



“What a gift! ... the ocean, gardens, flowers, labyrinth, birds, trees ...”
Marie O’S (2024)

Our Venue

Santa Casa is a centre for retreats and spirituality where our doors are open to people of all faiths.

Owned by the Sisters of Mercy Santa Casa has been a haven for women, men and children for over 100 years.

Situated less than two hours drive from Melbourne on the Bellarine Peninsula in southern Victoria.

Nearby attractions include: the Bellarine and Geelong regions; the Great Ocean Road to Anglesea, Lorne and Apollo Bay; hiking in the Otways; a ferry across to Sorrento and the Mornington Peninsula.

Cost

\$6,750 AUD includes accommodation, meals and elective activities.

Please note travel costs to and from Queenscliff, and expenses for personal excursions on free days are excluded.

Enquiries

Any enquiries about the program can be made to Cathy Solano rsm at cathy.solano.11@gmail.com or +61 437 466 808

To Register

An application form is available from Lizzie Finnerty rsm, Manager, Santa Casa Retreat Centre at santacasa@ismapng.org.au or call 0418 194 261.

Places in this sabbatical are limited to 18 participants.

A short video showing Santa Casa’s location can be seen by using this QR code.



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‘Honouring the Soul’

40 day sabbatical



Deepening our Encounters with God, Self, Others and Creation

Seeking an opportunity for renewal?

This is a sacred time for you to **stop, rest, explore, reflect, be nourished and emerge anew.**

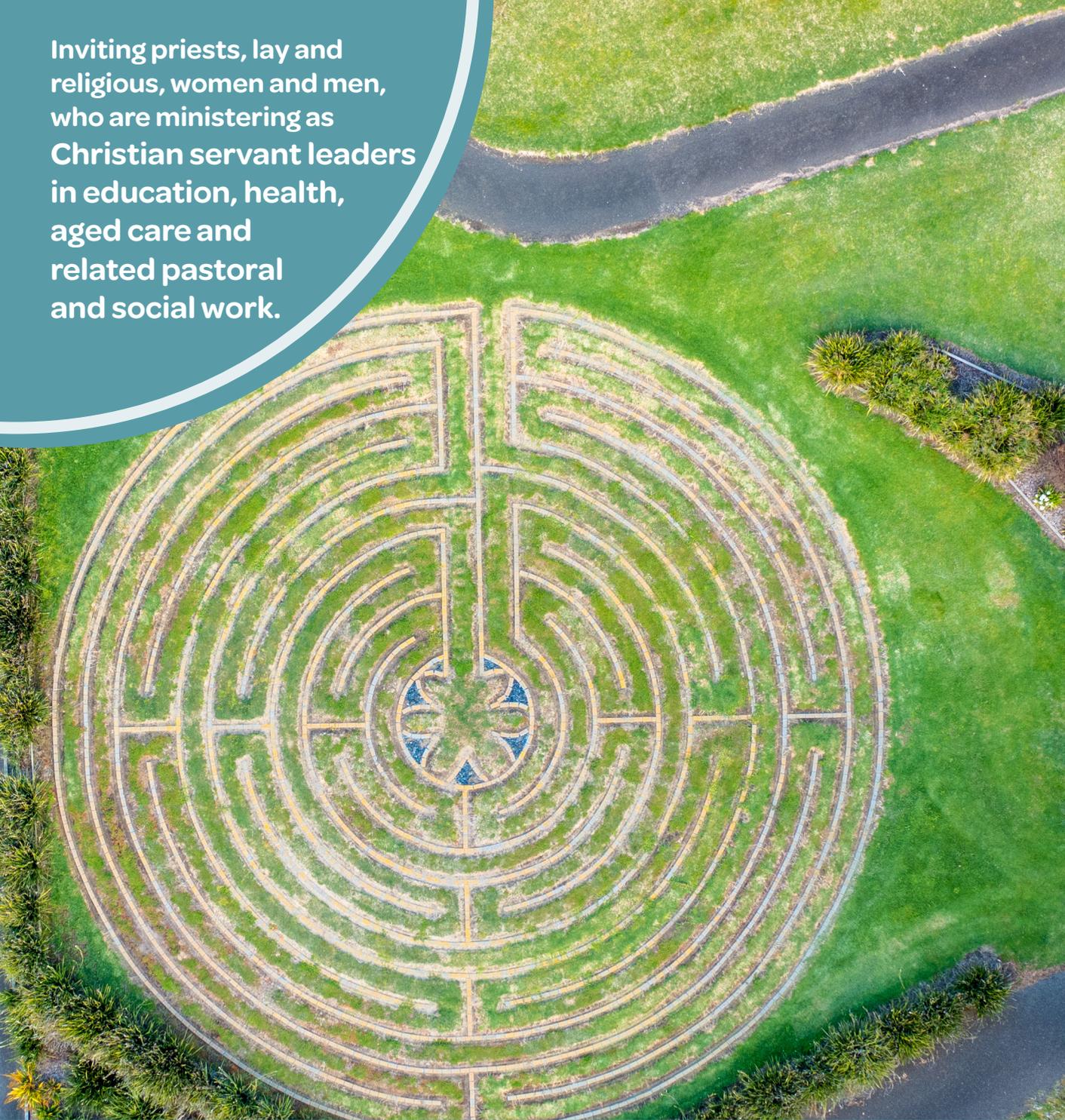
Santa Casa Retreat Centre

33-35 Flinders St
Queenscliff Vic 3225
www.santacasa.org.au

Saturday,
19 September
to
Friday,
30 October
2026



Inviting priests, lay and religious, women and men, who are ministering as Christian servant leaders in education, health, aged care and related pastoral and social work.



Some of our Presenters



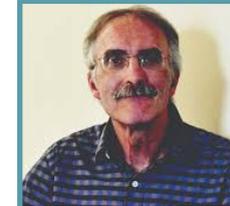
Liz Dowling *rsm*



Tony Hempenstall *cfc*



Colleen Leonard *sgs*



Christopher Monaghan *cp*



Magdalen Mather *osb*



Sally Neaves



Lynn Moresi



Mary Wickham *rsm*



Mary Burke *fmm*

We offer a wide range of topics including:

prayer, scripture, spirituality, integral ecology, mystics, cosmology, indigenous spirituality, human and faith development, interculturality and more.

Up to five spiritual direction sessions are offered to all participants. Please note that daily mass is not possible on site or in the local parish.

We have ensured a balanced timetable of input, personal reflection, free days and electives such as iconography, yoga, book club, and film nights.

“I am feeling deeply spiritually refreshed and physically more able. Thank you!” Robyn T (2025)

Testimonials from our 2025 participants are available on www.santacasa.org.au