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Be Still Here

Family ministry programs on the up swing

During the past 7 months MRCC's family ministry program has sponsored 5 family events with total attendance of over 500 people. This includes 2 Hearts of Mary Retreats, 1 Spirit and Snow Family Retreat, the Spectacle concert & the Marianist Family Festival.

On January 27 and 28 over 40 mothers and daughters attended our latest Hearts of Mary retreat. (See pho-

to below.) This was an intergenerational retreat exploring the feminine genius and the love, virtue, and beauty found in Mary. It was a wonderful experience. One daughter left this message on our white board "It was awesome!"

Future family retreats include Sons of Joseph, a father/son day of reflection, another Hearts of Mary retreat this summer and a family Christmas retreat.

The Marianist Family Retreat program

believes the family are intrinsically holy and sacred. We believe it to be the foundation of the Church, and the core of society. Family is our first and primary experience of community, forming our values & nurturing our faith.

Our vision for the future is to secure funding to remodel our 1905 building, Marycliff, and transform it into the Marycliff Family Lodge, home to our family ministry program.

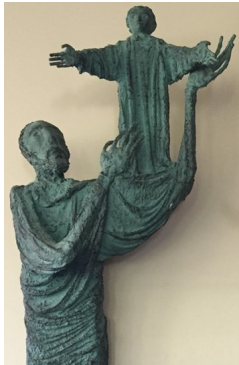


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Days of recollection for busy people

Sons of Joseph



Sun., March 18, 2018

12:30pm to 4:30pm

*A father/son day
inspired by the
life of Jesus
& Joseph*

Father's cost: \$25. No fee for the son but he
needs to be in Grades 1-8

At the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center, 4000 Highway 109, Eureka. The day will consist of short talks, games, activities, prayer, music, outside time, videos and time for a service project. The day will be led by Fr. Leo Spezia, Associate Pastor at Most Sacred Heart parish in Eureka and Jim Ford, MRCC's Executive Director. Snacks and handouts will be provided.

The Joy of Forgiveness

How to Forgive Others and Ourselves



Sunday, April 22, 2018 12:30pm to 4:30pm

A Step-by-Step Process for Releasing
Anger and Restoring Hope. \$25

25 practical techniques to embrace God's desire
for you to live, laugh, and love abundantly.

The facilitator is Frederick Hermann, who is the author of three books: "How to Forgive Anyone for Anything" (free to all participants) "The Joyful Life", and "The Spirit Set Me Free" (available on Amazon.com). Rick is a nationally syndicated weekly columnist, a religion teacher, Prison Ministry Leader, and Missionary to Haiti and Jamaica.

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Good Friday Day of Prayer

**The day will focus on the words of Jesus from the cross and their
message of love and suffering for all of us.**

Friday, March 30, 2018 - 8:30am to 3pm

Led by Sr. Paulette Patrilli, OP & Fr. Jose Ramirez, SM

\$40 includes breakfast and lunch

Register on line at www.mretreat.org or call 636-938-5390



Retreats and programs for 2018

PALM SUNDAY RETREAT

The Heavenly Banquet



*Dining at the Head Table:
Jesus invites us to a
Heavenly Banquet*

March 23, 24 & 25, 2018 - Led by Msgr. Michael Witt

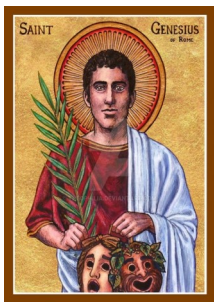
The main themes of this weekend include: Food Matters, Bible References to Food from the Manger to the Grill; The Wedding Feast at Cana: A Wine Story about God's Abundance; The Eucharist: From Passover to Mass; The Bread of Life; The Heavenly Banquet Hall: Revelations. The weekend will also include Mass Saturday and Sunday, a Stations of the Cross Prayer Service, time for prayer & meditation in the chapel and on the grounds and a Sat. night banquet that will feature foods from the Bible.



8 DAY DIRECTED RETREAT

July 15 - July 22, 2018

*Directors: Sister Janet Dohr, CPPS, Sister Paulette Patritti, OP,
Father Jose Ramirez, SM, Father Joseph Uvietta, SM.*



Theater Camp

July 9, 10, and 11, 2018

Led by Julie Hickey and Rose Fischer for 6-13 year olds (day camp) and high schoolers (mentors during the day and in the evening work on their own production.) Performances will be 3:00 on 7pm July 10th.

Hearts of Mary Retreat

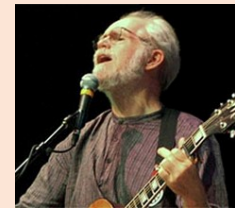
July 28 & 29, 2018

An intergenerational retreat exploring the feminine genius and the love, virtue, and beauty found in Mary. This retreat is offered to girls ages 7-14 and their mother, grandmother, aunt, or godmother.



NEW OFFERINGS

Rise Up Singing



A weekend retreat of inspiring songs with Charlie King
May 4,5,6, 2018

Charlie King Concert

May 5, 2018

To learn more or sign up go to www.mretreat.org

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"With Mary, to engage in the religious, spiritual and educational development of all God's people." MRCC's Mission

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THE MRCC Raffle

Win 2 Tickets to the SOLD OUT musical



April 15, 2018, 1pm at the Fox

\$20 a ticket - Only 199 tickets will be sold

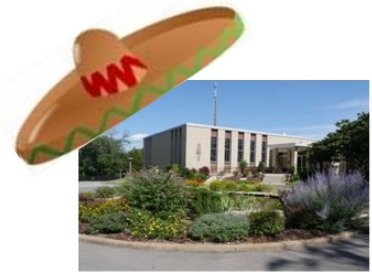
Winner will be chosen on April 2, 2018

Tickets available through MRCC Board members or call MRCC

The 4th Annual

TRIVIA DE MAYO

APRIL 28, 2018



See insert inside for more information

COMING SOON TO MRCC:

One in the Mission Retreat, June 1-2, 2018, Fr. Joe Uvietta, SM & Ann Mueller. Mary was completely committed to the mission of Jesus and today she models for us, through the Marianist Charism, how we can increase our participation in the Mission of Jesus.

The Martha and Mary Retreat, June 2-3, 2018. Diana Gorham and Sr. Paulette Patrissi, OP. It's easy to lose our balance in a world calling us from all directions. We lose sight due to our busyness with life and have forgotten how to simply sit quietly at the feet of Jesus. Join us during this 2 day Women's retreat as we learn from our sisters in faith Martha and Mary, about the love which flows from each woman and the balance needed in all of our lives.



Christ in the House of Martha & Mary, Jan Vermeer van Delft, 1654