December, 2008

Dear Sisters,

We invite you to look over the retreat offerings for the coming year.

If you would like to make the February retreat, please send the form to Sister Marie Helene by January 10th, along with the fee.

For the other Sea Isle retreats, please send your form in by January 16th.

Those who sign up for retreats that are over-subscribed will be part of a drawing for the requested retreat.

For retreat at Cranaleith, please contact S. Maria Di Bello at cranaleith@comcast.net

We will have our drawing at our retreat committee meeting on January 24th and have the list published as soon as possible. Sisters and Associates who wish to sign up for any of the openings shown on this list are asked to do so by February 28th.

Retreatants will receive a letter from a committee member about one month before the scheduled retreat.

Sisters / Associates are welcome and needed to assist as retreat helpers. See attached form.

Our committee is very grateful for your support and hope that you will be enriched by whatever retreat you may choose.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Retreat Committee
Sisters Marie Helene, Victoria Crescente, Theresa Gormley, Juliana Kozman, Maureen B. McCann, Alice Mary Meehan, Ruth Mulligan, Maureen Murray, Frances Paglione, Anne Woodeshick
General Information

Retreat Registration and/or Volunteer forms are sent to:
Sister Marie Helene, RSM
Holy Cross Convent
240 N. Bishop Ave.
Springfield, PA 19064-3347

FEE: $375
Please send your check to:
Sister Anne Woodeshick, RSM
Annunciation B.V.M. Convent
421 Brookline Blvd.
Havertown, PA 19083

Make check payable to:
Sisters of Mercy Retreat Fund
Due by: April 20, 2009

For Cranaleith retreat, register at:
Cranaleith@comcast.net
Please send $375 fee to: Cranaleith Spiritual Center
13475 Proctor Road, Philadelphia, PA 19116
Phone: 215-934-6206

Do not send
your fee for Sea Isle retreats until your retreat is confirmed. Your name on the retreat list is your confirmation.

Arrival Time: After 4 PM—Before 7 PM
Light supper for those who wish:
5:30—6:30 PM
Opening Prayer: 7:30 PM

ALL RETREATS ARE SILENT

Retreats begin with the Opening Prayer on the first night and end after Liturgy/breakfast on the closing day.

If you are unable to make your scheduled retreat, please call S. Marie Helene at 610-626-2491 (H) or 610-626-3321 (W)

Registration Form

NAME ____________________________________________
(Sisters, please put last name)

ADDRESS ____________________________________________

PHONE: ____________________________________________

Email Address ____________________________________________

Please indicate the retreat number for all Sea Isle retreats.

RETREAT CHOICE:
1st Choice, Retreat # __________
Name of director: ___________________________________________________________________

2nd choice, Retreat # __________
Name of director: ___________________________________________________________________

Volunteer as a Retreat Assistant in Sea Isle City
(Volunteers are non-retreatants)

Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________

Phone ________________________________
E-mail ________________________________

Retreat dates you can work __________________________
Cook _____ General Duties _______
Musician /Plan Liturgies _________
Retreat Directors

MARY CARBOY, SSJ graduated from Duquesne University with an M.A. in Formative Spirituality. She completed programs in spiritual direction through the Centers for Spirituality in Wernersville, PA and Chestnut Hill, PA. Mary taught theology for several years in the archdiocesan high schools. She is currently in full time ministry as spiritual director/retreat director at St. Raphaela Center, Haverford, PA.

TED CASSIDY, SM is a Marianist ordained Brother who is currently chaplain at the Marianist Family Retreat Center in Cape May, NJ, a position he has held for ten years. He offers spiritual direction to retreatants and others. He has MA, STL and D. Min. Degrees. Ted has served as chaplain, teacher of religion in Catholic high schools and as pastor and Novice Master. He has written a book on racism and works with the Marianists in social justice.

REV. TONY CIORRA was a Professor of Theology, Director of the Center for Theological and Spiritual Development, and chaplain at the College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown NJ from 1991–2004. He gives workshops and retreats throughout the United States, the Middle East and Europe. He is currently Dean of the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Studies at Fordham University.

MAUREEN CONROY, RSM is co-director of the Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune, NJ. Her ministries include spiritual direction, the training of spiritual directors, giving retreats, massage therapy, and facilitating programs on prayer discernment, and holistic spiritual growth.

CAROL FITZSIMMONS, CSJ is from Boston and has 30 years experience as a Spiritual Director and Retreat Director. Following 10 years as Team member and teacher in the sabbatical Program at St. Stephen Priory and Spiritual Life Program, Carol most recently served as co-director of the St. Joseph Villa Retreat Center, Cohasset, Massachusetts.

MARY PAT GARVIN, RSM ministers as a counselor, educator and consultant to religious congregations in the areas of initial and ongoing formation/development. She has provided retreats on Catherine McAuley and the Mercy charism at Mercy International Centre and various retreat centers in the USA and England.

JULIE GREY, OP is a Dominican Sister of Peace and presently serves as spiritual director at St. Raphaela Center in Haverford, PA. She has been involved in spiritual direction and retreat work for over twenty years and has done so in New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Maryland and Washington, DC.

JUDE MICHAEL KRILL, OFM Conv., is chaplain and instructor of English and Theology at Neumann College, Aston, PA. A Conventual Franciscan Friar for 35 years, he has ministered in the educational apostolate and presently serves his community as a member of the Province Definitory. He has given retreats throughout the country.
KATHLEEN MARY LONG, RSM received her MA in Sacred Studies from St. Bonaventure University and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from Washington Theological Union. She has continued her education through workshops on spirituality concentrating on Women’s Spirituality, Focusing and Pastoral Counseling. She currently practices individual and group spiritual direction.

KATHLEEN MC ALPIN, RSM teaches a contemplative method of theological reflection and Spiritual Direction in the Integration for Ministry Program at Regis College in Toronto. She also served in leadership in the New Membership Programs of the Sisters of Mercy. Kathleen directs retreats, days of prayer, and supervises the ministry of spiritual direction. She often teaches spiritual direction for the Christian Spirituality Program at Creighton University in Omaha, NA.

MAUREEN MC CANN, RSM is presently a counselor at Mercy Consultation Center in Dallas, PA. Maureen is a very respected retreat director and counselor and has traveled in that capacity throughout the United States and Canada.

KEVIN MURRAY, C.Ss.R is from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and is in residence at Visitation Parish in Kensington. He directs and works at Sarnelli House, which serves the poor of the area, especially the younger population. He has given several retreats for the Sisters of Mercy.

MARY TRAINER, RSM is the director of Cranaleith Spiritual Center. She received her certification as spiritual director from Shalem Institute. Her work in helping the dream of Mercy International Centre come to birth allowed her to drink deeply from the wellspring of our charism.

DOROTHY WELCH, CSJ, MA, M. Div., is experienced in Spiritual Direction and sees the directed retreat as a singular time for movements of grace. Her Master’s degrees are from Catholic University, and Jesuit Weston School of Theology. She facilitates groups in appropriating Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for daily life, and directs retreats in New England and other states.

**Directions to Sea Isle City — 5800 Pleasure Avenue, Sea Isle City, NJ 08243**
Go to the Garden State Parkway South
Follow this to Exit 17 (Sea Isle, Woodbine)
Bear right off ramp Sea Isle City Blvd. becomes JFK Blvd.
Make right at Landis Avenue
Go up to 58th Street, make left and a right into the large parking lot.

"Trocaire" is the main house and will have room assignments.
For retreats at Sea Isle City, we ask the retreatants to bring their own sheets and towels.
Phone at Vacation House: 609-263-2004;
Contact: Sisters Miriam de Lourdes or Juliet Ferrari