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Holy Cross Retreat Center Newsletter

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With over 60 years of Retreat Ministry!

A NEW YEAR AND A NEW TIME TO GROW

Upcoming Retreats!

Couples Retreat

Perhaps this is a good time to renew your love for each other, and deepen the faith that you share. This retreat is designed to help you renew your commitment to one another in love, and to deepen your faith sharing as a couple. Feb. 21-23rd.



Silent Lenten Retreat

For many of us there is a call to silence, to encounter our hearts and our Lord in the quiet. This retreat will be in silence, with no talking at meals or in between presentations. The schedule will be light, but the opportunity to listen to God very real. March 13-15, led by Fr. Tom Smith OFM Conv. Come to the quiet...

*Be still and know
that I am God.*

Women's Healing Retreat

There is a need for healing within us. Sometimes we don't even realize it until an experience brings it to our awareness again. Through presentations, sharing, prayer, and laughter you will have the time to heal. April 3-5, 2020



There will be a **retreat on Good Friday and Holy Saturday**, April 10-11, to focus on Holy Week and prepare us for Easter joy!

Go to our website www.holycrossretreat.org to see brochures and more details or call 575 524 3688.

Recent Improvements



A statue of St. Francis was recently repainted and moved to the pool near the gazebo. It is a good space for one who loved creation, plants, and water!



The small conference room was recently refurbished, including placing stone on the front of the chimney. Two friars from the OFM provinces retreat were some of the many who enjoyed the fires each evening.

Thanks to the Good Works Volunteers for both projects.

UPCOMING FRANCISCAN RETREATS

- Feb. 21-23 **Married Couples Retreat,**
Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday 6:30pm Mass and ashes in the main Chapel
- March 13-15 **Silent Lenten Retreat**
- April 3-5 **Women's Healing Retreat**
- April 10-11 Good Friday/Holy Saturday retreat. Reflect on these most sacred times .
- April 24-26 **Recovering Alcoholics/Alanon Retreat, by Sr. Linda Fischer**
- May 1-3 Retiro Contemplativo—podemos experimentar varias formas de oración y silencio
- May 16 Retreat at Otero Prison (if approved)
- May 22-24 **St. Francis of Assisi and Laudato Si! Prayerful reflection on Care for Creation**
- June 26-28 Sacred Fire—talking about the stages of life that deepen discipleship.
- July 27-31 Pilgrimage to the early Franciscan Missions in NM.

Call 575 524-3688 for info or to register, or review or webpage at www.holycrossretreat.org

OTHER UPCOMING HOSTED RETREATS for you:

- Feb.13-16 ACTS San Martin young adult women Span
- Feb.27-30 ACTS St. Patrick Men English
- Mar 6-8 Regional OFS Chapter meeting
- Mar 7-8 Engaged Encounter
- Mar 16-18 CMSM JPIC National Gathering (call 301-588-4030 for info and to register)**
- Mar 19-22 ACTS St. Stephen Women English
- Mar 30-Apr.1 Diocese of Las Cruces Presbyteral Assembly
- Apr. 17-19 Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial
- Apr 18-29 Sanación Interior

If you are interested in an ACTS retreat, contact the sponsoring parish. For Engaged Encounter, the EE website is www.ceeelpasolascruces.org.

Our full schedule is at www.holycrossretreat.org

Fr. Tom Smith, Rev. Dr. Maria Goldstein, and Pastor Jared



Carson gathered with 50 others to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan 22, 2020 in the Chapel.

Ecological Anniversaries!



Earth Day Flag

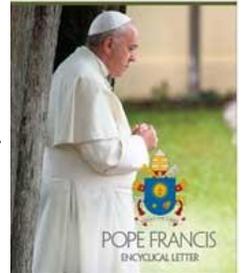
Two important events to commemorate our dedication to care for the earth will be celebrated this spring.

April 22 is the 50th anniversary of the first Earth Day, calling for care for the environment. Holy Cross Retreat Center will host a special mass that evening followed by activities and a presentation to promote respect and action for planet earth. Please join us.

May 24th is the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si! Pope Francis provides a strong faith and scientific basis for respecting “our common home.”

HCRC is sponsoring a **retreat May 22-24** to promote St. Francis of Assisi as the patron of ecology and how each of us can celebrate The Cantic of Creation throughout our lives.

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME LAUDATO SI'



The seniors from Padre Yermo School in El Paso enjoyed their retreat, led by a group of young adults from Divina Providencia Parish in Juarez. Their parents came to join for the closing mass, just before this picture.



Faith leaders from around the country came to a social justice training led by CAFé and Faith in Action, to promote community organizing. Rich Morales described the need of immigrants at this time. They also traveled to the border, the local courthouse, and Chapparral to visit Religious Sisters who serve the immigrants and the prison there.