Beloved Friends of Our Lady of Peace,

I greet you with the words of St. Francis, “The Lord give you peace… Pax et Bonum”.

You have possibly heard the phrases “Let go and let God”, “God is in control”, and “God is good…all the time”. These uplifting sayings, plus others that you may know, often are from a poem or a song. One such song is by Don Moen, in which he expounds on how God is good, all the time, that God is true to His word, and that He will care for us always. I bring this to your attention, because during these present times of church, political, domestic and other upheavals, we need aides such as “God is Good, All the Time” to remind us of the truth that all is in God’s hands. It seems that so many issues today are out of our control, and we wonder what our future will be.

When we try to control situations, often our relationships are affected in a stressful way, our family issues might seem hopeless, people harmed each other with hurtful words or actions, problems at work appear to be more annoying… the list can go on. These events happen especially when we try to control other people and situations that are not ours to control. Father Francis Chun has taught that when we try to control situations which are out of our personal control, we can lose peace of mind, become more agitated, feel impatient, and often very sad. Letting go of the need to control (Let go and let God) is very healthy for us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Allowing God to lead us in our life’s difficulties, and through the confusions and conflicts that abound, will give us a peace of mind and strength that only He can provide. Let us allow our loving and merciful God to be in control of our lives for the sake of our families, relationships, social situations, and ourselves. To assist in keeping himself focused on the reality that God is in control, St. Francis of Assisi used to say over and over the simple prayer, “My God and my All”.

Following are the words to the song by Don Moen. It is like a prayer of praise and trust in God. I encourage you to say or sing this song, or another song of praise that you like, and let it bring you hope, peace and lift up your hearts, knowing that “God is in control”!

“God is Good” by Don Moen

Refrain: God is Good, All the time, He put a song of praise in this heart of mine.
God is Good, All the time, Through the darkest nights, His light will shine.
God is Good, God is Good, all the time.

Verse: If you’re walking, through the valley, and there are shadows all around; do not fear, He will guide you, He will keep you safe and sound. He has promised, to never leave you, nor forsake you… and His word is true.

Verse: We were sinners, so unworthy, still for us He chose to die. Filled us with His Holy Spirit, now we can stand and testify. That His love is everlasting and His mercies, they will never end.

Bridge: Though I do not understand, all the plans you have for me. My life is in Your hands, and through the eyes of Faith, I can clearly see.

Peace and joy,

Sister Anne Marie, ODF

P.S. You are more than welcome to share with me your favorite song of praise and how it helps you stay focused on God’s love and guidance in your life. You may write to me at sisters@olpretreat.org.
Working independently from each other on their presentations, the speakers’ topics at the 2019 Institute in Catholic Teaching were orchestrated by the Holy Spirit to be a seamless whole, concentrating on our friendship with Christ, the prayer that is needed to grow that relationship, which ultimately leads to union with Christ, and how to live that out on a daily basis. The key instructors were Dr. Joseph Hollcraft, founder of Seeds of Truth Ministries, who is an adjunct professor for Avila Institute and host of the Seeds of Truth Radio program; the Most Reverend Liam Cary, Bishop of the Diocese of Baker, Oregon; and Lynda Olsen from the Archdiocese of Portland Speakers Bureau.

Here are some highlights of what we brought away with us from our week-long retreat. Dr. Hollcraft took his students through a large section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church that focuses on prayer (CCC 2566-2589), using humor and an encyclopedic memory of scripture and linguistics. We learned that more than 14 times in the Scriptures, Jesus withdrew to pray; the Old testament Fathers: Abraham, Isaac, Joseph and Moses were constantly praying to God and offering sacrifices. Then we heard from Bishop Cary who spoke of the three parts of prayer: the Inwardness of Prayer, the Outwardness of Prayer, and a Way to Pattern Prayer in Our lives. As an example, Moses had no idea that he would encounter God in a non-consumed burning bush when he awoke that morning. Our third daytime presenter was Lynda Olsen who spoke of devotion to the Holy Spirit and the Eucharist. She shared that “The Eucharist is primarily action; we are to live out what we consume. The Sacraments call us to live out the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass... the Hour that does not pass away.” Fr. Tim Furlow, Administrator of St. Patrick Church in Portland, gave an evening presentation. He spoke about renewal. He noted that we have an “inordinate amount of affection for material and created things” in today’s world, and this leads to detachment from God. A consistent prayer life, intimacy with the Lord and immersion in the Sacraments lead to detachment from the world and attachment to God, to holiness, to an ever deeper virtuous life.

A Memorable Retreat

What more can we say about Our Sisters and Lay Women’s retreat? The happiness on the faces at right says it all!

Eight days of silence, Eucharistic adoration and wonderful conferences by Fr. Philip Scott, FJ, created a big wave—as he loves to say, we were “tsunamied by grace”!

Fr. Philip will be with us again in June of 2020 to give another 8-day retreat. (Please see Retreat Schedule for dates)

Donate to 2020 Tea and Silent Auction

Would you like to support our 2020 Tea? Contributions are tax deductible. We are looking for a few good items for our silent auction: gift cards in any amount, to any place. For other items you may have, please call Joan Koessler at 503-747-2466 in advance to make sure we can use them. Donations can be brought directly to OLP or call Joan to arrange pick-up by Dec. 31st.
Thank You, St. Pius X Women’s Club

What a difference new siding makes! We are most grateful to the St. Pius X Women’s Club for gifting the Retreat House again this year. In photo at right, Sister Agnes Clare accepts a check in the amount of $2,025 for the siding replaced on the outside wall of our newly remodeled Chapel. Pictured with Sister is Agnes Onkka from the St. Pius X Women’s Club who this year helped to procure the grant money for the project. May Our Blessed Lord reward them!

Fun-in-the-Sun August BBQ

We had another memorable Family BBQ on August 4; mid-90s weather, mouth-watering BBQ, and the joy of seeing the many families who come for fun, food and conviviality. We served over 950 meals and netted $30,676. This year the proceeds from the BBQ went toward the maintenance of the retreat house and grounds. A grateful thank you to our Barbecue Committee, and the more than 100 volunteers. Special thanks go to the Knights of Columbus from Hillsboro, Beaverton, Aloha and Portland, many of whom were here for two days, with the preparations on Saturday. Thanking also flutist Melodie Palazo and our DJ this year, Mater Dei Radio’s Executive Director, Pat Ryan, whose limitless energy and enthusiasm made the afternoon most enjoyable!

The BBQ Sweepstakes Results are In!

1st Prize of $1,000: Mike Bernard, Lake Wylie, South Carolina
2nd Prize of $500: Jack Basic, Portland, Oregon
3rd Prize of $250: Mr. Randall A. Young, West Linn, Oregon

A Special Outing for Staff

Silence, Solitude, Prayer and Eucharist Adoration were the themes of the June Staff retreat, made possible and directed by our Sr. Therese Improgo. A generous benefactor provided a donation that covered the retreat held at Our Lady of Consolation Brigittine Monastery in Amity and the group ended with late lunch in McMinnville. Joining them was Br. Bernard, the Brigittine Prior. The staff hopes to make the retreat an annual event.

Seated left to right: Alma Yentas, Brother Bernard and Angel Garcia. Standing are Sr. Therese, Jossie Torres Jurado, Samia Nasry and Mariza Funez.
“Hello to all at OLP Retreat!” from Diana Dean, our valued front office volunteer of 10 years. Recently, she was on a road trip with her husband David and shared this photo (at left). They now live in Tennessee.

Sometime after Diana’s departure Patrick Brink began volunteering and performs a variety of tasks, including answering the phones. Pat is formerly of Pasadena, California. His niece, Sr. Jude Andrew, is a Dominican with the Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, MI.

Introducing Our OLP Retreat Volunteers

The Club members are pictured below in our Marian Garden with Sister Agnes Clare. They had their last gathering before a summer break in May with Holy Mass, the Awards and Recognition Ceremony, followed by a potluck dinner enjoyed by the girls and their families.

Our outgoing officers this year are:
- President: Colleen Doran
- Vice-President: Brigid Walsh
- Secretary: Catherine Mudd
- Treasurer: Theresa D’Silva
- Historians: Ruth Shepard and Clare Ludwikoski

The new officers for next year 2019-2020 will be:
- President: Ruth Shepard
- Vice-President: Clare Ludwikoski
- Secretary: Kayla Durand
- Treasurer: Amanda Rocha
- Historians: Miriam Milton and Grace Woods

A Little Information About the Club

Our Lady of Peace Retreat House is the home of the Franciscan Girls Club. The club meets once a month from 2-5 pm and is open to girls ages 10-17. If you’ve been on a retreat, you may have seen the Franciscan Girls performing their primary mission: volunteering their service in the Retreat House’s Kitchen and dining room. Our motto is to “know, love and serve God”, and we serve God by helping the Sisters and those at the retreat house. The Club also has occasional activities like community service projects, attending the Pro-Life Rally, serving at the Annual Tea and Silent Auction, and fun outings like roller skating or going to the beach. In the summer, the Franciscan Girls host the game area at the Retreat House’s Annual Barbecue where kids can have their faces painted and play games to win donated religious articles or toys at the prize table.

If you are interested in learning more about the Franciscan Girls Club, please contact Sister Agnes Clare at 503-649-7127.
As a 15-year-old girl, Berthe started praying at every Holy Mass for the celebrant, “My Jesus, do not allow your priests to displease you!” When she was 17 years old, her parents lost everything they had in a failed business deal. Berthe’s confessor explained to her on December 8, 1888, that her vocation was not to enter a convent but to stay at home and care for her parents. Although she accepted this sacrifice with a heavy heart, in the church Berthe still asked Our Lady to intercede that Jesus would at least call a zealous and holy priest in the place of her religious vocation. “You will certainly be heard!” assured her confessor.

She could not have known what would take place just 16 days later: A 22-year-old lawyer, Dr. Louis Decorsant, was praying before a statue of the Sorrowful Mother. Unexpectedly, he had an inner certainty that it was not his vocation to take the girl he loved to be his wife and to establish himself as a notary. He understood very clearly rather, that God was calling him to be a priest. The call was so clear and urgent, that he did not hesitate for a moment to give up everything. Upon finishing his studies and his doctorate in Rome, he was ordained to the priesthood in Paris in 1893. Berthe, at the time, was 22 years old.

That same year, the newly ordained, 27-year-old priest concelebrated at the Christmas Midnight Mass in a church outside Paris. This fact is so significant because at the same time Berthe, participating at Midnight Mass in another church, solemnly promised the Lord, “Jesus, I will be a sacrifice for the priests, for all priests, but especially for the priest of my life.”

During exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the young woman suddenly saw Jesus hanging on a large cross and Mary and John standing beneath it. Then she heard the words, “Your offer has been accepted, your prayer heard. Behold your priest... you will be able to meet him one day.” And Berthe saw that John had the traits of a priest whom she did not know. This priest was none other than Fr. Decorsant whom she recognized at their first encounter some 15 years later in 1908.

An Encounter Led by God

Berthe made a pilgrimage to Lourdes where the Blessed Virgin confirmed, “Now you will see the priest whom you asked God for 20 years ago: you will meet him soon.” That same year, she made another trip by train to Lourdes, this time with a friend of hers. A priest got on at the station in Paris trying to find a place for a sick woman. It was Fr. Decorsant. His features were those which Berthe had seen on St. John’s face 15 years earlier. She had prayed so much and offered up all of her physical suffering for him. After a couple of friendly words though, he left the compartment.

Exactly one month later, Fr. Decorsant also made a pilgrimage to Lourdes because he wanted to entrust the future of his priesthood to Our Lady. With suitcases in hand, he ran into Berthe and her friend who were still there. Recognizing the two women, he invited them to Holy Mass. When Fr. Decorsant elevated the Host, Jesus interiorly said to Berthe, “This is the priest for whom I accepted your sacrifice.” After the Holy Mass, Berthe was surprised to see that the “priest of her life”, as she called him from then on, was staying in the same hotel as they were.

A Shared Task

Shortly thereafter, Berthe was able to speak to him about her interior life and another mission that was entrusted to her—the promulgation of the consecration to the Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart of Mary. Fr. Decorsant felt that this precious soul had been entrusted to him by God. He accepted a position in Belgium and became a holy spiritual director for Berthe Petit as well as an untiring support for the realization of her mission. Theologically sound, he was the ideal person to keep a correspondence between Berthe and the hierarchy of the Church in Rome. For the 24 years until his death, he accompanied Berthe Petit in her expiatory vocation; she was often very sick and suffered especially for priests who had left the priesthood.

*This article can be found at https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/specialitems/adoration for priests.pdf pg 23, 24
Born May 17, 1923, Sister Rose Marie is the second eldest resident of our convent infirmary. Recently, Sister provided us with some anecdotes from her life.

Sister was born at home on Taylor Street in Phoenix, Arizona, to Suzanna and Harry Holden, “good and faithful Catholics” who raised to adulthood their family of eight children, three girls and five boys. Sr. Rose Marie attended St. Mary’s elementary school and high school, founded by the Sisters of the Precious Blood.

At 17, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, but soon left as she was “too young” to adapt to religious life. Sister took her first job at First National Bank in downtown Phoenix - she was a “machine bookkeeper.” Next she worked for the “war effort” during World War II in a plant that manufactured airplane wings. After three years of nurses’ training, she worked nine years as a nursing assistant to Dr. Elton Charvoz, a general practitioner and pediatric specialist in Phoenix. When he died, Sister took a job with the County of Maricopa, first in the secretarial pool of the Engineering Department and then for the Juvenile Division of the county, as an Intake Officer.

During her working years, Sister Rose Marie served in the Legion of Mary at St. Mary’s parish in Phoenix. The group met weekly and had a fruitful apostolate. The president of the Legion later joined the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows, traveling to Soquel, California to enter where she became “Sister Anthony.” She had shared with Sister Raymond, the Superior of the Community, about her friendship with Sister Rose Marie. Soon a letter arrived from Sister Raymond inviting Sister Rose Marie to visit the convent in Soquel and look into religious life again.

Sister lived at home caring for her aged mother and then her eldest sister was diagnosed with cancer and moved into the house with her six children. Sister continued to care for the children after her sister died, but was eventually able to respond to Sr. Raymond’s invitation and in her mid-forties, Sister entered religious life for good.

Two areas deserve special mention regarding Sister Rose Marie’s contributions during her years in religious life. First, she helped Sister Raymond to begin the Institute in Catholic Teaching, a summer program that was elevated to a Pontifical Institute, in large measure due to the assistance of Mrs. Gabrielle Avery, whose friend was Cardinal Wright in the Vatican. The Institute continues to this day on a smaller scale, offering outstanding speakers in a one-week retreat setting every summer here in Beaverton. Secondly, in 1977 she and Sister Angela Aldi left Beaverton for Gallup, New Mexico for an almost 30-year adventure where they revived Sacred Heart Retreat House with the permission of the local bishop, and also opened and maintained for many years a home for delinquent girls, sent to them from the Navajo Nation and State of New Mexico. Sister returned to the Beaverton Convent in 2009. With her Irish sense of humor, she refers to this as “the end of the trail”. However since arriving back in Beaverton she did spend several years as a greatly-loved local superior. We often sense a little impatience in her these days. Her thoughts seem to be more on eternity than here. What we can say unequivocally of our dear Sr. Rose Marie is that she remains the good and faithful servant who has her lamp trimmed and is waiting at the door...

Please remember in your prayers our beloved deceased:

- Avelino Concepcion
  Mother of Sr. Mary Peter, OSF
- Gertrude Düyck
- Jurgen Hemminger
  Brother of Sr. Maria Benedicta, OSF
- Audree Edgemont
- Janice Leff
- Linda Holiday
- Sharon Miller
- Beth Ruhl
The Joy of the Harvest
With several of our acres planted in fruit trees, there is always fruit to eat, can and dry at the end of summer. Pictured at left are Sister Joanne, Sister Agnes Clare and Sister Margaret washing, slicing and placing on drying racks, Italian plums. Sister Angela has more recently planted a fine variety of Asian pear that we are sure would win an award at a fair - they are so fragrant, sweet and juicy. Hopefully, by next fall they will make it to the buffet table for our retreatants to enjoy—once the trees are a little taller and producing more fruit.

The Life of a Novice!
Sister Chiara and Sister Mary Teresa have spent a number of hours, (they might say weeks) reorganizing our supply room in the retreat house. Thankfully, they both have a good sense of humor, so the work was not too tedious! Sister Mary Teresa was visiting from a newly-formed, small Canadian Community that has a ministry to the deaf. She spent a month here at the Beaverton Convent to experience community life on a larger scale. Soon she will receive her novice’s veil.

Congratulations, Leanne and David
This summer we celebrated the Convalidation of the Marriage of Leanne and David Mills, long-time friends of the Sisters, during morning Mass in the Sisters’ Chapel. A number of our Sisters were here from Hong Kong, California and Canada for a meeting and were able to attend the happy event!

The Maronite Monks from the Monastery of Jesus, Mary and Joseph once again led Sisters and friends of the Community in a novena of holy masses and prayers in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux. The novena began on Sunday, September 22 and ended with the celebration of her feast day on October 1. We were most grateful to benefactors for the flower donations and to Julie Angulo for her artful arrangements. The monks said that they had never seen so many petitions from people and the reports afterward were of many answered prayers.

May all of Heaven reward our dear Monks for giving us again this beautiful grace-filled time.
47th Annual
Our Lady of Peace Institute
in Catholic Teaching
July 13-17, 2020

“Living, Loving and Defending Our Faith”

Steve Ray
Evangelist, DVD Series Footprints of God; Footprints of God Pilgrimages, Author

Course Summary: “Defending the Eucharist and Mary,
Woman of Mystery”
Evening Lecture: “From Baptist to Catholic”

Fr. John Horgan
Pastor, St Pius X Parish, N. Vancouver, BC. Author

Course Summary: “Private Revelations - Visions and Messages”
Evening Lecture: “Discernment According to the Mind of the Church”

Rolando Moreno
Director of Catechesis and Formation, Archdiocese of Portland

Course Summary: “Jesus Christ, the Lord of History”
Living a Christocentric Life”

Julie Onderko
Catholic Speaker, Radio Show Host, Author

Evening Lecture: “Stories and Adventures of the Saints with Our Eucharistic Lord”

Evening Lecture Schedule

Mon. (7/13) Steve Ray    Tues. (7/14) Rolando Moreno
Wed. (7/15) Fr. John Horgan    Thurs. (7/16) Julie Onderko

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Retreat Schedule
December 2019 ~ May 2020

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or phone the retreat house at 503-649-7127 or email sisters@olpretreat.org

DECEMBER (2019)

Friday, December 6, 2019
HOLY TRINITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS DINNER
Contact: Robert Buchanan at 503-679-3164

Saturday, December 7, 2019
ST. ALEXANDER PARISH MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT
Contact: Sr. Juanita Villarreal, SSMO, at 503-359-0304

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
ST. CECILIA’S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS DINNER
Contact: Scott Petersen at 503-805-7463

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
TWILIGHT TALKS - with Dina Marie Hale
“Awaiting the Arrival with the Saints”
6:30 pm - 9 pm (Free-will offering)

Saturday, December 14, 2019
BENEFACCTORS & VOLUNTEERS MASS AND LUNCHEON

JANUARY 2020

January 10 - 12, 2020
SSMO Private Retreat

January 17 - 19, 2020
ARCHBISHOP’S DISCERNMENT RETREAT
Contact: Fr. Jeffrey Eirvin at 503-233-8368

Tuesday, January 28, 2020
“Delving Deeply into Divine Mercy”
Fr. Peter Prusakiewic, CSMA
8:00 am - 2:40 pm
$40 Suggested donation, lunch included

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 1, 2020
OUR LADY’S LUNCHEON TEA AND SILENT AUCTION 503-649-7127 for more information and to reserve seating.

February 7 - 9, 2020
ST. JUAN DIEGO PARISH WOMEN’S RETREAT
Contact: Nancy Smith at nancy@comsmiths.com

February 14 - 16, 2020
WOMEN’S SILENT RETREAT
Retreat Master: Fr. John Marshall
$172 Suggested Donation

February 22 - 23, 2020
CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREAT (Women)
Holy Trinity Parish
Contact: Carol Liebertz at 503-680-0749

February 26, 2020
ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT
Retreat Masters: Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
$40 Suggested Donation, lunch included

MARCH

Wednesday, March 4, 2020
TWILIGHT TALKS - with Dina Marie Hale
“Get Refreshed on Your Journey in the Desert”
6:30 pm - 9 pm (Free-will offering)

March 6 - 8, 2020
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
Contacts: Tim & Mary Shamrell at 503-267-3605

March 13 - 15, 2020
TEAMS OF OUR LADY RETREAT
Contacts: Martin & Ana Keim at 503-819-9163

March 20 - 22, 2020
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CONFIRMATION RETREAT
Contact: Matthew Nelson at 360-695-1366 ext.109

March 20 - 22, 2020
TROUBADOURS OF PEACE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG.
Contact: Dcn. Terry Barber at 360-956-1995

March 27 - 29, 2020
SPANISH HEALING RETREAT
Retreat Master: Fr. Philip Scott
“Como NO vivir como huérfano pero como hijo/hija FAVORITA en Jesus EL HIJO en la casa del PADRE”
Contacts: Patty Diaz at 503-551-7111 or Naomi Cortez at 206-355-8600

APRIL

Thursday, April 2, 2020
NABRS MEETING

April 3-5, 2020
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RETREAT
Retreat Master: Fr. Theodore Lange
Contact: Michael Woody at 541-905-5009

April 16 - 19, 2020
FORT VANCOUVER KNITTERS GUILD
Contact: Jorjan Werry at jorjan.werry@gmail.com

April 24 - 26, 2020
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
Contacts: Tim & Mary Shamrell at 503-267-3605

MAY

May 1 - 3, 2020
MEN’S SILENT RETREAT
Retreat Master: Fr. Gregory Dick, O.Praem.
Theme: “Learning Divine Sonship from Ephesians”
$172 Suggested Donation

Saturday, May 9, 2020
ST. STEPHEN’S PARISH VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RETREAT
Contact: Joseph Salazar at 503-234-5019

May 22 - 24, 2020
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
RETFREAT SCHEDULE
June 2020 - December 2020

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JUNE

Wednesday, June 3, 2020
TWILIGHT TALKS - with Dina Marie Hale
“Renew your Faith; Renew your Mind”
6:30 pm - 9 pm (Free-will offering)

June 5 - 7, 2020
TROUBADOURS OF PEACE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING & ANNUAL MINISTERS MEETING
Contact: Dcn. Terry Barber at 360-956-1995

June 12 - 14, 2020
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
Contacts: Tim & Mary Shamrell at 503-267-3605

June 16 - 24, 2020
SISTERS AND LAY WOMEN’S 8-DAY SILENT RETREAT
Retreat Master: Fr. Philip Scott, F.J.
Theme: “To Begin to Live as a FAVORITE Daughter in Christ THE SON in the HOUSE of the Father”
$525 Suggested Donation

JULY

July 13 - 17, 2020 (Monday - Friday)
INSTITUTE IN CATHOLIC TEACHING
A Catholic Education Retreat with day and evening lectures. “Living, Loving and Defending Our Faith”
(See insert in Newsletter for rates)

July 18—23, 2020
LOVERS OF THE HOLY CROSS Private Retreat

AUGUST

Sunday, August 2, 2020
ANNUAL FAMILY BARBECUE
Noon to 5:30 pm
Food, Games, Door Prizes & Sweepstakes Prizes

August 21 – 23, 2020
AVE MARIA RETREAT (Vietnamese)
Contact: Tania Le at 503-579-3052

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 2, 2020
TWILIGHT TALKS - with Dina Marie Hale
“Do Something Beautiful for God”
6:30 pm - 9 pm (Free-will offering)

September 4 - 6, 2020
LEGION OF MARY RETREAT
Contact: Penny Mock at 503-490-8777

September 9 - 14, 2020
GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT
Contact: Fr. Peter O’Brien at 541-258-5333

September 18 - 20, 2020
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
Contacts: Tim & Mary Shamrell at 503-267-3605

OCTOBER

October 2 - 4, 2020
HOLY ROSARY SECULAR CARMELITE RETREAT
Contact: Jocelyn Escudero at 971-998-5056

October 8 - 11, 2020
TIGARD KNITTING GUILD
Contact: Lou Travis at 503-806-0460

Tuesday, October 13, 2020
ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN RETREAT
Retreat Master: TBA
Contact: Sue Anker at 503-252-2574

October 15 - 18, 2020
OPUS ANGELORUM RETREAT
Contact: Sr. Maria Helena at 313-527-1739

October 22 - 25, 2020
OPUS ANGELORUM RETREAT
Contact: Sr. Maria Helena at 313-527-1739

NOVEMBER

November 6 - 8, 2020
CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER
Contacts: Tim & Mary Shamrell at 503-267-3605

November 13 - 15, 2020
GALILEA RETREAT FOR WOMEN
St. Michael the Archangel Parish

November 20 - 22, 2020
AMBASSADORS RETREAT FOR MEN
St. Michael the Archangel Parish

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 2, 2020
ADVENT DAY RETREAT
Retreat Master: Bishop Peter Smith
Theme: “Making Advent Meaningful
9:00 am - 2:30 pm; doors open at 8:30 am
$40 Suggested Donation, includes lunch

Wednesday, December 9, 2020
TWILIGHT TALKS - with Dina Marie Hale
“A Trek to Tepeyac Hill with St. Juan Diego”
6:30 pm - 9 pm (Free-will offering)

Saturday, December 12, 2020
BENEFACTORS & VOLUNTEERS
MASS OF THANKSGIVING & LUNCHEON
Our Lady’s Luncheon Tea and Silent Auction
In Honor of Our Lady Good Success ~ Saturday, February 1, 2020

All funds raised at the Tea will go to the new Outside Mural & Retreat Office Heating System.

Silent Auction begins at 11am
Luncheon Tea ~ Noon - 2pm

Please come and enjoy a variety of savories and sweets prepared in our kitchen.

Piano Entertainment by Ken Canedo.
Bring husbands, family and friends!

For more information and to purchase seating at $40 per person, please phone the retreat house at 503-649-7127.

Upcoming Retreats
TO REGISTER: Please email sisters@olpretreat.org or call The Retreat House at 503-649-7127

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
9am - 2:30pm

The retreat will be preached by the Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Retreat Includes:
• Holy Mass
• Conferences
• Rosary
• Time for Quiet Reflection and Prayer (All in our newly renovated Retreat House Chapel)

Suggested Donation $40, lunch included.

The Maronite Monks of Jesus, Mary and Joseph are a new monastic order of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. The community will soon be moving to Castle Rock, Washington, where a permanent monastery is under Construction.

SISTERS AND LAY WOMEN’S EIGHT-DAY SILENT RETREAT
June 16 - 24, 2020
9am - 2pm

Retreat Master: Fr. Philip Scott, F.J.

The Retreat Includes:
• Holy Mass and Two Conferences each day
• Eucharistic Adoration
• Evening and Night Prayer
• Time for Quiet and Reflection
• Opportunity for Confession and Spiritual Direction
• Tastefully prepared meals and 24 acres of woodland with paths
• Visit our Marian Garden and Outdoor Stations of the Cross.

Suggested Donation is $525.

Fr. Philip Scott, F.J. is the Founder of Family of Jesus, a family of priests, brothers and sisters dedicated to Christ and His Church, bound by private vows of obedience, chastity, poverty and martyrdom, praying to be healed and formed into a family by the Divine Family (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) in order to live out in a prophetic manner their baptismal calling to follow Jesus Christ and to be His instruments of healing for families, including not only the individual domestic family but also the broader family of the Church and of society.

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“DELVING DEEPLY INTO DIVINE MERCY”

Tuesday, January 28, 2020
Day Retreat
Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz, CSMA
Registration 8:00 am—retreat concludes at 2:40 pm
Conferences, Blessing with relic of St. Faustina,
Opportunity for Confession, Holy Mass,
Eucharistic Adoration
$40 suggested donation, includes lunch

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A member of the CONGREGATION OF ST MICHAEL and a priest since 1990, Fr. Peter presently resides at his Order’s headquarters in Marki, Poland. Holding a PhD in Spirituality, Fr. Peter first served as a chaplain to the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw.

Father’s apostolic work now encompasses traveling the world pro-claiming and teaching the riches of the DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION along with devotion to the HOLY ANGELS. With great missionary zeal, Father gives parish missions and retreats and is often a keynote speaker at religious conferences.

In addition, Fr. Peter is the Chief Editor of THE ANGELS MAGAZINE and author of two booklets on the Holy Angels, enjoying international distribution. In 2004, Fr. Peter was also appointed General Animator of the KNIGHTHOOD of ST. MICHAEL.

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