

2015 Program Archive

READING THE BIBLE AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center – Citrus Heights, CA

January 2, 3, and 4, 2015

Fr. Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P. will conduct our Scripture Weekend Retreat designed to serve as both an introduction and update to a dynamic appreciation of the Biblical literature. Beginning with the Book of Genesis and concluding with the comforting vision of the Apocalypse, we will explore and uncover the depth of the Bible's Teachings for the contemporary person. Outlines and study guides will be provide as well as an opportunity for prayer, reflection, and study.

FRIDAY – JANUARY 2, 2015

7:00 pm Dinner

8:15 FIRST CONSIDERATION: The Art and Tools for Interpretation

OPTIONAL DISCUSSION

SATURDAY – JANUARY 3, 2015

8:00 am Breakfast and Quiet Time for Prayer and Study

9:30 SECOND CONSIDERATION: The Apology to Eve / Creation Reconsidered

10:45 THIRD CONSIDERATION: The Psalms / The Theology of Doxology

NOON Lunch and Quiet Time, Rest, Study

2:30 pm LITURGY OF A CHRISTMAS SATURDAY – I Saw the Spirit Come

Down

3:30 FOURTH CONSIDERATION: The Rise of the Prophets / The Cry For Justice

4:45 OPTIONAL DISCUSSION

6:00 Supper

7:30 WORKSHOP: The Identity and Person of Jesus – A Gospel Survey

SUNDAY – JANUARY 4, 2015

8:00 am Breakfast and Time for Prayer / Study

9:30 FIFTH CONSIDERATION: Images of the Resurrection

Paul, Gospels, and Revelation

11:00 LITURGY OF THE SUNDAY – The Epiphany of the Lord

NOON Lunch and Peaceful Farewell

Holy Family Motherhouse

159 Washington Blvd.

Fremont, CA 94539

Gathered in my Name

Four Monday Evenings

January 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2015

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Our four week winter study will probe the significance of the Synod on the Family held in Rome (October 5-19, 2014). Our summary of the proceedings will give us some insight into the pastoral sensitivity Pope Francis would have us have in controversial matters. Our study will probe the contributions of the Second Vatican Council and the insights of Pope Paul VI as we experience the Church in Dialogue.

January 5, 2015

The nature of a Synod

The principles of dialogue, and the New Testament background

January 12, 2015

A summary of the discussions that took place during the Synod

(the Vatican is providing the documentation).

January 19, 2015

An exploration of the Biblical texts relevant

to the discussion on marriage, love, and human relationships

January 26, 2015

A study of the Biblical idea of “mercy”

Pope Francis’ vision for the Church

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THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF THE PASSION

Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Citrus Heights, CA

CONCERN FOR EVERYBODY

INSIGHTS FROM THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

Our four week program introduces anew the Gospel of St. Mark as a Gospel of compassion for everybody. This rather untypical interpretation of Mark's Proclamation attempts to explore the inward journey of Jesus who heard the cry of the poor sounding in the depth of his mind, heart, and situation. This introduction will draw upon the wisdom of Karen Armstrong's "Compassion Project" as the practical significance of Mark's Gospel challenges us to be disciples of compassion.

January 6, 2015

Mark 1: 1-13 and 14-15

Baptism

From Disciple of John to Spirit-filled Son

January 13, 2015

Mark 4: 1-34 and 35-41

The Centrality of the Lake

The Parables of the Reign of God in Light of Psalm 77

January 21, 2015

The Passion According to Mark Five

Beyond the Limits the World of Death Imposes

January 28, 2015

Mark 6: 1-6 and 7-52

The Passion of Jesus – The Feeding of the Multitudes

Rejection, Defeat, Surrender and the Community of the Poor

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SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Rocklin, CA

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Four Wednesday Evenings

January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2015

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Our four week winter study will probe the significance of the Synod on the Family held in Rome (October 5-19, 2014). First, we will review the nature of a Synod, its meaning for the possible governance of the future church, the principles of dialogue, and some of the New Testament attitudes necessary for being the Church of Jesus Christ. Second, we will summarize the controversies

and debates that took place during the Synod (the Vatican is providing the documentation). Third, we will explore the Biblical texts that are important in discerning the meaning of marriage, love, and human relationships. Finally, we will study the Biblical idea of “mercy” which is dear to Pope Francis. Mercy is the virtue behind his renewed understanding of what it means to be the Church of Jesus.

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International Women's Day

The Song of Children...

The Voice of Women...

Sponsored by:
**The Interfaith
Peace Project &
The Interfaith
Council of
Contra Costa
County**

The International Women's Day celebrates the dignity and courage of women throughout the World in the face of inequality, injustice and harm many women and children continue to face. We invite men, women, and children to come and celebrate the Voice of Women and the Song of Children. Our evening program will consist of children's musical presentations, keynote addresses and information concerning the rights of women, children and all people who suffer oppression.

**Sunday, March 8, 2015
3:00 to 5:00 PM**

**Equality for Women
is Progress for All**

**Funded in Part by
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Foundation**



**El Campanil Theatre
602 West 2nd Street
Antioch, CA 94509**



To download free tickets through Eventbrite go to:

www.eventbrite.com

To order free tickets by phone call

(925) 303-9879

For information on our ongoing Women's Day Program:

www.interfaithpeaceproject.org/programs



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An Interfaith Connections Program

Diocese of Reno Conference

John Ascuaga's Nugget

1284 Par Three Dr.

Sparks, Nevada

Return to Me With All Your Heart

For More Information [Click Here](#)

Friday, January 9, 2015

8:00 – 11:00 amCatholic School Teacher In-Service

11:00 am.....General Registration

11:30 am.....Exhibits Open

.....Lunch on your own.....

1:00 – 2:00 pmSession 1

2:10 – 3:15 pm.....Session 2

6:30 pmWelcome/Keynote

Saturday, January 10, 2015

8:00 amGeneral Registration & Exhibits Open

9:00 amMorning Praise & Celebration Leader: Steve Angrisano

10:00 – 11:15 amSession 3

11:30 – 12:45 pmLuncheon – (pre-ordered \$16.50)

1:00 – 2:15 pmSession 4

2:15 – 2:45 pmVisit Exhibits & Cookie Break

2:45 pm – 4:00 pm.....Session 5

4:30 pmLiturgy

Fr. Tom's Workshops:

1/9/2015 2:10 PM – 3:15 PM

1/10/2015 10:00AM-11:15AM

Biblical Spirituality of Joy of the Gospel

Presenter: Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P.

Inspired by the work and wisdom of Pope Francis, we will explore a few aspects of his Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel" emphasizing the Biblical aspects by which the poor are favored .

1/10/2015 2:45PM-4:00PM

“Lord Hears The Cry of the Poor!” Dialogue and the Deep Presence of God

Presenter: Fr. Tom Bonacci, C.P.

We are called to find Christ in the poor, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them, and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Fremont, CA

Scripture Class

January 13, 2015

9:30 to 11:00

Chaplaincy Institute

Introduction to Christianity and Catholicism

Spiritual Care with Roman Catholics

Women Christian Mystics

January 14, 15, 2015

St. Joan of Arc Parish

2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd

San Ramon, CA 94583

Growing in Faith Together: GIFT

POPE FRANCIS AND THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, is a powerful call to all Christians reminding us of our common mission and our common faith. He has called upon us to embrace that mission with joy, passion, and love for all. Father Tom will help us look at what Pope Francis' message means to us as Catholics, but also help us look at it from Protestant, Jewish and Muslim perspectives as well. Papa Francis is an inspiration to all the world, and he has a message for us all.

Presenter: Father Tom Bonacci is the founder and director of the Interfaith Peace Project, which encourages interfaith peace and mutual respect

For more information:

<http://www.sjasr.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/2015-GIFT-booklet.pdf>

To Register:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/gift-2015-registration-14840260619>

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

451 Moraga Way

Orinda, California

Community, Culture, and Vision

A program in observance of :

The Week of Christian Unity,

Interfaith Relations and

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

With Father Tom Bonacci, Interfaith Peace Project

Music by Sufi Reoriented Choir and Dancers

Guitarist Christopher Giffen

MERCY CENTER

Auburn, CA

I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS

Reflections on Jesus throughout the Centuries

(Part Two – The Creed to the Protestant Reform)

Our five part series explores the rise and collapse of the Medieval Church and the dawning of the Modern Period with the Protestant Reformation. In a spirit of ecumenism and interreligious understanding, we seek to appreciate what was once judged unfortunate history in a positive and constructive light. We will discover how the issues that separate us today are imbedded in the ancient church's quest for its heart and soul.

Reflection One – January 24, 2015

The Rise of Islam and the Formation of Western Christianity

Insights into the Importance of Rome as the Christian Center

in Light of the Fall of Constantinople

(The Gnostic Influence on the Qur'an)

Reflection Two – February 28, 2015

He Died for Our Sins The Rise of the Gospel of

Atonement, Substitution, and Satisfaction

(Insights into Medieval Theology)

Reflection Three – March 28, 2015

The Demise of Medieval Christianity

Factors Leading to the Rise of the Modern Age

(Establishing the Context for the Protestant Reformation)

Reflection Four – April 25, 2015

Scripture, Faith, Grace

The Theology of Martin Luther

(Appreciating the Biblical and Traditional Sources

for the Protestant Principle)

May 23, 2015

The Beginnings of the Catholic Reform Movement

An Introduction: From the Council of Trent to the Second Vatican Council

Part One – The Early Centuries: The New Testament to the Creed

Part Three – The Protestant Reformation to the

Rise of the Global Community

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St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Sung Evening Prayer

Sunday, January 25, 2015

4:00 PM

A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." Jn. 4:7

The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman invites us to drink from the deep waters of our hearts offering to one another the love, respect, and compassion that flows from the Spirit of God living in our lives. In diversity, we enrich each other. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a privileged moment for prayer, encounter and dialogue. It is an opportunity to celebrate our oneness in Christ and drink from the deep waters of his love, grace, and compassion.

A reception follows in the Parish Hall.

A freewill offering will be designated to support Father Tom's interfaith ministry through the Interfaith Peace Project. (interfaithpeaceproject.org)

Private: Lay Mission Helpers

Los Angeles, CA

Jesus & the Other

February 2-6, 2015

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

St. John Vianney

1650 Ygnacio Valley Rd

Walnut Creek CA

Pope Francis and The Joy of the Gospel Lecture Series

Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP

All are welcome!

"The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.

Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free

from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.

With Christ joy is constantly born anew.

*In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful
to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy,
while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come."*

Four Monday Evenings

February 9, 16 and March 2, 9, 2015

7:00 to 8:30pm

Mullen Commons Vista

February 9, 2015

Having the Mind and Heart of Jesus

(Pope Francis reflects on Jesus)

February 16, 2015

A Door Wide Open

(The Radical Hospitality of Jesus)

March 2, 2015

Hearing one another and the World

(The World Church Reborn)

March 9, 2015

Some Virtues Necessary for being Christ in the World

(A Lenten Reflection based on Pope Francis' Christmas Address)

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San Damiano Retreat Center

Danville, CA

Interfaith San Ramon Valley

Morning of Reflection

February 12, 2015

The Antioch Series

Private Home-Based Program

The Interfaith Peace Project

An Interfaith Connections Program

Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P.

Five Sunday Afternoons

I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS

Reflections on Jesus throughout the Centuries

(Part One – The Early Centuries: The New Testament to the Creed)

February 15, 2015

No One Takes My Life, I Freely Give It

Insights into the Mission, Ethics, and Person of Jesus

(The Passion Narratives as Original Proclamation)

March 15, 2015

A Great Prophet Has Appeared Among Us

The Mighty Deeds, the Gentle Heart, the Compassionate Presence of Jesus

The Voice of Jesus Heard in the Wisdom of the Community

(The Rise of the Gospel Narratives)

April 12, 2015

Forth from Within Shall Living Waters Flow

The Birth of Global Discipleship

(Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria, Constantinople, Rome, Nag Hammadi)

May 10, 2015

The Jesus of History – The Christ of Faith

The Rise of the Creed

(The Great Truths of Christian Faith Are Formulated)

June 14, 2015

The Final Separation of the Christian Communities from Judaism

Reviewing the Catastrophic Consequences

Part Two – The Creed to the Protestant Reform

Part Three – The Protestant Reform to the Rise of the Global Community

Be Merciful O Lord and Teach Us to be Merciful

Presented by: Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

9 am-2 pm

1:15 Liturgy

Sacrament of Penance following the Liturgy

We take as our inspiration Pope Francis' Address December 2014 to the Roman Curia urging them and all the Church to live lives worthy of the Gospel and the following of Jesus. Our Lenten Day of reflection will glean the wisdom of that Address as we rededicate to the following of Jesus in our everyday lives.

\$40 Donation includes lunch

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To Register online:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E93406&id=96>

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

615 Vine Avenue

Roseville, CA 95678

LENTEN SCRIPTURE PROGRAM

with Fr. Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P.

Four Thursday Evenings

March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2015

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Meditations on the Gospel of St. Mark

March 5, 2015

Discovering the Heart of Jesus

(Probing the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

March 12, 2015

The Gospel in the Gospel

(The Passionate Love of Jesus for the Little Ones)

March 19, 2015

Who Belongs to the Community of Jesus

(The Lord's Supper Revisited)

March 26, 2015

The Anointing Woman and the Execution of Jesus

(The Greater Love found in the Most Unlikely Place)

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School of Applied Theology: World Religions

March 9, 2015

St. Vincent DePaul

March 21, 2015

Granite Bay, St. Joseph's Church RCIA Retreat

March 29, 2015

PRIVATE HOME-BASED PROGRAM

BRENTWOOD, CA

THE INTERFAITH PEACE PROJECT

AN INTERFAITH CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Three Tuesday Evenings

March 31, April 7 and 14, 2015

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Understanding Religiously Motivated Terrorism

A Study in Fundamentalism, Radicalization, and Terrorism

March 31, 2015

Profiles of the Religious Terrorist

(One Person Terrorist is Another Person's Saint!)

A Literal Reading of Mark's Gospel from a Radical's Perspective

April 7, 2015

The Process of Religious Radicalization

Motivations for Violence – The Apocalyptic Worldviews

(Is Religion Really the Cause of War and Conflict)

April 14, 2015

Terrorism and the Future of the World

Recognizing the Impulse for Violence

(Not in the Name of God)

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Holy Family Motherhouse

The Parish Community of St. Joseph

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Four Monday Evenings

April 13, 20 and May 4, 11, 2015

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Easter Reflections from the Acts of the Apostles

(Reflections in Light of the Emerging Worldwide Church of Mercy)

April 13, 2015

The Acts of the Apostles as an Easter Proclamation

(Preparing for Pentecost Then and Now)

April 20, 2015

Momentous Turning Points in The Acts of the Apostles

(The Holy Spirit as “Obstacle” and Guide)

May 4, 2015

**The Passion of Paul in the Plan of Luke
(The Holy Spirit Outpoured on the World)
(Peter's Easter Proclamation Affirmed)**

May 11, 2015

**Why does the Acts of the Apostles concludes as it does?
(The acts of the contemporary Church continues on its pilgrim way.)**

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A HOME-BASED PROGRAM

Castro Valley, CA

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

EMERGING GLOBAL ETHICS

Four Part Series

Four Tuesday Nights 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Some important shifts and developments within the Catholic Community signify some important shifts in global human consciousness. Our four session series will explore those shifts and opportunities.

April 21, 2015

Radical Hospitality

The Open-Door

An Exploration of John 10

In Light of #47 – the Joy of the Gospel

June 23, 2015

The Church as “Field Hospital”

Key Words in the Work of Jesus

July 28, 2015

The Synod on the Family

Exploring the Attribute of Mercy

A New Way of Being a Global Church

August 25, 2015

Future Trends

A Turning Point in History?

The Rise of Human Ecology

Problems and Opportunities

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SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

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Rocklin, CA 95677

Four Wednesday Evenings

April 22, 29 and May 6, 13, 2015

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Understanding Religiously Motivated Terrorism

A Study in Fundamentalism, Radicalization, and Terrorism

April 22, 2015

The Fundamentals of Fundamentalism

Making Sense of Life and the World

(The Dangers of Biblical Literalism)

April 29, 2015

Profiles of the Religious Terrorist

(One Person Terrorist is Another Person's Saint!)

A Literal Reading of Mark's Gospel from a Radical's Perspective

May 6, 2015

The Process of Religious Radicalization

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(Is Religion Really the Cause of War and Conflict)

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St. Raymond Wings at San Damiano

April 22, 2015

School of Applied Theology

April 27, 2015

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“RANSOM” FOR THE MANY

EXPLORATIONS IN THE PASSION THEOLOGY OF ST. MARK

What is behind the liturgical translation of the word “many” in the Institutional Words of the Eucharistic Consecration? Is the implied exclusion intended or is there a deeper meaning to the troublesome “many” found in the more recent Missal? These liturgical concerns invite us to revisit St. Mark’s Gospel as we seek to uncover what the Evangelist might have meant and the implications for us as we struggle to make sense out of the suffering so many endure.

April 28, 2015

Mark 8: 31-33, 9: 30-32, and 10: 32-34

The Crossroads of the Cross

The Passion “Predictions” and the Call to Discipleship

May 5, 2015

Mark 11: 1 – 12: 44

The Jerusalem Troublemaker

The Mythical City, The Historical Place, The Heavenly Hope

May 12, 2015

Mark 15: 33-41

Insight in the Moment Death

The Transformation of an Executioner – Born Anew from the

Death of Jesus

May 19, 2015

Mark 14: 51-52 and 16: 1-8

Resurrection?

The Stranger of the Night Announces a New Day

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Our Four Week series ponders the Interfaith Practice of Jesus. First, we will ponder the religions of Jesus looking for insights that formed his Interfaith Practice. Then we will explore the implications of the question: "How did Jesus treat people from faith traditions other than his own?"

Four Friday Mornings

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

MAY 8, 2015

Exploring the “attitude” of Jesus

Insights from Philippians 2: 1-11

JUNE 12, 2015

The Religion of Jesus

Genesis – Exodus – Amos

JULY 10, 2015

The international / interfaith implications of Mark 5

AUGUST 14, 2015

The interfaith implications of Mark 6-7-8

Celebrating the Syro-Phoenician Woman

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NO WORLD PEACE WITHOUT RELIGIOUS PEACE!

Private Program

Sacramento Deanery Meeting

May 16, 2015

11:30 AM

Islam

THE GODDESS RISING

Retrieving Women's Voice in Ancient and Contemporary Times

An Interfaith Connections Program

Sponsored by

The Interfaith Peace Project

Pittsburg, Ca

Our Four week program will explore the tragic loss of Women's Voice in the historical record of humankind. While oftentimes the actual historical woman has faded from history, her voice resounds through the ages. We will explore the core myth that has injured women as we reconsider Eve in our Apology to Eve. The Divine Feminine embedded in the Ancient Sources will inspire our study and challenge our assumptions. After revisiting the imagery of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, we will explore and ponder the signs of the rise of Women's Voice in our

time. Finally, we will offer a practical program for recovering your own feminine voice be you man or woman.

Four Monday Nights

May 18, 25 and June 1, 8, 2015

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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No World Peace Without Religious Peace

SERVING CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

The Golden Jubilee Celebration

St. John Vianney Catholic Church

Vista room of Mullen Commons

7:00 PM

May 20, 2015

THE CALL TO FOLLOW AFTER CHRIST

Will we become like Christ?

Have in you the Mind that was in Christ Jesus

An exploration of Paul's Letter to the Philippians 2: 1-11

May 27, 2015

REVEALING CHRIST IN ALL WE DO

Will we serve the poor?

The Heart that has never ceased to beat with love for us

A celebration of the Heart of Jesus as found in the Gospel Traditions

June 3, 2015

FOLLOWING CHRIST IN THE WORLD AS IT IS

What might it mean to love Terrorists in the Tradition of Jesus?

How Jesus teaches us to love our enemies

An honest probing of the Beatitudes of Matthew 5: 1-12

In light of Matthew 5: 43-48

Diocese of Reno

Synod Day of Prayer and Reflection

June 13, 2015

CHRIST THE KING PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER

Citrus Heights, CA

“THAT ALL MAY BE CHERISHED”

Celebrating the Faith Traditions of the World

An Introduction to Interfaith Spirituality

June 26, 27, 28, 2015

The Second Vatican Council invited the people of the Church to engage the peoples of the World in the pursuit of the true, the good, and the beautiful. We live in a time when the Faith Traditions of the World have the obligation to lead the World in the way of peace. Our weekend retreat is an introduction to the Faith Traditions of humankind as we discern the many gifts each Tradition brings to the pursuit of peace and harmony in our World.

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MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

Was It Not Like Fire Burning Within Us?

Presented by: Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP

Friday, July 17 to Sunday, July 19, 2015

Begins with registration at 4 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm on Friday.

Concludes with Liturgy and lunch on Sunday

REGISTRATION: \$250 per couple

In this year of preparation for the conclusion of the Synod on the Family, our Retreat for Married Couples will focus on the power of self-giving love to transform the World. This love is symbolized in the fire of God's radiance reflected in creation and the reality of human love. Our Retreat program will probe the dynamics of the fire of love as we grow into the full stature of God's image. Marriage is a sacramental ministry by which the love of God manifested in Jesus is communicated by virtue of the Holy Spirit. Marriage offers the World of tragedy and heartbreak the hope born of the courage of two people to love one another unconditionally. Come! Celebrate with us the fire of this love.

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All Saints Catholic Church

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Private Program

July 31 – August 10, 2015

THE INTERFAITH PEACE PROJECT

An Interfaith Connections Program

Private Home-Based Program

Pleasant Hill, CA

MAY ALL CREATION GIVE YOU PRAISE, O GOD!

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

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home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs”.

1. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her.

Our three session program will explore the core message of Pope Francis’ important and timely Encyclical, “Laudato Si.” Transcending the controversy surrounding this prophetic work, we engage its challenge within the rich sacramental tradition of Church and our increasing awareness of the interrelationship of all Creation.

Three Monday Evenings

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

August 17, 2015

THE GOSPEL OF CREATION

The Testimony of Tradition and Scripture

August 24, 2015

HUMAN ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Witness of Science and the Principle of the Common Good

August 31, 2015

ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

The Call to Ecological Conversion and Cosmic Awareness

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St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

Antioch, CA

Four Monday Mornings

8:45 am – 10:30 am

August 17, 2015

THE GOSPEL OF CREATION

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PEACE-MAKING

It is not only possible but an obligation to work for peace by pursuing justice. Our three week study explores some practical applications as to how justice can be practiced in everyday life in such a way as to give peace a chance.

Three Thursday Evenings

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Thursday

August, 27, 2015

An Evening at

The Interfaith Peace Center

4517 Buckeye Court

Antioch, CA 94531

We will explore the possibility of practicing Interfaith Peace in all the affairs of our lives.

Tom will also address the meaning of International Day of Peace.

June Kirk will tour the Center's Library sharing some powerful experiences in the pursuit of peace.

Thursday

September 3, 2015

Ecological Peace-Making

Some comments on the latest Encyclical "Laudato si" from a justice and peace perspective.

Thursday

September 10, 2015

Comments on the upcoming Synod on the Family in Rome.

Identifying several issues of justice influencing the Church in the World.

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Diocese of Reno

Youth Minister's Retreat

Saturday, August 29, 2015

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Antioch, CA

I WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS

Reflections on Jesus throughout the Centuries

(Part Two – The Creed to the Protestant Reformation)

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ecumenism and interreligious understanding, we seek to appreciate what was once judged unfortunate history in a positive and constructive light. We will discover how the issues that separate us today are imbedded in the ancient church's quest for its heart and soul.

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**Insights into the Importance of Rome as the Christian Center in Light of the Fall
of Constantinople**

(The Gnostic Influence on the Qur'an)

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He Died for Our Sins

The Rise of the Gospel of Atonement, Substitution, and Satisfaction

(Insights into Medieval Theology)

Reflection Three – November 8, 2015

The Demise of Medieval Christianity

(Establishing the Context for the Protestant Reformation)

Reflection Four – December 6, 2015

Scripture, Faith, Grace

The Theology of Martin Luther

(Appreciating the Biblical and Traditional Sources for the Protestant Principle)

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Auburn, CA

Private Home – Based Program

INTERFAITH SPIRITUALITY AND PRACTICE

EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF INTERRELIGIOUS PRACTICE

As religious and spiritual persons we base our lives on an Ultimate Reality, and draw spiritual power and hope therefrom, in trust, in prayer or meditation, in word or silence. We have a special responsibility for the welfare of all humanity and

care for the planet Earth. We do not consider ourselves better than other women and men, but we trust that the ancient wisdom of our religions can point the way for the future.

GLOBAL ETHICS

COUNCIL OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

SEPTEMBER 4, 1993

Our three week study will explore the practical dimensions for practicing Interfaith Spirituality. We will propose the principles by which such an endeavor might become part of a person's daily life.

Three Tuesday Evenings

September 1, 2015 – The Great Axial Period

September 15, 2015 – The Rise of Interfaith Global Spirituality

September 29, 2015 – Insights into Dialogue

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RETREAT

Fall 2015

I HAVE HEARD YOU CALLING IN THE NIGHT

Our Retreat Weekend will afford us the opportunity to savor the moment in history as we rededicate ourselves to the liberation of all beings on Earth from the power of oppression and destruction. As we surge past Pluto, we must not forget the cries of the poor and oppressed on Earth. Through prayer, reflection, study, sharing, and friendship, we will celebrate this moment in our history.

Friday, September 4, 2015

God Hears the Cries of the Poor and Oppressed!

What might this mean?

RITUAL: The Blessing of One Another

Saturday, September 4, 2015

MORNING

Be Merciful as I am Merciful!

QUIET PRAYERFUL REFLECTION: Claiming Dignity for Self

and Defending Others Who Struggle

The Irish Vote – The Gospel Reborn?

Love as Hearing and Responding to Another

Without Qualification or Hesitation

AFTERNOON

Behold the Birds of the Air

REFLECTION: The Dynamic Interplay of Earth and Soul

Fifteen Minute Mindful Nature Walk

Sharing the Experience

RITUAL: Blessing the Earth

GENERAL DISCUSSION WITH TOM

EVENING

LITURGY

Sunday, September 5, 2015

A Most Important Apology

Dare We Dream and Hope?

Sharing in the Friendship of Christ

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Holy Family Motherhouse

Fremont, CA

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Four Monday Evenings

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

September 7, 2015

SOURCES FOR GLOBAL CONSCIOUSNESS

A New Way of Being Church

September 14, 2015

THE GOSPEL OF CREATION

The Testimony of Tradition and Scripture

September 28, 2015

HUMAN ECOLOGICAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Witness of Science and the Principle of the Common Good

October 5, 2015

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Rocklin, CA 95677

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PRAISE BE TO THEE, O GOD OF MERCY

During our Five Week Program, Pope Francis will visit Cuba and the United States. This will afford us the opportunity to discern the emergence of a new way of being Church in the World. Following in the spirituality and teaching of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis is implementing, in ways both challenging and constructive, what it means to be a Church dedicated to and constituted by the poor. We will be attentive to these events as they unfold as we prepare for the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Five Wednesday Evenings

September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 2015

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Wednesday – September 9, 2015

The Joy of the Gospel Revisited

A Church of Mercy Demands Merciful Leadership

Wednesday – September 16, 2015

Laudati si

The Encyclical “Our Common Home”

The Gospel of Creation

Compassion to All Creatures and Elements

Wednesday – September 23, 2015

Laudato si

The Foundation of an Ecological Spirituality

Wednesday – September 30, 2015

Reflections on the Papal Visit to the United States

Wednesday – October 7, 2015

Introducing the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy

A Survey of Important Biblical Texts

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Saint Joseph's Catholic Church

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Elk Grove, California, 95624

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(Part Two – The Creed to the Protestant Reform)

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MERCY CENTER

Auburn, CA

Three Saturdays

9:30 am – 2:00 pm

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Reflections on Jesus throughout the Centuries

(Part Three – The Protestant Reformation to the Rise of the Global Community)

Our three part series explores the rise of the Modern Age and the dramatic transition to this post-modern period in which uncertainty is the rule of the day.

Sophisticated biblical studies emerge in this period with a strong fundamentalist reaction. The person of Jesus is now emerging anew in light of World developments and scientific breakthroughs. How Jesus will be understood and presented in the years to come is not simply a matter for speculation. Our time is providing the foundation for the future of Jesus for both Church and World.

Reflection One – September 12, 2015

The Rise of the Modern World – The Scientific Worldview

The Fundamentalist Reaction

Reflection Two – October 24, 2015

World Violence and the Tragedy of the Shoah

The Jewish Jesus Emerges

Reflection Three – November 28, 2015

The Quest for the Historical Jesus

The Discovery of the Human Jesus

The Global Age and the Cosmic Christ

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Interfaith Spirituality

September 14

10:00 – 12:00

East County Shared Ministry

Stoneman Chapel

200 East Leland Road

Pittsburg, CA 94565

Peace in Light of Pope Francis' Encyclical on Our Common Home

Sunday, September 20, 2015

10:00 AM

The International Day of Peace affords us the opportunity to commit ourselves to living justly on Earth with all creatures and elements by which our lives are sustained and enhanced. Please worship with us and meet Pastor Will McGarvey whose work with The Contra Costa Interfaith Council continues to foster peace through justice.

Peace Lutheran Church

3201 Camino Tassajara

Danville, CA 94506

Sunday, September 20, 2015

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

The Interfaith Peace Project is proud to sponsor The Peace Concert at Peace Lutheran Church in Danville, CA. We join with other sponsoring communities as we pursue peace in every part of our community. We take this opportunity to thank Rev. Steve Harms and his church congregation for all the work they have done over the years to make peace a

reality in the lives of so many people. Please join us. (See the following flyer for more information:

International Day of Peace Concert



Sunday, September 20th
4:00 to 5:30 pm.
Free with reception afterwards
Peace Lutheran Church

3201 Camino Tassajara, Danville International Day of Peace is September 21st

“International Day of Peace Celebration: Honoring the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations.”

Join us for a celebration featuring poetry, choirs and ensembles from around the Council and Bay Area as we come together on the International Day of Peace. We welcome the Interfaith musical ensemble "Solaris", on tour from Canada.

Cosponsored by the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County, the Mt. Diablo Peace Center, The Interfaith Center at the Presidio, SF and the Interfaith Peace Project, Antioch.

Attendance is free. Free will donations to our sponsors will be available during the reception afterwards. All are welcome.



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Oakland, CA 94618

The Reality of Interfaith Spirituality

Monday, September 21, 2015

It has been said, “No World peace without religious peace!” Our morning program will explore how religious peace might be more than a possibility. People of faith must learn from, be inspired by, and meet one another. Only then can we confront and transcend our fears, stereotypes, and prejudices.

St. Augustine Catholic Church

400 Alcatraz Avenue

Oakland, CA 94609

The Biblical Idea of the Jubilee Year

Monday, September 21, 2015

7:00 PM

The Biblical idea of the Jubilee Year is one in which the land rested and rightful ownership was recognized and restored. Our reflections will be motivated by the

upcoming “Year of Mercy” in the Catholic Community. Mercy is realized in our practical respect for one another. Respect for one another might be the foundation of the peace born of justice.

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Interfaith Spirituality

September 28

10:00 – 12:00

Private Program

Castro Valley, CA

Laudato si'

September 22 and December 15, 2015

Private Program

Centering Prayer Group

September 26, 2015

A DAY IN HISTORY

December 24, 1968 was a decisive turning point in human accomplishment. Our self-awareness has never been the same. It was an event that changed the way we read Scripture. Our reflection will focus on the majesty of Psalm 8 and the splendor of Genesis 1. As we behold the splendor of the Universe, we are moved in body, mind, and soul to find the Center of an unbounded Universe within the depths of our hearts.

The great Tradition of Contemplative Prayer has always raised the consciousness of human beings to be more than aware of the plight of the poor and the splendor of creation. The abundance of the Earth challenges us to feed the hungry. We will explore the interplay of prayer and creation.

The new encyclical “Laudato si” invites us to be merciful to creation that is the source of our life and well-being. In fact, the cry of the Earth and the cry of the Poor invite us to hear the voice of God in the depths of our minds, hearts, and prayer. Centering in the Divine invites us to hear who and what God hears.

We will begin our time of reflection by focusing on the tremendous and transformative experience of December 24, 1968 when human experienced a view of the Earth never before imaginable (see Psalm 8).

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Private Program

Middletown, CA

October 2, 2015

Private Scripture Class

Fremont, CA

October 6, 2015

INTERFAITH RETREAT

October 9-11, 2015

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2015

7:00 pm Dinner

8:15 FIRST REFLECTION: Axial Consciousness: Review

The Emergence of World Scripture

Open Discussion

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

8:00 am Breakfast and Quiet Time For Personal Prayer

9:30 SECOND REFLECTION: Study in Documentation

The “Actuality” of the Axial Sages

**11:15 THIRD REFLECTION: Jesus as Shaman – Rereading Matthew’s
Gospel**

Noon Lunch / Quiet Time, Rest, Study

3:00 pm FOURTH REFLECTION: You shall love your enemy!

**The Buddha and The Christ – Baptism and
Enlightenment**

**4:45 Celebration – Testifying to your experience / understanding of
Jesus**

6:00 Supper

7:30 WORKSHOP: Indigenous Experience in America / California

Optional Discussion with Tom

Sunday, October 11, 2015

- 7:15 am** **Optional Liturgy – The Mass of the Sunday**
- 8:15** **Breakfast and Quiet Personal Time for Spiritual Practice**
- 9:30** **FIFTH REFLECTION: Jesus as Ecological Prophet**
- Reflections on Laudato si – The Gaze of Jesus**
- 10:30** **Final Thoughts and Discussion**
- 11:15** **Rumi’s One Table**
- 11:30** **Free Time and Quiet**
- Noon** **Lunch and Peaceful Farewell**

Private Program

Concord, CA

October 13, 2015

Religion & Violence

ST. MONICA’S PARISH MISSION

Willows, CA

October 24 -28, 2015

Our three day Fall Mission / Retreat affords us an opportunity to prepare for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning on December 8, 2015. We will ponder and celebrate the God of Mercy so powerfully portrayed in the Bible. We also have the challenging and powerful teaching of Pope Francis who invites us to follow Jesus who is the revelation of God's mercy in all the affairs of our lives. Through prayer, ritual, teaching, and sharing we will walk with Jesus as we hear his Word anew. Touched by his merciful heart of strong and passionate love, we dedicate ourselves anew to be his risen presence in our broken World.

THE MORNING PROGRAM

(Different from the Evening Program)

Liturgy 7:30 am

Coffee and Refreshments after the Liturgy

8:15 am – 9:15 am

Session with Tom

THE EVENING PROGRAM

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

MONDAY

October 26, 2015

Evening Service

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

WAS IT NOT LIKE FIRE BURNING IN OUR HEARTS!

Walking with Jesus every day of our lives

Reflections based on the Gospels

FIRST REFLECTION

The Doors of the Church should be open ...

Reflections based on the Joy of the Gospel #46-47

Encountering the God of Mystery

Exodus 33:17-34:8

SECOND REFLECTION

What Might Mercy Look Like?

Luke 7: 1-10

The Church of Uncommon Mercy

TUESDAY

October 27, 2015

Evening Service

BY THE WORD OF THE LORD THE HEAVENS WERE FORMED

BY THE BREATH OF GOD ALL THINGS CAME TO BE

FIRST REFLECTION

He walked with them along the road opening the Scripture

Reflections from the Joy of the Gospel # 114-115 and 139

The Gaze of Jesus – Pondering Laudato si # 96-100

Isaiah 55: 1-11

SECOND REFLECTION

The Mission to the Afflicted

The Cry of the Poor and the Earth = Pondering Laudato si # 49

Luke 4: 1-20

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 28, 2015

Evening Service

PEACE BE WITH YOU – FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER!

FIRST REFLECTION

Tenderness and Mercy

Reflections from the Joy of the Gospel #22, 44, 270

Drawing Close to the Power and Beauty of the Created World of Nature

The Faithful Seed of Amazing Growth

Mark 4:1-9

SECOND REFLECTION

All I have is yours....

Reflections of Luke 15

THE MORNING SCHEDULE

October 26 – 28, 2015

MORNING LITURGY – 7:30 am

COFFEE

SCRIPTURE STUDY – 8:15 am – 9:15 am

(DIFFERENT FROM THE EVENING SERVICE)

JESUS – THE REVELATION OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN, HUMANE,

MERCIFUL, AND FULLY ALIVE

MONDAY

WHAT GOD GIVES US FOR CHRISTMAS?

THE MANGER OF HIS TABLE

TUESDAY

WHO IS FRANCIS, THE POPE?

WHY DOES HE LOVE FRANCIS, THE SAINT?

WEDNESDAY

THE PASSIONS OF JESUS

THE TABLE OF HIS CROSS

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St. Joan of Arc

San Ramon, CA

Laudato Si

On Care for Our Common Home

The Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis

Listening to the World Church, gleaning the best scientific evidence, appealing to the Tradition of born of Scripture, St Francis, and St. Bonaventure, inspired by the example and teachings of believers, Pope Francis responds to the ecological crisis threatening our common home. This important and timely encyclical challenges the peoples of the World to realize our interdependency and responsibilities to care for the Earth in this age of globalization. Our progress must not result in our destruction. The encyclical explores the moral and ethical implications and responsibilities we all incur in light of the growing ecological crisis.

Three Monday Nights

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

November 9, 2015

Our Common Home

November 16, 2015

The Gospel of Creation

November 23, 2015

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No World Peace Without Religious Peace

THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF THE PASSION

IN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

NOVEMBER 2015 – MAY 2016

THE YEAR OF MERCY

INSIGHTS FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

November 10, 2015	Discerning the Biblical meaning of “mercy”
November 17, 2015	Luke’s experience of the God of the Hebrews
November 24, 2015	Exploring the Heart of Jesus in Luke’s Gospel

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St. Joseph's Men's Club Retreat

St. Francis Retreat Center

549 Mission Vineyard Rd.

San Juan Bautista, CA

November 20-22, 2015

SERVING CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

The Golden Jubilee Celebration

St. John Vianney Parish

Advent 2015

November 30, 2015

THE COMMUNITY OF THE POOR

The Birth-Givers of Jesus

Luke surrounds the Birth of Jesus with a most fascinating community

of courage, insight, and fearlessness

Insights into Luke 1 and 2

December 7, 2015

THE CALL TO BE A LITTLE CHILD

The Manager of his love is our hearts

We explore the Biblical splendor of the Manger in the Gospel of Luke

based on Isaiah 1:2-3

December 14, 2015

BORN ANEW

We have seen his Star

In light of the emerging ecological concerns,

We will explore the cosmic and global implications of Jesus with us

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November 30, 2015

1:00 – 3:00 PM

December 1, 2015

10:00 – 12:00 Noon

1:00 – 3:00 PM

St Paul's Episcopal Church

Walnut Creek, CA

THREE MEDITATIONS ON DEEP INCARNATION

Our three-part Advent series affords us the opportunity to review and savor some of the more exciting developments in contemporary spirituality. Advent, with its incarnational perspective, challenges us to engage the sacredness of creation. We prayerfully explore the implications of the Word made flesh not as a past historical happening but an uncompromising contemporary challenge. The simple question is whether or not we are willing to see life and World with the eyes, mind, heart, and soul of Jesus.

Three Wednesday Evenings

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

December 2, 2015

The Gaze of Jesus

A Reflection on Laudato Si

(Chapter Two Section Seven)

To see as Jesus Sees

December 9, 2015

“Throwing in his lot”

Three Reflections on the “Going down” of Jesus

Luke 2: 50-52 – He went down with them

Luke 7: 11-17 – The Broken Heart

Luke 22: 24-27 – The Tragic Table

December 16, 2015

Resurrection as Incarnational Hope

Revisiting Theosis – “Filled with Spirit” – Luke 4: 14-18

Revisiting Apocatastasis – “Good Thief” – Luke 23: 39-43

Rediscovering the Church of Mercy – “Be Merciful” – Luke 6: 36

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Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center
6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621-4910

**May Mercy Prevail
on Earth**

Thursday, December 24, 2015
7:00pm - 9:00pm PM in the Chapel



Ecumenical-Interfaith Evening of Prayer

The Passionist Religious Community of Citrus Heights joins with the Interfaith/Ecumenical community of Greater Sacramento as together we offer prayers and blessings for a more merciful World. We gather as Francis, Bishop of Rome, inaugurates the Year of Mercy. All of our Faith Traditions have something important to say about mercy. Tonight we gather to share the wisdom of those Traditions as we seek to be a people of mercy, compassion, and respect.

For more information and registration, please contact:
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The Peace Pole in the Chapel Sanctuary was dedicated several years ago in honor of the Interfaith/Ecumenical Community of Greater Sacramento. Every time we as a Passionist Community gather in the Chapel the Peace Pole reminds us of our solidarity with the Faith Communities surrounding us. It is our blessing to work, study, and pray with you.

Year End Silent Retreat

Every Day You Show Us a Mother's Love and a Father's Care

Mercy Center

Auburn, California

December 28, 2015 to January 1, 2016 or

December 31, 2015 to January 1, 2016

In this Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy, we ponder the Scripture as we celebrate the mercy of God for all peoples. Our Scripture and tradition are rich, varied, and deep with profound understandings and teachings on what it means to be a merciful person and live a compassionate life. We will explore the Twelve Steps of Compassion by Karen Armstrong, applying her insights to Pope Francis' challenge to be a people rich in mercy. Our prayerful Year End New Year's Retreat will offer us a rich opportunity to begin the Extraordinary Year of Mercy by rededicating ourselves to the following of Jesus in ways merciful and compassionate.

Two Retreat Options:

Option 1: Five Day Silent Retreat Begins Monday, December 28th with arrival and registration from 3:00 to 6:00 pm (dinner at 6:15 pm). Retreat closes with New Year's Day Eucharist celebration at 9:00am followed by brunch. Cost: \$275 resident (Dec 28, 2015 to Jan 1, 2016) (\$75 non-refundable deposit)

Option 2: New Years Eve Overnight Begins Thursday, December 31st with arrival and registration from 3:00 to 5:00 pm (dinner at 5:15 pm). Retreat closes with New Year's Day Eucharist celebration at 9:00am followed by brunch. Cost: \$95 (Dec 31, 2015 to Jan 1, 2016) (non-refundable payment due w/registration; space limited)

For More information:

<http://mercycenter.org/doc/2015YearEndRetreatFlyer.pdf>