Retreat Notes
the newsletter of
St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat and Conference Center
The Passionists of Holy Cross Province
Dear Friends and Retreatants,

This June I was privileged to give a day of recollection at the Center to some priests from the Archdiocese of Detroit. Since the retreat day was on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, during the month devoted to the Sacred Heart, naturally my thoughts centered on the loving, warm heart of Jesus and on the wounded heart of Jesus, as well.

We all know that in daily life there are those “matters of the heart” that are sometimes heartwarming and sometimes heartbreaking. I am reminded of a story about a struggling single mother of three young girls, all living in a one-room flat with mattresses on the floor and hardly a place to eat a simple meal. The young children took to running track in order to cope with their terrible living situation. And could they ever run! They drew national attention with their terrific skills and once people who could help heard about their plight, the family’s life changed dramatically. Not only did the nimble young runners appear on the cover of an issue of *Sports Illustrated Kids*, but an influential benefactor set the struggling family up in an apartment that was beautifully redecorated by the television show *The View*. To follow this dear family’s journey from hopelessness to dreams-come-true is one of those stories in real life that warms the heart and makes us so proud of what good things human beings can do if they only want to! All it takes is a warm, loving heart and the desire to make a difference.

It strikes me that this is just what we try to do here at St. Paul of the Cross. We try to help our retreatants look at their own hearts and discover within them everything that is good! It is also true we welcome those whose hearts have been wounded and are in need of comfort and healing. But ultimately in every retreat we try to imitate all that is so good and true in the Sacred Heart of Jesus — warmth, love, and compassion.

Come and join us. Come wholeheartedly and join us on retreat and see for yourself what a difference it can make not only in your own life but in the lives of all those you love as well. God bless you. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Fr. Pat Brennan, CP
Retreat Director

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**OUR MISSION**

In the spirit of St. Paul of the Cross and through the love of Christ crucified, we provide a unique, sacred place of hospitality and compassion where all are welcome to experience hope, renewal and the loving presence of God through spiritual retreats and hosted events.

**Every Gift Makes a Difference!**

We are continually grateful to our donors who have generously and lovingly given to St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, and gratefully acknowledge those whose vision has inspired them to make a gift to St. Paul’s by will, trust or any other Planned Giving tool. Your Planned Gift helps ensure that St. Paul’s remains a vital source of inspiration and compassion for future generations where all are welcome to experience the loving presence of God.

When including St. Paul's as a beneficiary in your estate plan, please use our legal title: **St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center, Inc., 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, MI 48223.**

For further information on how to include us in your will or estate plan, or how to set up a monthly gift, please contact Mary Moret, Director of Mission Advancement, 313-286-2806 or mmoret@stpaulretreat.org.
Been on retreat with a group before? We encourage you to continue doing so! New to retreats with St. Paul’s? **You are welcome to join us on any weekend!** Retreats for men and women are labeled as such; please contact us if you need help finding the best date to attend. Would you like to organize a retreat group from your parish, community, workplace, or group of family and friends? Contact us for more information.

## RETREATS FOR MEN

### SEPTEMBER 22-24 [03]
- Christ the King, Detroit
- Duns Scotus K of C
- Holy Family, Novi
- Huron Valley Group
- Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Hamtramck
- St. Anthony, Belleville
- St. John Neumann, Canton
- St. Mary, Pinckney
- St. Thomas a’Becket, Canton

### OCTOBER 13-15 [06]
- Holy Spirit, Highland
- Our Lady of the Angels, Taylor
- Our Lady of the Woods, Woodhaven
- St. Aidan, Livonia
- St. Anselm, Dearborn
- St. Charles, Detroit
- St. Joseph, South Lyon
- St. Stephen, New Boston

### SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1 [04]
- Fr. Michael, C.P. Group
- Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington
- St. James, Novi
- St. Malachy, Detroit
- St. Mary, Cause of our Joy, Westland
- St. Mary, Monroe
- St. Mary, Rockwood
- St. Peter, Detroit
- St. Raymond, Detroit
- St. Roch, Flatrock
- St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City

### NOVEMBER 3-5 [09]
- Ave María, Lexington
- Our Lady of Victory, Northville
- St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families, Warren
- St. Priscilla, Livonia
- St. Sabina, Dearborn Heights
- Toledo Group

### JANUARY 5-7 [14]
- Christ our Light Fellowship
- Contractor's Group
- Dore Family Group
- Fr. Declan, C.P./St. Joseph
- St. Edith, Livonia (Daniel Lord K of C)
- St. William, Walled Lake

Register online at stpaulretreat.org or call (313) 286-2801. A $30 deposit will insure your reservation.
RETREATS FOR MEN (continued)

The theme for the 2017-2018 retreats is
“Called By Name: Living Faithfully in Deed and in Truth”

JANUARY 12-14 [15]
Detroit Catholic Central Alumni
Fr. Campion, C.P. Group
Knights of St. Joseph, Plymouth
St. Andrew, Saline
St. Ephrem, Sterling Heights
St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Sterling Heights
St. Valentine, Redford
“The Good Shepherds”

JANUARY 19-21 [16]
St. John Bosco, Redford
St. Joseph, Lake Orion
St. Joseph Shrine K of C, Irish Hills
St. Kenneth, Plymouth
St. Michael, Monroe (Fr. Ted Fujawa)
The Mally Group

JANUARY 26-28 [17]
Fr. Rene Champagne, C.P.
Fr. William, C.P. Group
Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Detroit
St. Basil, Eastpointe
St. Mary of the Snows, Milford
St. Mary, Wayne

FEBRUARY 16-18 [20]
Divine Grace, Carleton
Fr. Pat Tully, C.P. Group
Ss. Genevieve/Maurice, Livonia
St. Anne, Ortonville
St. Barbara, Dearborn
St. Mel, Dearborn Heights
St. Michael, Livonia

FEBRUARY 23-25 [21]
Fr. Damian, C.P. Group
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth

MARCH 9-11 [23]
Christ the Redeemer, Lake Orion
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Beverly Hills
St. Augustine/Holy Family, Richmond
St. Colette, Livonia
St. Lawrence, Utica
St. Michael, Sterling Heights
St. Paul of Tarsus, Clinton Township

MARCH 16-18 [24]
Divine Child, Dearborn
St. Francis K of C, Farmington
St. Gregory/St. Moses the Black, Detroit
St. Joseph/St. Timothy, Trenton
St. Linus, Dearborn Heights
St. Owen, Bloomfield Hills

APRIL 20-22 [25]
Filipino Men’s Group
Fr. Kramer K of C
Old St. Mary, Detroit
Our Lady of Loretto, Redford
Our Lady of Hope, St. Clair Shores
St. Cyprian, Riverview
St. Isaac Jogues, St. Clair Shores
St. Lucy, St. Clair Shores
St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Clair Shores
St. Sebastian, Dearborn Heights
St. Suzanne/OL Gate of Heaven, Detroit

APRIL 27-29 [27]
Men’s Serenity Prayer Group
Ss. Augustine/Monica, Detroit
St. Faustina, Warren
St. Patrick—Dave Cooney Memorial

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If you cannot attend your parish or group’s regularly scheduled retreat, please feel free to join us at any retreat during the season—and don’t forget to bring a friend!

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| SEPTEMBER 8-10 [01] | Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth  
|             | St. Mary, Milford  
|             | St. Roch, Flatrock  
|             | St. Sebastian, Dearborn Heights               |
| OCTOBER 20-22 [07]    | Ave Maria, Lexington  
|                        | Light of Christ Prayer Group  
|                        | Our Lady of Loretto, Redford  
|                        | St. Albert the Great, Dearborn Heights  
|                        | St. Edith, Livonia  
|                        | St. Faustina, Warren  
|                        | St. John Neumann, Canton  
|                        | St. Joseph, South Lyon  
|                        | St. Joseph, Trenton  
|                        | St. Valentine, Redford               |
| OCTOBER 27-29 [08]    | Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington  
|                        | St. Mary, Cause of our Joy, Westland  
|                        | St. Mary, Wayne  
|                        | St. Sabina, Dearborn Heights  
|                        | St. Thomas a’Becket, Canton           |
|                       | Our Lady of the Angels, Taylor  
|                       | “Renewal Sisters”  
|                       | St. Basil, Eastpointe  
|                       | St. Isaac Jogues, St. Clair Shores  
|                       | St. Mary, Pinckney  
|                       | St. Stephen, New Boston               |
| DECEMBER 1-3 [12]    | “Advent Belles”  
|                       | “Retreat Angels”  
|                       | St. Andrew, Saline  
|                       | St. Kenneth, Plymouth  
|                       | St. William, Walled Lake              |
| DECEMBER 8-10 [13]    | Filipino Women’s Group  
|                       | Our Lady of Victory, Northville  
|                       | Ss. Genevieve/Maurice, Livonia  
|                       | St. Cyprian, Riverview  
|                       | St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Clair Shores |
| MARCH 2-4 [22]       | St. Anne, Ortonville  
|                       | St. Charles, Detroit  
|                       | St. Mary, Monroe             |
|                       | Fr. John Devany, CP  
|                       | St. Lawrence, Utica  
|                       | St. Linus, Dearborn Heights  
|                       | St. Mary, Rockwood            |
| MAY 11-13 [29] (Mother’s Day) | St. Anthony, Belleville  
|                       | St. Ives Alumnae, Southfield  
|                       | St. James, Novi  
|                       | St. Margaret Mary Alumnae  
|                       | St. Priscilla, Livonia          |

**Specially-Themed Retreats**

**Retreat for Men in Recovery**  
(Fr. Cragen, C.P. Group)  
**AA Retreat for Women**  
(Matt Talbot Group)  
**Retreat for Young Adults**  
MAY 18-20, 2018
Grief Support Day/ Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
September 15

Praying the Labyrinth
September 24

Ladies Day of Renewal & Refreshment
September 27

Caring for the Caregiver
October 24

Hope & Health Retreat
October 25

Single Women- Abundant Life
November 11

Advent Day of Reflection
December 6

Advent Evening of Peace and Preparation
December 14

“Explore Your Prayer” Series
February 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018

Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection
February 14, 2018

Lenten Day of Reflection
March 7, 2018

Caring for the Caregiver
May 22, 2018

Ladies Day of Renewal & Refreshment
May 23, 2018

Praying the Labyrinth
May 31, 2018

St. Paul of the Cross Feast Day Mass
October 20 at 11:30 am

Solemn Commemoration of the Passion Mass
February 9, 2018 at 11:30 am

Captains Outdoor Mass
June 3, 2018 at 10:00 am

Ladies & Guys Night Out
June 21, 2018

Golf Classic
July 25, 2018

To register for an event or for more information,
call us at (313) 535-9563 or visit our website at stpaulretreat.org.
Campaign Update: A Passion for Renewal ~ Inside and Out

Thanks to the generosity of our faithful donors we are close to raising $600,000!

Check out our progress:

- 15 donors have pledged or given a one time gift of over $5,000 to our Capital Campaign
- 482 donors have pledged or given a one time gift of $5,000 or less to our Capital Campaign
- Cooling for the Chapel, Library and Assembly hall have been completed
- A rooftop unit for lobby heating and cooling has been installed
- Gazebo roofing has been replaced
- Concrete pads have been installed for AC units
- Asbestos remediation including replacement of ceiling and LED lighting fixtures have been completed in the kitchen
- Roofing over the administrative front offices, the St. Gabriel and St. Vincent guest wings, the chapel wings and courtyard hallways have been replaced
- Ventilation for guest wings have been partially completed.
- If you have questions please contact Mary Moret, Director of Mission Advancement, at 313-286-2806 or mmoret@stpaulretreat.org.

What’s next?

Raise $400,000 to meet our goal! This will enable us to work on the following projects:

- Replace HVAC controls and boiler
- Replace roofing over remaining guest wing and gift shop

If you haven’t yet donated, we ask you to prayerfully consider a pledge or gift to support our Capital Campaign. If you have questions please contact Mary Moret, Director of Mission Advancement, at 313-286-2806 or mmoret@stpaulretreat.org.

Our Gift Shop is open year round!

Stop by any day between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. We’d be happy to help you pick out the perfect gift for your special occasion or a book for your spiritual journey. For more info, contact Mary at 313-286-2806 or mmoret@stpaulretreat.org

Keep an eye on your inbox for our monthly e-newsletter! Not receiving it? Email cadamk@stpaulretreat.org to sign up.

Volunteers are Love in Motion

Yes, we have an awesome volunteer team, but we are always seeking more. As activity at the Center increases, so does the need for volunteer services. We ask that you consider sharing your skills, talents, smiles and service with us. We are always in need of additional volunteers for hospitality, retreat check-in (Friday evenings), handyman services, and housekeeping help. Interested? Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Roz at rsalter@stpaulretreat.org or 313-286-2848.

Support Groups

A variety of support groups meet regularly at St. Paul’s. We’re grateful for their support and happy to offer them a peaceful environment in which to gather. Contact us for more information.

**Every Monday:**
- 7:00 pm  NA/AA Judges & Lawyers
- 7:30 pm  AA Women
- 7:30 pm  Al-Anon Men

**2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month:**
- 7:00 pm  L.I.V.E. (women incest survivors)  
  313-971-4747

**Every Wednesday:**
- 6:30 pm  Al-Anon Women/Family
- 7:00 pm  S-Anon & SA Groups (for men/women)
The theme for our Passionist-preached retreats for 2017-2018 is

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...*whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep...the sheep hear his voice, as he calls them by name and leads them out... John 10:3*

**Jesus assures us that he is the gate** and all who enter through him will be saved. As the chaos of our world continues to surround us, how do we hear the Shepherd’s voice and follow his lead?

Explore with us the foundation and insights of discipleship found in John’s gospel, allowing them to guide us as we strive to heed the call and respond in deed and truth.

Be a good steward—please recycle!