

*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. Room and board for a private retreat or for private days of prayer is \$55 per night. If individuals brings their 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: Ordinarily, 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. The evening meal is not included for the opening date. If you wish to come early and have the evening meal, please add \$9 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 schase@scls.org or
- 3) Call Sister Susan Chase at (913) 680-2342

Retreats at Marillac Center 2011 (Six, Seven & Eight Day Retreats)



SISTERS OF CHARITY
OF LEAVENWORTH

Preached Retreats

January 13-20, 2011 **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, compassion, gratitude, hope, 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.

Melannie Svoboda, SND has been a Sister of Notre Dame of Chardon, OH for over 45 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 freelance writer, her articles have appeared in numerous religious publications. She is also the author of ten books including *TRAITS OF A HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY; WHEN THE RAIN SPEAKS: CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE IN NATURE; WITH THE DAWN REJOICING: A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON PAIN AND SUFFERING.*

June 12-19, 2011 **James Friedel, OSA**
Pausing to Grow in Awareness—a retreat for religious.

Spirituality has been defined by the spiritual masters as "the growing in awareness that we are more than what we think we are . . . that deep within us is our spiritual center, God's presence, the source of our blessedness." With the insights of some spiritual and theological giants such as Meister Eckert, Anthony de Mello, Karl Rahner, Sandra Schneiders, Ronald Rolheiser, John Shea and others the retreat helps its participants realize their blessedness by removing obstacles we hold on to, trying to discover what hides this blessedness from us, namely our attachments and our sinfulness. This retreat takes a down-to-earth approach to spirituality and is conducted in a narrative, storytelling style.

James Friedel, OSA, an Augustinian priest ordained in 1965, has served in the Archdiocese of Chicago as associate pastor and pastor. He has been very involved in establishing small faith communities and in ministry to the married, separated and divorced. Since 1990 he has conducted parish missions throughout the U.S. and Canada. In 1993 he began conducting retreats for religious, priests and diaconate couples. His academic background includes M.A. in religious psychology and a doctorate in ministry.

July 29-Aug. 7, 2011 **John Burchill, OP and
Barbara Metz, SNDdeN**

With What Great Love You Have Loved Us
This retreat will draw on the revelation of God's love in creation and Sacred Scripture. It will invite the participants in the words of William Blake to "learn to bear the beams of light." Some qualities of God's love that we will ponder are: Personal Love, Merciful Love, Providential Love, Freeing Love, Healing Love, Faithful Love and the Love of Friendship

Barbara Metz, SND de N, M.S. (Mathematics), M. A. (Theology), has extensive experience in retreat ministry, spiritual direction, formation ministry, renewal work and parish missions in the U.S., Canada, Africa and Ireland. Sister Barbara lives with her community in Cambridge, MA.
John Burchill, OP, S.T. D., has ministered in retreat work, spiritual direction, renewal and formation work and parish missions in the U.S., Canada, Africa and New Zealand. Fr. John lives with his community in Providence, RI.

Guided Retreats

June 3-10, 2011 **Noreen Walter, SCL &
Rhythms of Grace** **Marillac Team**

This guided retreat, led by the Marillac Team, will address one's "longing for more" and the establishment of "Sacred Rhythms" in one's life. Topics such as solitude, prayer, scripture, discernment will be addressed. Need to make changes in your life? This retreat will give you the opportunity to do just that.

Sister Noreen Walter, is the director of Marillac Center. Noreen has given numerous presentations in the United States and Canada and presently gives retreats and days of prayer in Marillac.

October 5-12, 2011 **Regina Bechtle, SC**
MEETING OUR GRACE: IMPELLED BY CHARITY

Open your heart to the God who comes to meet us from the future, in the company of wisdom figures of our scriptural and Vincentian story, including Louise de Marillac, Rosalie Rendu, Xavier Ross, and Elizabeth Seton. Through presentations, prayer and quiet, explore the path along which Charity impels us now. Learn again that we have all that we need to meet our grace, at this new threshold of Charity.

Sister Regina is a spiritual director, retreat leader, writer and poet. She has been a member of the Sisters of Charity of New York since 1962. She has given many retreats and presentations on topics in spirituality, especially the Vincentian and Charity way, contemporary religious life, and leadership. She co-edited the collected writings of Elizabeth Seton and has published numerous article and poetry.

Directed Retreats in 2011

Directed retreats:

January 13-20

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June 1-10

June 12-19

June 12-19

July 29-Aug. 7

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Sr. Marilyn Peot, CSJ

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Br. Joseph Schmidt, FSC

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Retreat Directors for 2011

Helen Ann Collier, CCVI, a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word., earned certificates in spiritual direction from Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA and Mercy Center, Colorado Springs. She served as Associate Director/ Spiritual Director at the Sangre De Cristo Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico and as a spiritual director in the MTM sabbatical program at the Oblate School of Theology. Sister Helen Ann's ministry experience has included education, parish ministry and health care. She has served on the Provincial Leadership Team in her community both as Provincial and Director of Ministry. and recently as Administrator of the Generalate in San Antonio currently she ministers in the St. Louis area.

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.

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.

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.

Joseph Schmidt, FSC, a De La Salle Christian Brother for over 40 years, formerly on the staff of Sangre de Cristo, is currently living with the formation community at De La Salle Scholasticate in Nairobi Kenya and serving as a resource for the Lwanga District in East Africa. He has served as Secretary of Formation for the Christian Brothers of the United States and for the past twenty-five years has been a retreat director, spiritual director, counselor and lecturer. He has authored many articles on prayer and has written three books: PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES, PRAYING WITH THERESE OF LISIEUX, and ALL IS GRACE: a Reflection on the Life and Spirituality of Therese of Lisieux.

Kathleen Wood, SCL, a member of the Marillac staff, and recently retired from teaching Theology and Ministry at the University of Saint Mary, brings a wealth of understanding and appreciation of scripture and the spiritual life to share in retreats and spiritual direction. She holds a Masters degree in Theology with a concentration in Scripture from Boston College and a Certificate in Religious Formation from St. Louis University.

Also available to direct retreats as time allows:

Nancy Bauman, SCL, presently serving as Community Councilor and Initial Formation Director, has been involved in spiritual direction and retreats since attending the Institute of Religious Formation in St. Louis since 1990. Previously, she was teacher and administrator in elementary schools.

Susan Chase, SCL, currently retreat coordinator of Marillac Center, completed training in spiritual direction through the SoulJourners Program in 2010 with additional study of discernment and the Ignatian Exercises as a participant in Prayer Companions through the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City. She previously taught biological sciences for 30 plus years at the University of Saint Mary with a special interest in the integration of faith with scientific understanding.

Rosalie Curtin, SCL, teaches in the Pastoral Ministry Department at the University of Saint Mary after serving many years as a Pastoral Minister in various parishes around Kansas City. Her focus has been on the RCIA and adult education. Prior to that she served as Formation Director and as a Community Councilor. Her retreat ministry began following a year of study in the Institute of Religious Formation in the mid 1980s.

Margaret Hogan, SCL, Pastoral Assistant in Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Hamilton, Montana. Sister has a Master's Degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University and has been involved in directing retreats, providing spiritual direction, and facilitating workshops and days of prayer in various places throughout the Dioceses of Helena and Great Falls-Billings. Sister has had the opportunity of walking with other directors who direct the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life in Missoula, Montana.