

Quotes from previous retreatants

*"The openness of the facility with many indoor and outdoor places 'to be' was very helpful." Silent retreat allowed me to spend the time I needed but also to connect with others at the retreat. The welcoming attitude of the preaching staff brought this retreat together for me as a prayerful insightful experience."

*"As soon as one enters the gates and come up the stairs to the retreat center, one feels a welcoming peace filled atmosphere where you are welcomed and God is awaiting you in a special way. It is a home away from home."

*"You have exceeded our expectations! We have been nourished and encouraged by all that St. Anthony's provides. The Franciscan Spirituality here is God's gift to grow to His love to others."

*"I have and always will recommend St. Anthony's for a spiritual 'get-away.' Franciscan hospitality is evident in each and every person one meets in the process. God bless you all for your ministry to others who come to this special place in Marathon! Every long or short term visitor always leaves St. Anthony's better-thanks to you!"

SCHEDULE OF SILENT THEME RETREATS

2010-2011

September 24-26 (Women)

October 6-7 (Women & Men)
Special Short Mid-Week
Silent Theme Retreat
Begins with the noon meal on the
6th and concludes
at 4:00 p.m. on the 7th.

Offering: \$ 95.00

November 12-14 (Women & Men)

*("Sponsored" by
Stevens Point and Wausau Area)**

January 14-16 (Women & Men)

*("Sponsored" by WI Rapids Area)**

February 4-6 (Men)

April 15-17 (Women)

Offering: \$150.00
**(includes private room
and all meals)**

These retreats are silent.

Retreats begin with 7:00 p.m. meal on
Friday and conclude with the
noon meal on Sunday.

* While "sponsored" by the named
area, these retreats are open to ALL
individuals from All areas

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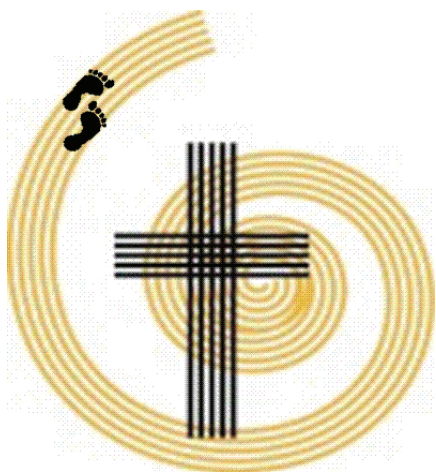
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“Following Jesus Beyond Belief”

“This people honors Me with their lips,” Jesus said, “but their hearts are far from Me.” Jesus was looking for people who would believe in Him not just with their lips and heads but with their entire lives: “Follow Me!” That’s His same desire today. And of course, following Him is far more difficult and challenging than just believing in Him! This retreat will help us discover the beauty and challenge of genuine discipleship – and the fulfilling joy it opens up to us all.



First talk: “Jesus before Christianity: the ‘Way’”

The early Christians were known simply as those who followed “the Way.” And of course, that often meant the possibility of following Jesus all the way to martyrdom. When persecutions ceased, Christianity became the state religion – and people thought they could be Christians simply by believing in Jesus. Religion, Christianity, can pull us together in our beliefs, but if we aren’t followers of the Way, we’ve lost our way!

Second talk: “Falling in Love with the One Who Has Fallen in Love with Us”

What motivates anyone to follow this Way? It’s discovering again and again the overwhelming mystery of a God who loves us so much as to become one of us – and then even die for us! “In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us.” This is the love that transformed Francis and all the saints – and is waiting to transform us as well.

Third talk: “Following the Way ALL the Way”

The early disciples were like us: it’s fairly easy to follow Jesus as long as things go well, other people appreciate us, etc. But when things don’t go well, when suffering, pain or rejection comes along we complain and feel like deserting Jesus – because hasn’t He deserted us? We need to listen again to Jesus calling us to follow Him ALL the way! It’s the way of all true love; it can sometimes hurt!

Fourth talk: “Look at the Joy!”

When we “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” and trust in His love, especially in times of difficulty, we gradually experience inner transformation. We’re becoming more human, more whole – and look at the joy that we experience and bring to others. Isn’t that how it’s meant to be? Jesus said, “I’m telling you all this so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.” It’s Good News! And how the world needs this!

Registration Form

Please reserve a space for me for this year’s Theme Retreat on the following date:

Parish/Congregation:

Name: