



Catholic Laymen's Retreat League

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Dear Brothers in Christ,

We need to pray "whole-heartedly," Our Holy Father Pope Francis said. "It is also an act of justice, because He is great! He is our God." David, Pope Francis went on to observe, "was so happy, because the ark was returning, the Lord was returning: his body, too, prayed with that dance." Here is a good question for us to pose to ourselves today: 'But how am I doing vis à vis prayer of praise? Do I know how to praise the Lord? Do I know how to praise the Lord when I pray

A retreat — taking time away from one's regular activities to spend extra time with the Lord — is a practical way to grow in faith, especially during this important year. Jesus himself set an example for us, Jesus would go away to a quiet place and pray before the major events of his life, even the night before Jesus went to the cross he prayed at Gethsemane. Therefore, I ask you to prayerfully consider joining us for a retreat this coming year. If you are new at Retreats ask a friend, brother, father or son to join you.

We are blessed to have our retreats directed by Priests of the Dominican order, (the special charism of the Dominicans is preaching), our own Diocesan Priests, as well as some of the Priests that teach at the Josephinum. I can assure you that in this Year of Faith the conferences will speak to your heart and invigorate your faith. The goal of the retreats is not only your personal renewal, but also to give you the impetus to act as an agent for restoring the world around you in Christ.

Attached, you will find flyers providing more details about these retreats. You are encouraged to use the form at the bottom of the flyer to register by mail, by email, or by calling a team captain of the retreat of your choice. Payment of your contribution at the time of registration would be appreciated. The cost includes the services of the Retreat Director, the retreat center staff, a private room for two nights, and meals for two days. If you have made reservations but find yourself unable to attend, please call a retreat captain at least a week before your retreat; we still incur costs for those who do not attend.

We hope you decide to make a retreat with us this year and share in the many benefits which St. Therese bestows on those who submit themselves to her patronage. Bring a friend.

Pax Christi,
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