives us an opportunity to have 10 days of Bible story lessons each morning. This summer we have a very creative and skilled staff and plan some new exciting activities geared specifically to both the young and adolescent age groups. We encourage parents/guardians to ask your school district to provide transportation to camp. You can request this during your child's IEP meeting or contact the district with this request. Some counties have provided door to door transportation to camp. We will provide van transportation from designated locations. Our ability to provide transportation is limited. PLEASE request transportation from your district. Also, contact us if you can assist with carpooling. Also note that we can incorporate some of your child's IEP goals related to language in our camp goals.

The number of campers we can accept is limited to 60 and fills up quickly so please register early to ensure your child will be able to attend Camp Overbrook: IN SIGN 2018. You can also register online on our website, www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org. The deadline is Tuesday, June 5, 2018, so be sure to register.

For more information contact us at CampInSign@archphila.org. Phone: 215-587-3913, or Videophone: 267-507-1215.

Sincerely,

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NB: Los usuarios de habla española, llamen a Paola al 215-667-2820 para asistencia con la inscripción. El folleto/formulario de inscripción en español se encuentra disponible en: www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org