



REFLECTIONS

Real Presence

Dear Fatima Family,

Ever been at dinner with a friend and have them answer their cell phone? Have you ever felt that you lost someone's attention when their eyes were diverted from you in order to read a text message? Ever find yourself distracted from listening to God because someone else has your attention?

In recent weeks I have had all these experiences. I call this the slow erosion of "real presence." You know the experience I am talking about – someone is with you – you make eye contact with each other. There is a connection deep within and at the end of the conversation you know that you have been heard, that you have connected with that person. But we also know the other experience of talking with someone and his or her eyes are darting about, they shuffle back and forth from one foot to the other; mentally they are somewhere else. You know that your message is not getting across. You walk away feeling disconnected, you were not heard.

Lately I have noticed how much more difficult it is to experience real presence in my life. I also have noticed how difficult it is to experience real presence in my prayer. In a world that desires 24/7 availability it is difficult to choose to be unavailable. With news and information available throughout the day and night, it is tempting to check frequently for "breaking news" or developing stories. A text message or a voice mail seems to call to us, arousing our curiosity – who could that be? What do they want? It will only take a moment to check on that message or reply to that text. And when I do I lose out.

Even here at Fatima, a place to be ...with God, we have noticed the challenge presented by today's need to be only as far



away as your phone. It is much harder today to develop a sense of Sabbath, to go away on retreat, to take an uninterrupted time for prayer, to be available only to God. In times past retreats were generally experiences of profound silence. When we left home for the retreat we gave our family a telephone number where we could be reached "in case of an emergency." This protected our time away seeing that our respite from the routine of our lives would only be interrupted for a true emergency.

I have come to realize that my time with God deserves the same self-discipline that I use for my work. I have to choose to really be in the moment with God.

Cell phones, "Smart Phones" and "Blackberries" are relatively new, although there are already many young people who cannot remember life without them. By how we use them we set a standard that will have far reaching implications in the future. It is a good time to set limits on availability and to place emphasis on time for prayer and the relationship we have with God and with our families.. I know that to be truly present to God and others I have to set aside all the distractions and that includes my cell phone and my computer.

Here at Fatima we are committed to helping you be here, be here so that you can be ... with God. When on retreat we encourage to leave our main number (317-545-7681) for your family to use "in case of an emergency". Leave your phone in the car or turned off in your room and really rest in God. You will leave refreshed and renewed in the love of God. Ultimately we hope you will hear a call while you are here, just not from your cell phone.

Love,
Fr. Jim

September 7, 2011

A Special Day of Reflection with Most Reverend Timothy Doherty,
Bishop of Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

October 29, 2011

An Evening with Most Reverend Christopher Coyne,
Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Indianapolis

May 11, 2012

Day of Reflection with Most Reverend Gerald Gettelfinger,
retired Bishop, Evansville Diocese

Register early - Seating will be limited for these events!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

August 13, 2011

"6th Annual Missions Helping Missions Bazaar and Family Picnic Celebration"

All are welcome to join us for this fun day which includes not only a wonderful pulled pork BBQ buffet meal but a chance to support a variety of vendors whose proceeds support many missions and ministries both local and global! No admission charge for the bazaar, 10 am -6 pm. Buffet tickets sold at the door and at the Fatima Retreat House office prior to August 13. Buffet will be open from 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Liturgy will be celebrated in our chapel at 4:00 pm.

Our vendors will offer a large array of hand made items, stationary, unique clothing and accessories, home décor, jewelry, household items, gifts and much more! Purchase an early Christmas gift or something special for a friend or yourself all while supporting a worthwhile cause! No admission charge for the bazaar.

Our vendors include: Kelly Kervan—Kelly's Creations, Magdalene Arszman, Linda Hirsch—Bridge to Home, Wally Nowicki—USE, Inc., Fatima Retreat House Gift Shop & Bookstore and the Fatima Retreat League bake sale, Carol Wagner original artwork, Rick Wagner—author *Remember What's Important*, Sherry & Nancy Meyer—Radio Pacis of the Arua Diocese in Uganda, Imani Workshops, St. Vincent de Paul, Carolyn Noone Handcrafted Jewelry and more!

September 7, 2011

"A Special Day of Reflection with Most Reverend Timothy Doherty, Bishop of Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana"



Bishop Doherty

We are pleased to welcome Bishop Doherty to kick off our series of events with some of our bishops. This day of reflection will begin at 8:30 am with continental breakfast and will include the celebration of Liturgy, lunch and the program.

8:30 am -2:30 pm
\$50 per person

October 7, 2011

Feast of the Holy Rosary

In response to a wonderful feast day celebration on May 13, we invite you to join us again for prayer followed by fellowship on this day of the Holy Rosary. We will begin in our chapel by praying the Rosary together followed by Benediction. Weather permitting we will also have prayer outdoors. Then stay and join us for fellowship and refreshments!

11:00 am

No charge, however goodwill offerings will be gratefully accepted.

October 21-23, 2011

"Stirring the Waters: Finding the Place of Quiet Within" A Weekend Retreat with Author Paula D'Arcy



Paula D'Arcy

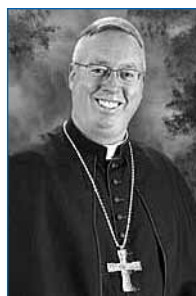
We welcome author Paula D'Arcy back to Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House. How can we begin to understand the harmony and mystery of life and experience that mystery from within? An inner place of quiet changes many things. Gifts you already hold become more visible and you begin to glimpse who you might be if you were not afraid.

Paula D'Arcy is author, former therapist, speaker, and playwright. Among her best-selling books are *Gift of the Red Bird*, *When People Grieve*, and *Sacred Threshold*. Paula is President of Red Bird Foundation (www.redbirdfoundation.com) which reaches out to those in need of healing and hope. She is also an adjunct faculty member at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. Her work stems from personal tragedy. In 1975 she survived a drunk driving accident which took the lives of her husband and two-year old daughter, Sarah. Paula was three months pregnant at the time and gave birth to her second daughter, Beth, six months later.

7:00 pm Friday - 12 noon Sunday
\$165 per person / \$300 per married couple

October 29, 2011

"An Evening with Most Reverend Christopher Coyne, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Indianapolis"



Bishop Coyne

Join us for this special dinner and presentation by Bishop Coyne. This fund raiser will take place at Fatima Retreat House. **Seating is limited** so register early by visiting our website or by calling Marcia at (317) 545-7681 ext 18.

5:00 pm Mass
followed by dinner and the presentation
\$100 per person



Bishop Gettelfinger

May 11, 2012

"Day of Reflection with Most Reverend Gerald Gettelfinger, retired Bishop, Evansville Diocese"

\$50 per person



SUMMER/FALL 2011

www.archindy.org/fatima

December 2-4, 2011

"From Darkness to Light:

A weekend retreat for those who grieve with Fr. Jim Farrell, director of Fatima Retreat House and pastor of St. Pius X Parish and Mary Weber, Grief Counselor"

Grief often plunges us to the depths of darkness. Uncertain of the way through, we look for a path forward, hoping to find our way. Our loneliness is crushing and our emotions overwhelming. And where is God in all of this pain? This retreat will offer you an opportunity to explore the grief that shadows your life presently. Here we shall offer consolation, a listening ear and the comforting light of Christ.

7:00 pm Friday evening – 12 noon Sunday
\$153 per person

December 13, 2011

"An Advent Dinner and Concert with Young Voices of Indianapolis founded and directed by Mrs. Marian Bender, St. Pius X Parishioner"

Join us for this always popular Advent dinner and celebration. We present Young Voices of Indianapolis directed by Marian Bender.

Founded in 2005 by Marian Bender, Young Voices of Indianapolis is a not-for-profit community choral organization involving children and young adults in grades 2-12 from the greater Indianapolis area. Young Voices of Indianapolis seeks to provide a superior choral music education with an emphasis on community outreach and mission. The

founding principles encourage choir members to use their gifts and talents to support the Indianapolis community through mission and community service projects. Learn more about this organization by visiting their website: www.yvindy.org

6:00 pm dinner followed by the concert
\$35 per person



Fr. Koetter



Fr. Johnson

**December 31-January 1, 2012
"Exploring the Gifts of the Holy Spirit" Annual New Year's Eve Retreat with Rev. Msgr. Paul Koetter and Rev. Eric Johnson"**

Fr. Paul and Fr. Eric will facilitate this annual retreat. We look forward to having these two very popular presenters back with us again—uncle and nephew together for the first time at Fatima! This overnight retreat always includes wonderful appetizers, a festive dinner, a midnight toast, and a delicious brunch to end the gathering. More details on the program will be available soon on our website.

4:00 pm check in New Year's Eve-12 noon
New Year's Day
\$138 per person/\$256 per married couple

LENT 2012 PREVIEW

February 22 – Ash Wednesday Silent Non-Guided Day of Reflection

March 2-4 – Weekend Retreat with Sr. Catherine Griffiths- "The Desert Calls"

March 5 - FBI-Fatima/Benedict Inn Evening of Reflection

March 12 – Come Away and Rest Awhile; Silent Day of Reflection

March 16-18 – Weekend Retreat with Fr. Jim Farrell – "Less Talk, More Prayer"

March 26 – Day of Reflection with Jay Landry, "Forgiveness: Setting Myself Free From Resentment"

March 30 – April 1 Weekend Retreat with Fr. John Mark Etensohn – "Transformation: Change that Lets Your Soul Grow Up"

April 1 - Outdoor Stations of the Cross

April 2-5 – Holy Week Silent Non-Guided Days and Evenings of Reflection

PROGRAM LISTING

August 13, 2011

"6th Annual Missions Helping Missions Bazaar & Family Picnic"

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August 25, 2011

"Come Away and Rest Awhile: Silent Reflection Day"

Join us for another opportunity for a silent non-guided reflection day. Relax in your own private room, read a book, walk the grounds, pray the labyrinth or the Stations of the Cross. The day is yours for reflection and time with God.

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$30 per person

August 29, 2011

"Friends of Fatima Monthly Mass, Breakfast and Social"

All are welcome to join us for this Liturgy which begins at 9:00 am and is followed by a breakfast and social. If you have never been to Fatima this is a great opportunity to come and see our facility and what we have to offer! Please join us! No charge for the breakfast, however goodwill donations are gratefully accepted.

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September 8, 2011

"Come Away and Rest Awhile: Silent Reflection Day"

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8:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$30 per person

September 9-11, 2011

"Men's 12 Steps to Recovery Weekend Retreat "

To find out more about this weekend retreat or to register, please contact Larry at (317) 442-2316.

September 16-18, 2011

"Tobit Marriage Preparation Weekend Retreat"

To find out about our Tobit Marriage Preparation weekends or to register, please visit the Tobit Page on our website at www.archindy.org/fatima

September 19, 2011

"Nurturing Your Spirit" - Morning for Moms with Alice Steppe

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

\$35 per person

September 23-24, 2011

"A Word to the Wise...A Time for Seeking Wisdom" an Overnight Retreat with Sr. Angela Jarboe, O.S.B.

7 pm Friday-4:00 pm Saturday

\$85 per person/\$150 per married couple

September 24, 2011

Date Night "The Sacrament of Marriage: A Priests Perspective" Part 2 - Fr. Todd Goodson

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

\$52 per couple

September 26, 2011

"Friends of Fatima Monthly Mass, Breakfast and Social"

**See description under August 29, 2011*

No charge

October 2, 2011

"Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program"

Please visit the Pre Cana page on the Family Ministries website at www.archindy.org/family/index.html for more information or to register for this program.

October 6, 2011

Volunteer League High Tea Fund Raiser

Questions? Contact Donna Ward at (317) 823-2308

October 7, 2011

Feast of the Holy Rosary

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October 10, 2011

"Come Away and Rest Awhile: Silent Reflection Day"

**See description under August 25, 2011*

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

\$30 per person

October 17, 2011

"Listening to God the Benedictine Way": A Day of Reflection with Fr. Adrian Burk

The Benedictine lifestyle is an intensification of Baptismal grace: a call to simplicity in a world overwhelmed by choices and demands for commitment; to humility in a culture where success is measured by prestige and power; to stillness and silence in a society filled with the noise of contradictory messages; to live in and with creative tensions when we often look for "either/or," simplistic answers to life's most amazing questions, the mysteries that ground us in existence, the greatest Mystery of all. Come spend a day reflecting with me on these central themes of Benedictine spirituality and how to make simplicity, humility, stillness/silence an integral part your life and in the process discover how creative tensions can transform and renew your life in Christ.

8:30 am - 2:30 pm

\$38 per person



October 21-23, 2011

“Stirring the Waters: Finding the Place of Quiet Within”:
A Weekend Retreat with Paula D’Arcy, Author and
Popular Retreat Presenter

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October 29, 2011

“An Evening with Most Reverend Christopher Coyne,
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October 30, 2011

“Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program”

Please visit the Pre-Cana page on the Family Ministries website at www.archindy.org/family/index.html for more information or to register for this program.

October 31, 2011

“Friends of Fatima Monthly Mass, Breakfast and Social”

**See description under August 29, 2011*

November 4-6, 2011

“Worldwide Marriage Encounter”

Each year Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House hosts two WWME weekends. These weekends are for any married couple desiring a richer, fuller life together, helping couples to deepen and enrich the joys in marriage. The weekend gives couples a chance to examine their lives together, to share feelings, hopes, disappointments, joys, frustration and to learn to do so in an honest heart-to-heart encounter. It is not a retreat nor a marriage clinic or group therapy. It is a unique approach to revitalizing a Christian marriage. Contact Jill & Mark Levine with questions or to register.

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November 7, 2011

“A Psalm for the Average Person:
Annual Day of Reflection with Fr. Wm. Munshower”

8:30 am -2:30 pm
\$38 per person

November 21, 2011

“Come Away and Rest Awhile: Silent Reflection Day”

**See description under August 25, 2011*

8:00 am -4:00 pm
\$30 per person

November 28, 2011

“Friends of Fatima Monthly Mass, Breakfast and Social”

**See description under August 29, 2011*

November 29, 2011

“The ‘FBI: Fatima/Benedict Inn’ Present an Advent Evening of
Reflection with Fr. Peter Marshall, MSW, MA, MDIV”

Join us at the Benedict Inn for evening prayer with the sisters at Our Lady of Grace Monastery at 5:15 pm followed by dinner and this special evening of reflection. **Please call the Benedict Inn at (317) 788-7581 for more information or to register.**

December 2-4, 2011

“From Darkness to Light: A weekend retreat for those
who grieve with Fr. Jim Farrell, director of Fatima Retreat
House and pastor of St. Pius X Parish and
Mary Weber, Grief Counselor”

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December 4, 2011

Retreat League Winter Card Party

Mark your calendars for the winter card party sponsored by Our Lady of Fatima Retreat League! Bring your group of 4 or come and join a group. Play Euchre, Bridge, Checkers, or a board game of your choice! Refreshments, dessert and door prizes! Admission fee charged. Tickets available at a later date.

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

December 12, 2011

“Morning for Moms” – Presenter to be Announced

8:30 am -1:00 pm
\$35 per person

December 13, 2011

An Advent Dinner and Celebration with
Young Voices of Indianapolis

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December 14, 2011

“Preparing for Christ’s Coming; Making a Gift of
Ourselves for Christ and His Church”: A Day of Reflection
with Fr. Joe Moriarty

It’s a busy time of the year - cookies to bake, presents to wrap and carols to sing. It is a time when we all have the chance to be a child again. Please join us for a day of faith and fellowship as Fr. Joe Moriarty leads us in reflecting on stories and traditions from our youth that have helped us to prepare for the greatest gift of all - the birth of Christ. We will spend time in reflection, join as a community in the Eucharist and give you time to slow down and enjoy this beautiful season. We look forward to having you here for this very special day.

9:00 am - 3:00 pm
\$38 per person

December 31-January 1, 2012

“Exploring the Gifts of the Holy Spirit” New Years Eve
Retreat with Rev. Msgr. Paul Koetter and Rev. Eric Johnson

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WISH LIST FOR FATIMA RETREAT HOUSE

- Power Washer (\$400)
- Digital Camera (\$150)
- LCD Projector (\$600)
- Portable projection screen (\$300)
- 30 hand held shower sprayers (chrome/stainless, approx \$30 each)
- Ceramic Tile for the staff dining room (\$400)
- Priests' Alb (\$100)
- Laptop storage/carrying case (17 inch screen)
- Lavalier microphone for chapel (\$150)
- Wood for building three additional benches for the trails (\$100)

Questions? Contact Sandy Pasotti at (317) 545-7681 or spasotti@archindy.org



Fr. Jim leads participants on a procession to the shrine of Our Lady on May 13 Feast Day.

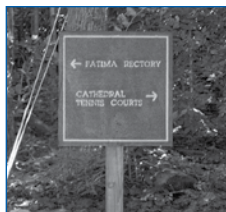


Fr. Jim then leads participants in prayer and Benediction at the Shrine.



1. Our maintenance staff members have been very busy these past six months. We thank Mike Sullivan and crew for assistance with the first phase of our HVAC project; installation of blinds in every guest bedroom which were purchased by our volunteer league, clearing and cleaning of the trails this spring and summer, re-sealing the main driveway, re-painting of the lower level and much more. We have had many comments on the look of the house and how inviting it is. Thank you, gentlemen!

2. We are grateful to Boy Scout Josh Schmidt along with the help of his father and fellow scouts for trail work on the property. Josh's Eagle Scout project involved shoring up a section of our trail vulnerable to erosion, installing a set of steps on a hill and creating and installing directional signs along the trails. Thank you, Josh and crew!



3. Last fall and winter two of our awesome volunteers worked many hours in re-opening a section of our trails that for some reason was completely overgrown in the past. We extend thanks to Stephen and Carol Kappes for this and much more maintenance on our trails in the past years. Thanks to both of them!



4. Volunteer & master gardener Jan Townsend's hard work on our property is beautifully evident all the time but especially at this time of year. We are blessed to have her as part of the Fatima family. Come for a visit and see for yourself! Thank you, Jan.



5. Our ever-faithful volunteer league supports us in many ways. One way is by gifting money to us to purchase items for the house, making our home all the more inviting to our guests. One example is the two new awnings for the building. Thank you for your tireless work on behalf of the retreat ministry!



6. We have many benefactors here at the retreat house. Because of their generosity we are able to enhance areas of the house. Plant stands and vases have been donated for the chapel and new mats with our logo have been purchased for our main and conference room entrances along with many other items.



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Our Lady of Fatima Event Registration Form

Now Available: Online Registration! Please visit our website at www.archindy.org/fatima

Our website is updated weekly! Check it regularly to see new events as they are added!

Fill out the registration form below and return with your payment by check or register online with a credit card at www.archindy.org/fatima

A deposit of \$50 is required for all programs over \$100. Full fee is requested for programs of \$100 or less.

Call 545-7681 with questions!

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