



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

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.

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:

7:30 pm AA Women

7:30 pm AI-Anon Men

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month:

7:00 pm L.I.V.E. (women incest survivors)

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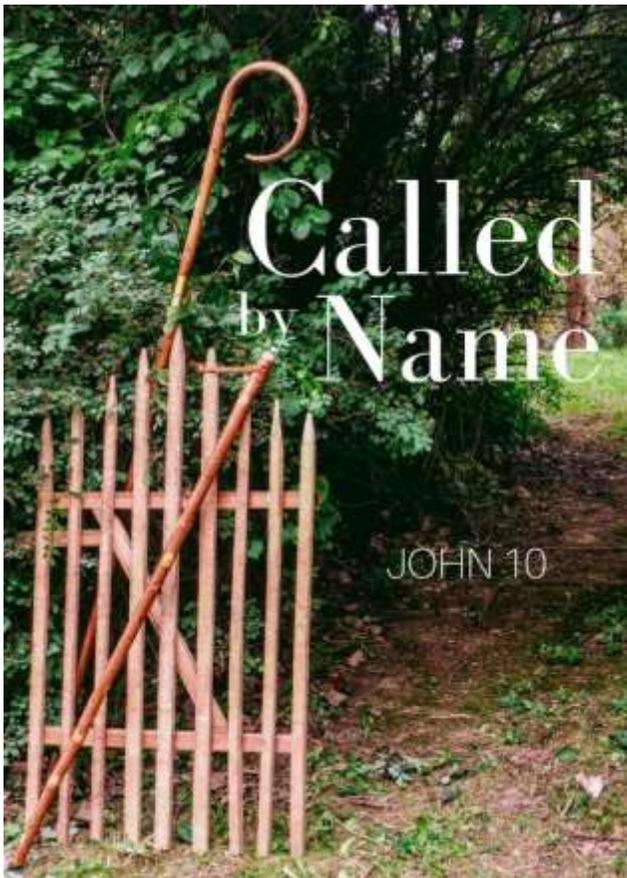
Every Wednesday:

6:30 pm AI-Anon Women/Family

7:00 pm S-Anon



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The theme for our Passionist-preached retreats for 2017-2018 is

Called By Name:

Living Faithfully in Deed and in Truth

...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.



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