



2020 Program Details Santa Casa

May Friday 15th – Sunday 17th

Being Present to Presence

Facilitator: Cath Connelly

What if each of us is so full of Presence that we are at all times shining out like stars, and all that we have to do is get out of our own way so that we can live within the Presence that we already are? This presence is a connectedness to all - the Christ in all. Join spiritual director, retreat leader and Celtic harper Cath Connelly to spend a weekend using music, poetry, silence, art and spirituality to explore both Presence and how to get out of our own way! A delightful weekend of creative spirituality – and Cath will definitely be bringing her harp!

Cost: \$350

June Tuesday 23th – 30th

Winter Grace - Seeking Wisdom's Gifts

Facilitator: Carole Carmody rsm & Fr Hien Vu

This Winter Retreat offers the space to look beneath your experience, to savour hidden gifts, and to explore the deeper mysteries of your life.

It is supported by a spirit of silence, a reflection each morning and evening, optional individual Spiritual Direction, and daily Eucharist.

Cost: \$600

July Monday 13th – Wednesday 22nd

Hidden Treasure

Facilitator: Lisa Stewart

Unlocking the wisdom of the inner world is a wonderfully rich and exciting, though at times challenging experience. Self-awareness makes change possible, while at the same time opening the way for a more authentic relationship with God. This retreat in the Ignatian tradition is an intense immersion into an experiential exploration of the inner world, as we seek to unwrap the deepest and most revealing of all questions, "Who actually am I?" There will be group discussion, silence and the opportunity for spiritual direction.

Cost: \$800

August Tuesday 18th -25th "He Began To Teach Them Many Things In Parables . . ." (Mark 4,2)

Facilitator: Fr Chris Hope

We sit with the crowds at the lake and listen to Jesus explaining the mysteries of the kingdom in story form.

Their impact and perennial relevance will challenge us as we deepen our understanding of true discipleship.

Cost: \$600

September Friday 18th – 25th Trinity – Heart of our Desiring

Facilitator: Colleen Rhodes rsm

*By the Word of God the heavens were made,
Their starry host by the Breath of God's mouth. Ps 33:6*

Trinitarian life is an extraordinary expression of joy that we are made to share. Although the Trinity was unknown to the ancient peoples, they knew God through God's Word and God's Spirit in a way that can renew and invigorate our relationship with God as Trinity. During this retreat we will explore ways of encountering the Trinity in our everyday life. It will be a time of prayerful reflection on the Triune God whose flowing life constantly draws us to share in the energy of God's love. Each day there will be a reflection on a different aspect of our call to live into the beauty and wonder of the God in whose image we are made. We will contemplate the Trinity in creation and in the beauty and the challenges of our own lives and ponder the Mystery of God as Trinity and Unity that we see in the wonder of our cosmic home.

Cost: \$600

September Saturday 26th – October 3rd In the Gaze of Luminous Presence

Facilitator: Kerrie Hide

For our God is a consuming fire....Heb 12:29

In an atmosphere of prayerful silence we will create a communion consciousness. Together, we will ponder the contemplative nuances of unitive seeing from our oneness in luminous Presence. We will focus on the mystical symbol of fire expressed in the writings of Gertrude of Helfta, Marguerite Porete, Meister Eckhart, John Tauler, Teilhard de Chardin and Iliana Delio. Ever attentive to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit enflaming our hearts, we will draw out implications for creations' evolutionary flow into oneness in Love.

Cost: \$600

October Sunday 11th – 18th Teilhard de Chardin and the Way of Transformation Through Love and Suffering.

Facilitators: Madeline Duckett rsm and Robyn Fitzgerald

This retreat will explore central aspects of the spiritual journey of Teilhard de Chardin as a guide for our own inner unfolding to fullness of being in the Cosmic Christ. It will focus on the hidden, mystical power of love and suffering to transform our hearts towards becoming prophets of hope in a world in need of hope. There will be opportunity for spiritual direction and Eucharist.

Cost: \$600

October Wednesday 21nd – 28th

Journey to Jerusalem, "Journey of Life".

Facilitator: Fr Peter Varengo

More details to come.

Cost: \$600

October Friday 30th – November 6th

Treasuring Our Later Years

Facilitator: Nicole Rotaru rsm

As we consider themes that take on a special significance in our later years: awakening to new possibilities; spirituality; meaning in my life now; relationships; gratitude; death – mystery; our days together will lead us into a deeper recognition of *'see how I carried you, all along the road you travelled, on the way to this place.'* Deut 1:31 and an unfolding of *'I am a foreigner in the land of old age and have tried to learn its language.'* May Sarton

Cost: \$600

December Tuesday 1st– 8th The Heart Knows - Listen to your Heart

Facilitators: Carole Carmody rsm & Margaret Moore rsm

A time to ponder the deeper mysteries of the heart in this beautiful season of Advent. You are invited to savour your own unique experience of the Divine Presence, in quiet peace and contemplation

Each day offers a morning and evening reflection with opportunities for individual sharing with one of the directors if desired.

Cost: \$600

December Friday 11th – Sunday 13th "Prepare the Way of the Lord..." (Is. 40:3)

Facilitator: Madeline Duckett

As the final weeks of the year move rapidly towards their endpoint and the consumer world revs on fever pitch enticing us to spend more money, this weekend is a time to step aside, rest and re-focus. Over these two days we will touch into the heart of Advent – preparing for the birth of the Christ into our world, into our lives and into our hearts. What "Pathway" am I preparing for God to walk?

Cost: \$600

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