

Fosters
Atmosphere
That
Inspires
Mindfulness & Prayer
A place to be...with God!

Time and again it is Fatima Retreat House
to which they turn.





Dear Friend of Fatima,

“How are things at Fatima”, I am frequently asked. Happily, I report Fatima is alive and well. We continue to explore new ways to serve the Church’s mission while remaining true to Fatima’s specific role of spiritual renewal and hospitality, offering all ‘a place to be . . . with God.’ We have been blessed throughout our history with great support from friends and volunteers. Generous donors and committed volunteers like you have made it possible for us to

provide a wonderful array of spiritual programs for people at every stage of life.

Each year we turn to you and ask for your support for the ongoing operation of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House.

Perhaps you want to make it possible for anyone who cannot afford it to attend any program at Fatima. As you may know, our Genesis Fund is a scholarship fund set up many years ago by a generous donor to assist those who cannot afford the full registration fee to attend one of our sponsored programs. We would like to grow this fund to not only continue to offer help to individuals seeking retreat but to support programs we are offering which broaden our mission.

Through Mary Schaffner’s work at the women’s prison on behalf of Fatima, spiritual direction as well as other programs to assist these women on their spiritual journey is offered. Later in the year as a complement to this ministry, we will offer a daylong program to men and women throughout Indiana who minister to the imprisoned. The prisons at which they share their time have no funds to support their travel and other expenses for participation in this program.

You may be familiar with our Christian student leadership retreats for seventh graders in our diocese. These retreats are offered each spring to participating Catholic school students to help them realize the important role they will have as Christian leaders. We currently offer this program at a discount and want to be able to fully fund some of our schools where the parents cannot afford to pay even a partial registration fee.

Did you know this past fall, Fatima began preparing a monthly meal for 50-100 homeless men and women in our city? Our staff partners with HOOP-Helping Our Own People in their effort to be Christ to the least among us.

This year you may wish to partner with Fatima in sponsoring some special programs on the calendar that we believe are needed and will make a difference. We have entered into a collaborative effort with the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) to offer a retreat experience to transitional homeless men and women. This program, the Ignatian Spirituality Project, is currently offered in 20 cities across the country.

Will you once again join in contributing to keep the mission of Fatima Retreat House alive and relevant to today’s needs?

Continue reading to discover more about these and other ministries and how you can make a difference. Please indicate how you want to show your support and contribute to Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House. Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm for what Fatima has been doing for nearly 64 years. For your convenience, an envelope is enclosed.

As always, we keep you and your intentions in our prayers. May God watch over you and draw you ever closer to him.

Sincerely,

Fr. Jim Farrell
Director, Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House

Our **Genesis Fund** was created by a generous donor many years ago as a scholarship fund for those unable to afford 100% of their registration fee.

We are finding, however, that the need for this support is ever growing.

Not only do individuals come to us seeking support because they have fallen on hard times and really need the support from their church through Our Lady of Fatima programs, but we would like to be able to continue to offer our Christian Leadership Retreats for Youth around the diocese and to host the various high school Christian Awakening Retreats and Kairos Retreats. Our high schools and our archdiocesan grade schools receive a significant discount for these retreats. Because we feel they are so important to building a strong foundation of faith, we want to keep them available to all who seek this holy ground for these retreats.

There is a growing need for spiritual support among our Latino population. We have hosted many young adult Hispanic retreats at Fatima over the past 8-10 years and currently have an evening for Hispanic women scheduled. We would like to offer more of these programs in the future.

Every Catholic should be able to seek and find a spiritual director to support them in their lifelong faith journey. Many gifted men and women offer spiritual direction as a support to our priests who have much more responsibility than ever before. Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House is partnering with the archdiocese to become a resource for our own faithful seeking a director. This critical ministry also requires funding for the ongoing formation of directors and much more.

Our goal is to grow the Genesis fund such that we could support every one of these and other future retreats and programs without worrying about budget concerns.



ONGOING RETREATS AND PROGRAMS

As many of you may already know we sponsor or host a variety of retreats and programs throughout the year which offer spiritual enrichment and in some cases a ministry of healing.

There are many among us who need someone to walk with them on their journey:

- Men and women touched by abortion
- Catholics who are experiencing the pain of separation or divorce
- Couples who are struggling
- Parents who find out for the first time that their child is gay
- Imprisoned men and women

These are just some of the examples of those who come to us seeking support.

We strive to meet their needs but many often cannot pay the full amount of a retreat that is so desperately needed.

“The joy of the Gospel is for all people; no one can be excluded.”

— Pope Frances

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY PROJECT

An Avenue for the Homeless and Marginalized to Experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

ISP is a Jesuit Ministry which was started by the Chicago Province in 1998 to create an avenue for the homeless and marginalized to experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. ISP seeks to offer retreats inspired by Ignatian Spirituality to those who are homeless and seeking recovery in 20 cities across the country.

Here in Indianapolis we are currently collaborating with Seeds of Hope, Holy Family Shelter, Catholic Worker, and Trusted Mentors.

Learn more about the ISP mission and ministry at www.ignatianspiritualityproject.org/

“Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the “peripheries” in need of the light of the Gospel.”

— Pope Frances

Faith

*Acknowledge
Trust*

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please prayerfully consider a way in which you might be able to help support the vital ministry of spiritual enrichment, healing and spiritual direction.

Make a general donation in the amount of your choice to the Genesis Fund to support anyone wishing to attend one of our retreats

Fund a specific program through a personal or corporate donation

- Seventh Grade Christian Leadership Retreat Days: \$15 per student, average of 40 students per retreat day, average of 12 participating parish schools
- Sophomore Student Leadership Retreat: \$325 per student, annual 3-day retreat for approximately 60 sophomores, average of 6 participating diocesan and private Catholic High Schools
- Being and Belonging Weekend for Separated and Divorced Catholic Men and Women: \$160 per person, 3-day weekend retreat, average of 30 participants annually
- Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat for men and women touched by abortion: Annual retreat weekend, \$200 per person
- Suggested donations for spiritual direction sessions are \$25-\$45 per one hour session
- ISP: \$250 per person for the retreat and follow-up sessions

Become part of the very dedicated 'family' of volunteers at Our Lady of Fatima in the area of your choice:

- Greeter for marriage preparation weekends
- Assist kitchen staff in serving meals to guests
- Assist housekeeping or maintenance staff
- Promote Fatima programs and retreats
- Respond to the spiritual needs to those who are homeless through ISP
- And more

Please contact Fatima at (317) 545-7681 or fatima@archindy.org.

Join in supporting the ongoing ministry of hospitality and renewal that takes place in this place set apart for you and others to be . . . with God.

I would like to know more about volunteering at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House.

Please supply me with information in the area of _____.

Contribute to Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House by mailing your tax-deductible donation today, or donate online at www.archindy.org/fatima/donate.html
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Yes, I want to take this opportunity to make my donation of _____ in support of the ministry of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House.

A gift of stock or bonds (Sandy Pasotti will contact you).

My check is enclosed (payable to Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House).

Automatically renew my gift next year

Please charge my donation to my: VISA Discover MasterCard

Account # _____

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Name shown on card: _____

Signature: _____

Should you wish your donation be applied to something more specific, please contact Sandy Pasotti at (317) 545-7681, extension 14, or spasotti@archindy.org.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Your donation is tax deductible. *Thank you for your generous support!*

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