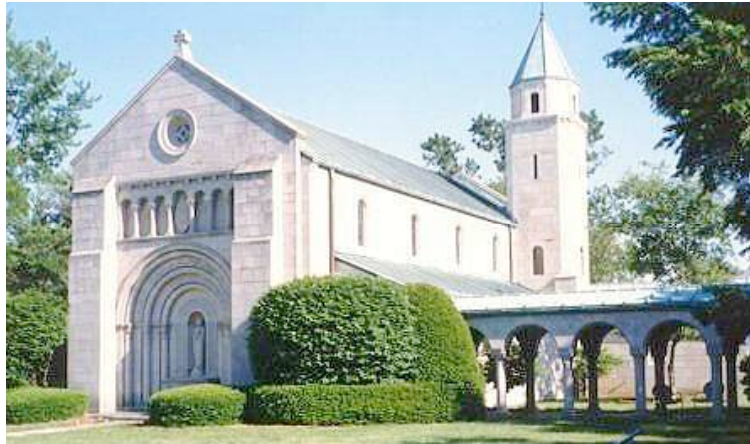


Come And Rest Awhile . . .



## Weekend Interactive Retreat for Men February 12-14, 2010

Sponsored by the Catholic Laymen's Retreat League  
St-Therese-Retreat.org

**Theme: "Our Friends and Our Enemies"**  
**Retreat Director: Father John D. Corbett, O.P.**

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**FRIDAY**

5:30 pm Registration  
5:45 Opening Remarks  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Exposition/Night  
Prayers/Benediction  
7:30 Mass  
8:30 Conference I  
9:30 Confessions

**SATURDAY**

7:00 am Rise  
7:30 Morning Prayers  
7:55 Flag Raising  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Conference II  
11:00 Mass  
12:00 Lunch  
2:00 Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY**

3:00 pm Conference III  
5:00 Rosary and Chaplet of  
Divine Mercy  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Conference IV  
8:00 Exposition/Night  
Prayers/Benediction  
8:30 Fellowship

**SUNDAY**

7:00 am Rise  
7:30 Morning Prayers  
7:55 Flag Raising  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Conference V  
10:00 Rosary and Chaplet of  
Divine Mercy  
11:00 Mass  
12:00 Departure

All men of the Columbus Diocese are encouraged to attend this retreat weekend. A contribution of \$120.00 covers the cost of the retreat. Make your reservation now and consider bringing a friend!

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**For Reservations mail this Form to the Catholic Laymen's Retreat League, c/o Mark Hasson 5881 Parkbridge Lane, Dublin Ohio 43016, or call Gary Hasson at (614) 216-4500, John Heise at (614) 595-0741 or Mark Hasson at (614) 734-0591.**

Please reserve a room in the old \_\_\_\_\_ new \_\_\_\_\_ wing at St. Therese's Retreat Center  
5277 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43213 for the February 12-14, 2010 retreat.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **RETREAT DIRECTOR**

Father John D. Corbett O.P. grew up in Columbus, Ohio and came to know the Dominicans through family members in the Order, through St. Patrick's Parish, and through attending Providence College. He graduated from the College in 1973 with a B.A. in Political Science. Fr. Corbett joined the Dominicans in the summer of 1974 and was ordained a priest on May 12th, 1980. He completed his Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 1981 and began to teach Moral Theology as well as the Development of Western Civilization at Providence College. He also assisted in campus ministries and in the Student Residence Program. Three years later he began his Doctorial Studies at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland and was awarded his Ph.D. after completing his dissertation on the Theology of Virtue in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas. While in Fribourg, Fr. Corbett served as pastor to the English speaking parish of Bruderklau. Upon returning to the United States in 1989 he was appointed Assistant Student Master. Fr. Corbett was appointed to the Faculty of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio in 1991 and spent the next seven years teaching various courses in Moral Theology, as well as offering retreats, spiritual direction, and personal formation for Seminarians. He regularly assisted in three parishes for Sunday preaching. He joined the faculty of The Dominican House of Studies in the fall of 1998. Fr. Corbett teaches in the area of fundamental moral theology.

## **RETREAT THEME AND FORMAT**

This retreat is entitled "Our Friends and Our Enemies". The retreat is focused on the truth that we do not live our Christian lives alone. Instead we only truly find ourselves as God wishes us to be when we find ourselves in His Son in the unity of the Body of Christ. Being in this world even as we are on our way to the next we find it natural to focus most of our attention on God through focusing our attention on the neighbors that we can see. However, we are helped on our way home by the charity of friends who are invisible-by the love of human and angelic saints. Moreover, we are sometimes hindered and harassed by invisible enemies-by that world of fallen spirit dedicated to resisting God's designs for our salvation. This retreat therefore focuses on the resources that devotion to our friends and to the saints can bring to our Christian life and on the ways by which we can recognize and overcome the resistance that evil offers to the Reign of God.

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Bring casual clothes and your own personal hygiene supplies and medications. Room, board and shower/bed linens are provided (each person has a private room). You will be given a prayer manual for chapel exercises. There is a small library, but you may wish to bring your own Bible or other reading material, plus a Rosary. For emergencies, call the retreat center at (614) 866-1611.

## **RETREAT: LUXURY OR NECESSITY?**

*By Rev. Msgr. Edward F. Healey (October 25, 1917 - September 5, 2006)*

While a retreat is not as necessary for every Catholic as attendance at Mass on Sunday, this form of traditional spiritual formation cannot be called a luxury. For the devout Catholic it is an important part of spiritual progress. There are so few opportunities for quiet prayer and reflection in our modern environment, that a Catholic who honestly wants to advance in the pursuit of sanctity practically needs an annual closed retreat. Priests and Religious find their annual retreat a strengthening and comforting spiritual oasis. For all Catholics, a retreat is an opportunity to realize the depths of the riches of God's grace and the special helps available in two or three days of silence and spiritual counsel. Here the busy man can find rest for the soul and strength to carry on the difficult tasks of family or career apostolate.

For the Catholic with a serious problem the retreat is an obvious haven. On weekend retreats, a Retreat Director at St. Therese's is available for private consultation on personal or social problems. Here, without fanfare or embarrassment, a Catholic who has been neglecting the sacraments can renew his spirit and rise from the routine of daily duty to the heavenly level, which is his heritage as a follower of Christ. For the non-Catholics it offers a chance to delve deeper into the treasures of divine revelation and the accumulated wisdom of Christian spirituality. For all it is a sacred privilege. It cannot be called necessary for all, but it is an opportunity open to all who can come, a God-Given opportunity, not an incidental luxury.