

**Quote from the cover:**

God is conceived of as holy, pure, and morally above the raw desires that so powerfully beset us. Sex, on the other hand, is conceived of as earthy and unholy, necessary, but often not without guilt. Christianity has struggled mightily with sex, as has every other religion. Yet, when we look at sexual desire and ask where it comes from, there can be only one answer, It comes from God.

This is a book about desire and how we may channel it for the purpose it was intended: to lure us back to God. Ron Rolheiser sheds light on this mysterious journey, gives us permission to feel what we feel, and to know that God is behind the fire within us.



Consider trying out our hermitage sometime, where you can have quiet time for prayer and rest and creativity for a few days or up to a month!

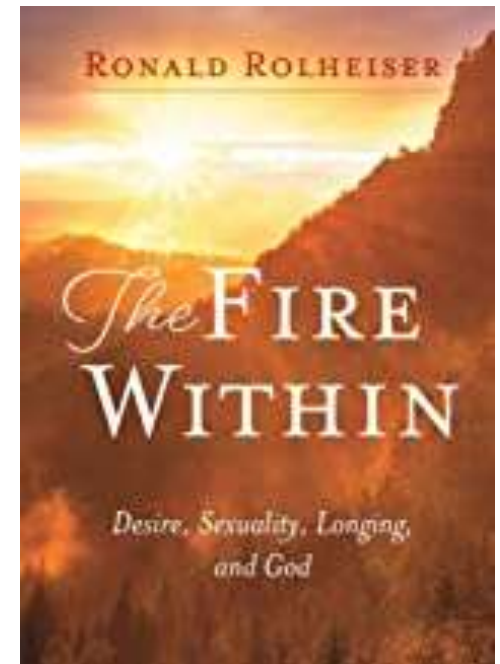
Labyrinth, & also a rosary walk



# **The Fire Within**

## **July 23-25, 2021**

At Holy Cross Retreat Center or online



**Holy Cross Retreat Center**  
**600 Holy Cross Road**  
**Mesilla Park, NM 88047**

We will review the themes of the book The Fire Within by Ronald Rolheiser, in which he follows up on his popular book Sacred Fire. Here are some quotes:

- The Holy Spirit is the deep fire driving all of creation...
- Chastity is reverence and respect.
- The marriage bed, like the Eucharist, is fleshy, tangible, visible and incarnate. That make if a very powerful sacrament.

This retreat draws on the longing of couples, singles, and celibate persons and you will hear from each perspective.



*“Fr. Rolheiser offers sympathetic and insightful reflections on key spiritual, psychological, and moral aspects of the ongoing challenges we face in our adult lives.”*

# The Fire Within Desire, Sexuality, Longing, and God

## July 23-25, 2021

**Stay overnight, commute, or join online**

Registration: 6:30-7:00pm

In the Large Conference Room

Friday, July 23, 2021

Closing before lunch on Sunday.

Sunday, July 25, 2021

**Please send this completed form and initial payment to:**

**Holy Cross Retreat Center**

600 Holy Cross Road  
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(If finances are a concern, let us know)

Registration form: *The Fire Within July 23-25, 2021*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s) Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

I can't climb stairs \_\_\_\_\_

I need Handicapped Accessible room \_\_\_\_\_

dietary need \_\_\_\_\_

Per person \$155.00 \_\_\_\_\_

queen bed \$165.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Commuters \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Online \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

**(\$25.00 deposit to hold a room)**

Visa/MC \_\_\_\_\_

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**(add 3 % charge for credit card)**

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