Dear Retreatants and Friends,

So many emotions fill my mind and heart these days immediately following the unforgettable celebration of my Golden Jubilee as a Passionist priest. It is hard to believe that 50 years ago, along with several other wonderful men, I was ordained to the priesthood, beginning a lifelong journey that has far exceeded my own dreams and expectations. For this I am eternally grateful to Almighty God, and to you, all of you, my dear brothers and sisters, who participated in the Eucharistic celebrations and the joyous receptions that followed. Our retreat center folks did such an amazing job at making all our visitors feel so welcome and a special part of this golden, joyful moment in my life. Thank you one and all from the bottom and top of my heart! I am overwhelmed at the many expressions of love from so many, and, at the same time, I am deeply humbled knowing full well that I am not worthy. May all the glory and praise be given to our loving God who has made these 50 years of grace possible.

My mind is also rejoicing these days, filled with so many memories of this past year of retreats, weekends that were so rich in God’s healing and mercy, so heartening to all those who were blessed to be a part of each retreat. If you were unable to attend, well, I must say, you really missed one of the best! It was a great moment when, at the conclusion of the retreat, we were able to send our retreatants home to their families, parishes, and places of work, as peacemakers, dedicated to bringing Christ’s healing peace and kindness to one and all. I have no doubt that this year’s retreat will build on the past and help us all to be more like Christ in our daily lives.

Finally, dear friends, as you can see from the top photo, we want to remember and continue to celebrate our friendship with a very beloved friend, Ms. Sophie Robledo, and to welcome a new one, Ms. Rosemarie, lovingly called Rosie! Sophie has been a part of our Passionist family here at St. Paul of the Cross longer than anyone else around! For years she managed the retreat center kitchen with unmatchable love and devotion; and she continues to serve our small community of vowed Passionists adjacent to the retreat center. Rosie is a very lively puppy that keeps me on my toes and is also becoming, more and more, a loving presence as she greets all our visitors and friends, young and old! So many blessings, so much to give thanks to God for! May God bless you, our dear friends and retreatants, till we meet once again here at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center.

God love you all.

Fr. Pat, C.P.

You are welcome here! Stop by to browse our gift shop, pray the labyrinth, or visit the chapel.

Are you receiving our monthly emails and updates? Please take a moment and sign up on our website: stpaulretreat.org
Weekend Retreat Schedule

This season's theme is Dancing With God

September 2023 - May 2024

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Retreats for Men

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**September 22-24 (#3)**
- St. Charles, Detroit
- St. John Neumann, Canton
- St. Joseph, South Lyon
- St. Malachy, Sterling Heights
- St. Mary, Pinckney
- St. Peter, Mount Clemens
- St. Raymond, Detroit
- St. Thomas a’Becket, Canton

**October 13-15 (#4)**
- Holy Spirit, Highland
- Our Lady of the Angels, Taylor
- St. Aidan, Livonia
- St. Anselm, Dearborn
- St. James, Novi
- St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton
- St. Mary, Monroe
- St. Roch, Flat Rock
- St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
- The Cody Family

**November 3-5 (#9)**
- Ave Maria, Lexington
- Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington
- Our Lady of Victory, Northville
- Resurrection, Canton
- St. Mary, Cause of our Joy, Westland
- St. Mary, OLQ of Families, Warren
- St. Priscilla, Livonia
- Toledo Group

**January 5-7 (#14)**
- Christ our Light Fellowship
  Contractor's Group
- Dore Family Group
- Fr. Declan, CP/St. Joseph
- St. Edith, Livonia
- St. William, Walled Lake

**January 12-14 (#15)**
- Detroit Catholic Central Alumni
- Fr. Campion, CP Group
- Knights of St. Joseph, Plymouth
- St. Andrew, Saline
- St. Blase, Sterling Heights
- St. Ephrem, Sterling Heights
- St. Martin de Porres, Warren
- St. Valentine, Redford
- The Good Shepherds

**January 19-21 (#16)**
- Divine Grace, Carleton
- Sacred Heart, Hudson/K of C #3221
- St. Joseph, Lake Orion
- St. Joseph Shrine K of C, Irish Hills
- St. Jude Group
- St. Kenneth, Plymouth
- St. Michael, Monroe

**January 26-28 (#17)**
- Fr. Rene Champagne, CP
- Fr. William, CP Group
- St. Anthony of Padua, Hillsdale
- St. Basil, Eastpointe
- St. John Vianney, Shelby Twp.
- St. Mary, Wayne
- St. Mary of the Snows, Milford

**February 23-25 (#20)**
- Fr. Pat Tully, CP Group
- Ss. Genevieve/Maurice, Livonia
- St. Anne, Ortonville
- The Merciful Love of Jesus
- St. Michael, Livonia

**March 1-3 (#21)**
- Fr. Damian, CP Group
- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth
- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Beverly Hills

**March 8-10 (#22)**
- Christ the Redeemer, Lake Orion
- St. Colette, Livonia
- St. Lawrence, Utica
- St. Michael, Sterling Heights
- St. Thomas the Apostle, Chaldean

**March 22-24 (#24)**
- Divine Child, Dearborn
- St. Fabian, Farmington Hills
- St. Francis K of C, Farmington
- Ss. Joseph & Timothy, Trenton
- St. Linus, Dearborn Heights

**April 19-21 (#26)**
- Our Lady of Hope, SCS
- St. Isaac Jogues, SCS
- St. Louise de Marillac, Warren
- St. Lucy, SCS
- St. Margaret of Scotland, SCS
- St. Maria Goretti, Dearborn Heights

**May 3-5 (#27)**
- Men’s Serenity Prayer Group
- Nativity of Our Lord, Detroit
- Ss. Augustine/Monica, Detroit
- St. Patrick, Brighton
  (Dave Cooney Memorial)
- St. Patrick, White Lake
## Weekend Retreat Schedule

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### Specially-Themed Retreats

- **Retreat for Women in Recovery**
  (Matt Talbot Group)
  August 25-27, 2023

- **Retreat for Men in Recovery**
  (Fr. Cragen, CP Group)
  February 2-4, 2024

- **Co-Ed Weekend Retreat**
  (Great for Singles or Couples)
  May 17-19, 2024
This retreat invites us to take time for the inner dance. Lean into the movement of our Trinitarian God, within and around us, who invites us to the dance floor of prayer, trust, and life. As we hear anew God’s invitation, we may notice some hesitancy, fear or concern of doing it wrong or not feeling comfortable...and we remember it is in God that we live and breathe and have our being...

...and the dance begins.

"...and the Father will dance as at festivals, because of you."
-Zephaniah 3

Retreats for men and women are available September through May

Learn more and register at stpaulretreat.org

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center
To register or for more information about our 2023-2024 season, please call us at (313) 535-9563 or visit our website at stpaulretreat.org. Please note, we need 15 people to run these programs, so please sign up early!

**Encouragement & Fellowship**
- **Mother of Sorrows Grief Retreat**
  - Friday, September 15
- **Evening of Reflection for Couples w/Candlelight Dinner**
  - Thursday, September 28
- **Ladies Day Out**
  - Wednesday, October 18
- **Caregiver Appreciation Morning**
  - Wednesday, November 1
- **Couples’ Mini Retreat & Brunch**
  - Sunday, May 19

**Special Celebrations**
- **St. Paul of the Cross Feast Day**
  - Friday, October 20
- **Solemn Commemoration of the Passion**
  - Friday, February 9

**Advent**
- **Evening of Reflection for Couples w/Candlelight Dinner**
  - Thursday, December 7
- **Advent Day of Reflection**
  - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
    - Friday, December 8

**Lent**
- **Lenten Day of Reflection**
  - Ash Wednesday, February 14
- **Evening of Reflection for Couples w/Candlelight Dinner**
  - Ash Wednesday, February 14
- **Lenten Ladies Day Out**
  - Tuesday, March 5

**St. Paul’s Gift Shop**
Keep St. Paul’s Gift Shop in mind when you are celebrating life’s special moments. The gift shop is open during regular business hours (9am – 4pm) and at specific times during our weekend retreats. For more information please contact Colleen at cgraveline@stpaulretreat.org or call (313) 535-9563.

**Personal Retreats**
Couples and individuals are welcome to spend the day, a night, or up to a week here at the Center on a private retreat. We also welcome groups who wish to host their event here at St. Paul’s.
Contact Roz at (313) 286-2848 or rsalter@stpaulretreat.org for information about either opportunity.

Detailed flyers can be found in the lobby of the Center and at stpaulretreat.org. Call us at (313) 535-9563 or find us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information.
Advancing Our Mission

Director’s Circle

Do you desire to share in our Passionist mission & ministry? Join the Director's Circle by making an ongoing financial commitment to our work. Donations are used for renovations & improvements to the Retreat Center & grounds, allowing us to maintain a peaceful, serene environment for all our guests.

Thanks to the generosity of our faithful donors we have been able to make many needed improvements to our Retreat Center this past fiscal year!

- All bathrooms have been upgraded and repainted.
- Worn carpeting in the three guest hallways has been replaced.
- Parking lot and exterior lighting has been upgraded, allowing us to keep an eye on our beautiful grounds.
- Our computer network has been upgraded, saving $2500/year.
- The kitchen garbage disposal has been replaced and the walk-in refrigerator has been repaired.
- The projector in Gemma Hall has been replaced with a new, brighter LED model.
- A gently used 2016 pickup truck has been purchased, replacing our 2006 model that we've been using for 10 years.
- Most importantly, you have helped support our retreats for those in most need of God’s grace!

Without you, this would not have been possible!

Did you know?

A great way to help us plan for the future is through recurring donations, a donation that is automatically paid via your bank or credit card monthly. You can become a recurring giver for as little as $25 a month!

To all who participated in our Lenten Appeal - THANK YOU! Plans are now underway to renovate our Assembly Room for your peaceful comfort.

Increase the impact of your gift – many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will double any charitable contribution made by their employees!

Leaving a Legacy

The generosity and foresight of those who have included St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center in their wills and other estate plans continues your legacy and helps us continue the important retreat ministry that our retreatants depend on year after year.

Please contact Mary Moret (313) 286-2806, mmoret@stpaulretreat.org for more information on ways to give.
Thank you for making a difference!

We couldn't have done it without YOU
Giving is not just about making a donation; it is about making a difference.

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.

Fast Facts from this past fiscal year...
- We saw a 20% increase in the number of retreatants from last year; we’re building back up to pre-pandemic levels!
- More high school students came to St. Paul’s for retreats than in other years
- We received amazing feedback from so many retreatants on this year’s retreat!

Be sure to like us on Facebook and subscribe to our YouTube channel - we post weekly reflections from the Ministry Team that follow along the Sunday readings!

May we pray for you?
Visit our website for Perpetual Mass and Prayer League Cards stpaulretreat.org/giftofprayer