



# Holy Cross Retreat Center Newsletter

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RETREAT MINISTRY!

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## Retreats for those seeking spiritual growth, silence, and marriage enrichment

### The Holy Spirit and Ordinary Time



Preparing his followers for a life in which they would no longer see him in the only way they knew him, Jesus assured them that the Father was sending

“another Advocate to be with you always.” The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Blessed Trinity, is always present and available to us in our life. Sometimes, we are not aware of this powerful, if unseen, presence of God, which is our Advocate in the joys and struggles of life. Having just celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the close of the Easter season, we enter Ordinary Time, where we spend most of our lives. Does the Holy Spirit seem vague to you? Does Ordinary Time seem too, well, ordinary?

### Friar Bob Moynihan, OFM

Conv., a student friar currently assigned to San Damiano Friary in San Antonio and a longtime Chicago funeral director before that, brings a unique perspective to his summer assignment at Holy Cross Retreat Center. On Wednesdays, **June 5, 12, 19, and 26**, following the 6:30 p.m. Mass, Bob will lead an informal discussion on THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ORDINARY TIME, including the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome to join this insightful conversation!



### June 7-9 “Franciscan Mysticism and Spirituality”

led by Fr. Henry Beck, OFM. This weekend retreat will offer a blend of prayer, insights into our Franciscan spiritual tradition, contemplative sharing, and time for rest, reflection, and journaling. We will look



especially at the unifying vision of the goodness of God, Creation, and the Incarnation through the eyes of St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Bonaventure, and Blessed John Duns Scotus.



### June 28-30. Silent Retreat,

This weekend provides time for quiet to welcome the presence of our God into our hearts. There will be presentations and Scripture references, and opportunities to

walk, reflect, and contemplate about our spiritual life. There should also be time to travel to a place near the mountains for quiet... Led by Fr. Tom Smith OFM

### July 12-14: “Holy Eros and Healthy Sexuality”

led by Fr. Henry Beck, OFM.

During this weekend retreat, we will prayerfully consider “Holy Eros” and the “Grace” of God as we befriend more fully all we are as embodied-spiritual persons. As we see more fully that we are created from the heart of a passionate and compassionate

God, we hopefully will receive more fully, and celebrate, the gifts of our “embodiment” for relationships and service for justice and charity.



Call **575 524-3688** to register for a retreat, or go to: **[www.holycrossretreat.org](http://www.holycrossretreat.org)** under retreats, where you can also register and pay online.



### July 15-19 “Pilgrimage to the early Franciscan Missions”

Tom Smith OFM Conv. will once again lead a group to experience some of the enduring missions in New Mexico. We will car pool, stay in either a retreat center or motel, and you need to pay your own room, meals, one or two admissions, and at least a \$100.00 contribution to Holy Cross.

### August 9-10: “Discovering our True Self” led by Fr. Henry Beck, OFM.

We will prayerfully look for the infinite, the positive, and the good within us as we explore God’s invitation and our common destiny for infinite life seen in Jesus the Risen Christ. Finding more of God within us, we will also discover our “True Self” called to grow into infinite, risen life here and now and to come.



### Sept. 6-8 “Why Do People Suffer”



The reality of suffering is present in all our lives. Even those who are generally happy and healthy have times when they experience loss, physical pain, and emotional distress that doesn’t make sense. This retreat provides time to talk and pray about our own suffering and that of others whom we care about. How can our faith and the support of others help us cope with pain? St. Francis was able to even write a beautiful Canticle of the Sun in the midst of his suffering. Led by Fr. Tom Smith OFM Conv.

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### Sept. 13-15 “Married Couples Retreat” Led by Veronica and Guillermo

**Martinez** Perhaps this is a good time to renew your love for each other and deepen the faith that you share. Come as a couple and enrich each other! **Call 575-524-3688 or visit our web site at [www.holycrossretreat.org](http://www.holycrossretreat.org)**



### Join us for the Franciscan Festival of Fine Arts, Aug. 31st and Sept.1st, Labor Day Weekend



You can enjoy 80+ artists and food vendors, live music on two stages, a wonderful enchilada meal prepared by our staff, a silent auction, and a beer and wine garden. Most all of the activities are in shade or inside airconditioned rooms.

New and returning artists and food vendors are encouraged to contact us to register. Go to [holycrossretreat.org](http://holycrossretreat.org), then “Art Festival” to download forms, or call 575 524-3688



With assistance from our Good Works Volunteers, we now have another conference room in the Casita, former friary living room. We have already been using it!