

Holy Cross Retreat Center

Mesilla Park, NM



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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This past year has been a challenge in many ways. We were used to having full weekends and often groups during the week. Instead we welcomed individuals for prayer and peace, occasional small groups, and just recently a few larger ones. Perhaps you know too well how your own life was impacted by the pandemic. And even now as I thought it was about over, there is still concern in the state for the safety of all.

We shifted our focus to caring for people who needed long term medical attention and others who were in transition and needed a safe place for a few weeks or a few months. We hosted refugees from a number of countries. That has presented its challenges, but overall it was Gospel call to reach out to those in need, and well worthwhile.

Many people have assisted us through prayers and donations and support. This is much appreciated and has helped us keep our employees throughout the COVID time. Some of them agreed to work less hours to reduce the expense but all were kept on the normal payroll. As some organizations are struggling to find and keep workers we are blessed with dedicated, experienced staff to continue our mission.

More recently Holy Cross Retreat Center is focusing more on the encyclical *Laudato Si!* on caring for the earth and one another. This requires a conversion of our hearts and actions. St. Francis of Assisi has inspired many to care for our Common Home, and the impact of climate change makes it obvious that we must respond in



many ways. Please consider our Annual Appeal as our

UPCOMING RETREATS IN 2022

Retreats are a wonderful way to enrich both our personal and our spiritual lives. We invite you to join us for some of the sponsored events listed below. A full brochure is on our website at: holycrossretreat.org under the "Register for Retreat" tab. You can also consider a retreat that we host as well by looking under the "Calendar" tab. So many people have been uplifted by their experiences at Holy Cross Retreat since our beginning in 1957.

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| Jan.19 (Wed.) | Commemoration of the Prayer of Christian Unity 6:30pm |
| Feb. 4-6 | Married Couples Retreat |
| March 2 | Ash Wednesday 6:30pm Mass and ashes in the main Chapel |
| March 4-6 | Secular Franciscan Retreat |
| March 11-13 | Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial |
| March 18-20 | Silent Lenten Retreat |
| April 15-16 | Good Friday and Holy Saturday Retreat |
| April 22 6:30pm | Earth Day Commemoration |
| April 22-24 | Recovering Alcoholics/Alanon Retreat, by Ruth Hoenick |
| May 20-22 | Laudato Si! Retreat |
| June 10-12? | Women's Healing Retreat with |
| June 17-19 | Desert and Mountain Spirituality |
| July 22-24 | The Fire Within: Desire, Sexuality, Longing, & God retreat on book by Rolheiser. |
| July 25-29 | Pilgrimage to the early Franciscan Missions in NM. |
| Aug. 5-6 | The Healing Power of Forgiveness |
| Sept. 3-4 | Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts—90+ artists, food booths, beer and wine garden, live music! |
| Sept 9-11 | Grieving Retreat |
| Sept. 16-18 | Recovering Alcoholics/Alanon retreat led by Fr. Tom Weston |
| Oct. 21-23 | Sacred Fire Retreat, based on the book by Ron Rolheiser |
| Nov. 11-13 | Men's Retreat |
| Dec. 2-4 | Advent Retreat |

Pandemic Impact and Financial Report

PANDEMIC IMPACT

We are very grateful to those who have sent general dona-

We were awarded a PPP forgivable loan of \$70,275 and received 2 CARES grants totaling \$55,000. This plus generous donations and a higher than average raffle income along with judicious and significant cuts in expenses, has enabled us to continue to expand our outreach to the temporarily homeless through NM Family Service referrals and continue to provide room and board for medical patients. During the Spring and Summer we had several small groups, however all ACTS groups cancelled through October. There are still many who come individually for private retreats, spiritual direction, and just to spend prayerful time on the grounds.

Our employees are not eligible for unemployment. We also recognize that the experience they possess in running and maintaining the retreat center and serving retreatants is irreplaceable. Last fiscal year we paid them a set salary regardless of time worked. Several of our employees voluntarily cut their hours, and this was very helpful. Beginning in Sept of 2021 we returned to paying employees only for time worked.

This fiscal year (Sept 2020—Aug 2021) we have lost \$495,602 in Retreats that were cancelled. This fiscal year (Sep-Dec 2021) we will have lost \$142,805 in cancelled retreats. We are having difficulty with having contracts returned for 2022 but are hopeful that retreats will be back on track then.

GIVING BACK:

- Discounts were given to 2 Recovering Alcoholics retreats, 2 groups, several private retreatants, and 3 community/non profit group for a value of \$10,012.84.
- 19 temporarily homeless, 11 refugees and one person fearing deportation were hosted for a total of 933 days at a value of \$41,615.00 (we use a discounted rate to calculate value which is about half of what we would normally charge for a room.)
- 8 Medical patients and 2 caregivers were hosted for a total of 446 days at a value of \$19,685.00 (discounted rate)

TOTAL VALUE OF OUTREACH: \$73,312.84

GIVING THANKS

We received volunteer service by way of the Good Works Volunteers totaling 600 hours, 184 hours for stuffing envelopes, and 105 hours from Dee, Frank, David, Fred and Betsy, Kat and Jorge for various projects. Value of these volunteer hours was approximately \$21,152 Holy Cross Foundation was instrumental in hosting RA retreats, purchasing software, HVAC and fire

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 1, 2020—August 31, 2021

INCOME	FY 2020-21	
Retreat Income	\$102,499.13	#1
Holy Cross Retreat Foundation Grant	\$10,089.90	
Art Festival Income	\$33,870.70	
Return on Investments	\$74,464.40	
General donations, cancer donations, Franciscan Hospitality donat & Annual Appeal	\$107,701.28	#2
Other (Gift shop, soft drinks, etc)	\$17,193.31	#3
Grants	\$143,940.00	#4
TOTAL INCOME	\$651,087.50	#5
EXPENSES		
Salaries and Benefits	\$320,680.19	
Meals and Kitchen	\$19,123.84	#6
Utilities	\$15,450.04	#7
Insurance	\$13,979.00	
Maintenance, Administration, Housekeeping, etc	\$29,285.59	
Renovations	\$979.62	
Donations	\$3,000.00	#8
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$402,498.28	#9
NET INCOME	\$87,260.53	

NOTES:

- #1: Retreat income was down by \$243,809.07 this year
 #2: General donations \$64,558.63; Annual Appeal \$28,890.65; Franciscan hospitality \$12,025 ; Medical patient donations \$1,200; chapel donation box 1,027.
 #3: Net for gift shop was \$4,361.60 Fr. Tom's book selling well
 #4: PPP loan \$70,275, CARES Grants 55,000, FEMA \$1,665, Anthonian Foundation \$12,000, Youth grant 5,000
 #5: total income down \$86,489.40 from last year
 #6: Meals and kitchen down \$46,331.83 from last year
 #7 Utilities were down by \$31,734.91 some due to solar panels
 #8 Donated \$3,000 to Casa Alitas in Arizona for immigrants
 #9 Expenses down by \$176,523.42 from last year

Checking account balance as of Aug 31, 2020: \$ 68,899.06
 Short term savings (see note): \$ 90,000.00
 Long term investments: \$378,151.85
 The only liabilities are related to payroll withholdings
Note on short term savings: this is money from the grants listed above set aside to be used as needed.