

*Marillac Center,
established in the spirit of the
Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth,
provides an environment of
prayer, peace, hope and transformation.
Located adjacent to the
Sisters of Charity Mother House,
Marillac Center allows the Sisters
to share their holy ground,
their story and their charism
with all who seek to
grow spiritually and deepen
their quest for God.*

APPLICATION: Please apply for retreats as soon as possible by sending in a \$50 non-refundable deposit which will be credited to the total fee, along with the dates of your retreat. Registration forms are available on our web site.

FEES: Retreat fee, room and board is \$60 per day, for an 8-day retreat, \$480; for a 6-day retreat, \$360. Room and board for a private retreat or for private days of prayer is \$55 per night. If individual brings her own food, it is \$45 per night. Please make checks payable to Sisters of Charity and give to the receptionist at Marillac Center upon arrival. Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the full amount.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF RETREATS: Retreats begin on the evening of the first date given and end on the morning of the second date given with the celebration of the Eucharist. (Except for the July 6-14 Directed Retreat) The evening meal is not included for the opening date. If you wish to come early and have the evening meal, please add \$8 to your fee and let us know that you are coming.

To register for a retreat you may:

- 1) Visit our web site at www.MarillacCenter.org and register on line or
- 2) E-mail mlbeier@scls.org or
- 3) Call Sister Mary Loretta at (913) 758-6513

Retreats at Marillac Center 2009

(Six & Eight Day Retreats)



SISTERS OF CHARITY
OF LEAVENWORTH

Preached Retreats

January 15-24, 2009 **Fr. Joe Nassal CPPS**
DARING THE DREAM: **Discipleship in the**
Gospel of Mark

From the very beginning of the Gospel of Mark the dream of daring discipleship is shaped by stark stories and images with very sharp edges. During this retreat, we will journey with Jesus through Mark's Gospel as we explore the nature of our own call to discipleship. We will see how Mark's "down-to-earth" portrait of Jesus is truly "good news" for it reflects what Henri Nouwen once wrote: "The great message of the gospel is not that God came to take our pains away, but that in Christ (God) came to share them in solidarity with us."

June 5-14, 2009 **Melannie Svoboda, SND**
Traits of a Healthy Spirituality

As we journey through life, we sometimes wonder, "How healthy and wholesome is my life of faith?" This retreat explores a number of signs or traits of a healthy spirituality such as these: friendship, love of nature, prayerfulness, compassion, hope, the balancing of work and leisure, and the ability to live graciously with a certain amount of adversity and pain. Sister Melannie will use music, stories, poetry and humor in her presentations which are rooted in scripture and everyday life.

July 26-Aug. 2, 2009 **Fr. David Smith, SJ**
The Beatitudes—Our Chosen Cross, Picked up and Savored

"Seeing the crowds, Jesus ascended the mount and sat down, and when His disciples came to Him, He began to teach them." (Mt 5:1-2) Spend eight days in a favored spot on the mountain, and lowly plain, listening to Jesus. He loves His own in the world, and desires we follow in a state of beatitude. This retreat considers how we are to imitate Jesus and His Mother along the narrow way of humility, self-giving, passion---allowing discipleship's trials to be fused with blessedness even now, not delayed till the age to come. The retreat will consider the Spiritual Exercises, Gospel parables, and the lives of the saints in light of the paradox of the beatitudes.

Guided Retreats

June 5-12 & Oct. 5-14, 2009 **Sr. Dominique Long**
Contemplative Retreat I

This retreat (the same as given in 2008) will emphasize the need for a contemplative spirituality that includes how all of one's life and prayer is mystical. Daily input on the mystical aspects of life and daily periods of experiencing the mysticism of the breath, the mysticism of walking, and the mystical aspect of simply resting in God will afford retreatants ample opportunity to deepen their relationship with God. The wishes of those participating will help determine the number of periods of sitting and walking, privately or as a group. Retreatants will be invited to share with the director their vision for this special time. Begin now praying for the graces that all in the group will need to be blessed beyond what they can dream or imagine.

June 18-25, 2009 **Mary O'Connor, RSM**
Poetry Retreat -

This retreat will enable you to enjoy more fully the images and insights of established and contemporary poets, including the poetry of the psalms and also engage your own creativity in written expression. Reading, discussing poetry and poems, and writing will be an essential part of each day along with conferring with the director for support. There will likewise be time and opportunity to celebrate Eucharist, meditate, rest, and enjoy nature. While focused on the holiness of everyday things we encounter, the retreat is also geared to be a springboard to continuing practice.

June 18-25, 2009 **Sr. Dominique Long, SCL**
Contemplative Retreat II

This retreat is open to those who have experienced the Contemplative Retreat I. The input daily will consist of Ignatius' second Contemplation of Divine Love. God's Gift of Himself to me, God's Divine Indwelling, will be the focus of the retreat. There will be a continuation of the experiences of the mysticism of breath, walking, and simply resting in God through ritual, prayer and silence.

Directed Retreats in 2009

Eight Day or Six Day directed retreats:

January 15-24	Sr. Marilyn Peot, CSJ
June 5-14 or June 7-14	Sr. Karen Guth, SCL
June 5-14 or June 7-14	Sr. Patricia Sullivan, SCL
June 16-25	Fr. John P. Foley, SJ
June 16-25 of June 18-25	Sr. Karen Guth, SCL
June 16-25 or June 18-25	Sr. Patricia Sullivan, SCL
July 6-14*	Sr. Karen Guth, SCL
July 6-14*	Sr. Marilyn Peot, CSJ
July 26– Aug. 2	Sr. Karen Guth, SCL
July 26—Aug. 2	Sr. Mary Pat Johnson, SCL
Oct. 5-14	Tom Nelson, CM
Oct. 5-14	Sr. Marilyn Peot, CSJ
Oct. 5-14 or Oct. 5-12	Sr. Patricia Sullivan, SCL

*The July 6-14 Retreat begins with the evening meal on the 6th and ends at noon on July 14th.

Retreat Directors for 2009

John P. Foley, SJ, was founder of the first Cristo Rey School for inner city youth in 1996, was President of the Cristo Rey Network for three years and is presently Executive Chair of the Network Board of Trustees. Father became fluent in Spanish during his 34 years in Peru. While engaged in educational work there, he spent the summers giving directed and preached retreats to religious women. He directed retreats here in 2006 and 2007.

Karen Guth, SCL, is actively involved in direction and retreat ministry and has facilitated workshops with women's groups. Karen has an M.A. in Theology with emphasis in spirituality. She completed the Vincentian Spiritual Directors Program in Denver in 1998. She previously taught in Catholic schools; coordinated Making Choices, a program which trained women volunteers to mentor incarcerated women; and served as a team member at Marillac Center.

Sister Mary Pat Johnson, SCL who has been involved in spiritual direction and retreat ministry since 1983, is presently on the staff of SoulJourners, a three year ecumenical formation program located at Sophia Center in Atchison, Kansas offering certification for spiritual directors. She is also Director of Mission at Cristo Rey KC, a college prep high school for culturally diverse students with economic need. She has a Master's degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University, a BA in Theology from the University of Saint Mary and an MA in Theology from Gonzaga University in Spokane.

Dominique Long, SCL, was on the staff of the Focus on Leadership Program for 25 years working in the areas of prayer, retreat direction, spiritual direction, liturgy, and charism. She has directed many different kinds of retreats varying in length up to 30 days.

Joe Nassal, CPPS is the author of eight books including *The Conspiracy of Compassion*, *Rest Stops for the Soul*, *Premeditated Mercy*, *Moments of Truth*, and *Stations of the Crib*. A Missionary of the Precious Blood, he has been engaged in retreat, renewal and reconciliation ministry since 1988, including three years as director of Shantivanam, the House of Prayer for the Archdiocese of Kansas City. Since 2002, he has been involved in establishing the Precious Blood Center for Reconciliation on the south side of Chicago. Ordained in 1982, he has also served in parish and justice and peace ministry and in formation, vocation, and leadership for his religious community. When he is not on the road giving retreats and workshops, he resides in Lawson, Missouri where he is writing a new book.

Tom Nelson, CM, lives in Denver, Colorado where he is chaplain for the Colorado Vincentian Volunteers, co-ordinates the Catholic Worker Soup Kitchen, and ministers to the Native American Community. He also serves as adjunct faculty at the Naropa University in Boulder, and directs 8 and 30-Day retreats nationally and internationally.

Mary O'Connor, RSM, has given workshops on women mystics and in recent years has given poetry retreats in Ireland and New Zealand. She has an MFA in Creative Writing and a PhD in English Literature, and has taught at University level since 1977. She lived in Ireland entering the Sisters of Mercy there. She worked in the San Francisco Bay area for twenty years and in South Dakota for the past sixteen years.

Marilyn Peot, CSJ, has been in full-time spiritual ministry since 1972. Trained in the art of listening, discernment and spiritual development, she has done extensive study in psychological and emotional development and in varied spiritualities, Scripture, and the Ignatian Exercises. In addition to retreat work and spiritual direction she has initiated ongoing groups for prayer, Scripture study and inner healing.

David Smith, SJ, is director of the Creighton University Retreat Center in Griswold, Iowa and professor of education at Creighton. Ordained in 1985, he has been giving spiritual direction and directing retreats since 1984. In addition to directing 30-day retreats, he has directed hundreds of 8-day retreats for religious and laity as well as preaching retreats of various lengths. Previously he served many years at the Red Cloud Indian School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Patricia Sullivan, SCL, the Assistant Director of Marillac Center, has a Master's Degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University. Since 1988 she has been active in giving retreats, ongoing spiritual direction, days of prayer, weekend retreats and presentations on various aspects of the spiritual life. She has also served as Spiritual Formation Director in the Permanent Deacon Formation Program in the Diocese of Helena, Montana, Spiritual Life Coordinator at St. Mary Parish there, and Pastoral Administrator of several parishes.

Melannie Svoboda, SND, has been a Sister of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio for over 42 years. During that time she has served as a high school and college teacher, novice director, and provincial for her community. Currently she writes and gives talks, retreats, and parish missions nationally. A free-lance writer, her articles have appeared in numerous religious publications. She is also the author of nine books including *Traits of a Healthy Spirituality*; and *When the Rain Speaks: Celebrating God's Presence in Nature*.

Sisters of Charity Nancy Bauman, Karen Guth, Rosalie Curtin, Patricia Sullivan and Kathleen Wood will direct individuals upon request as time allows, the year round.