# 1st Annual Adult Retreat LIFE THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

AT THE SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN



WE HAVE ALL BEEN CREATED TO KNOW AND LIVE IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST. LIVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST GIVES OUR LIVES MEANING AND JOY. HOWEVER, LIFE'S ENDLESS DISTRACTIONS, BUSYNESS AND DRAMA CAN MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN OUR FOCUS ON THE LIFE CHRIST IS CALLING US TO LIVE. AS WE BEGIN TO FOCUS ON OUR PROBLEMS AND STRUGGLES, GOD'S PROMISES TO US CAN BEGIN TO SEEM POWERLESS TO QUIET OUR FEARS, SOOTHE OUR GRIEF, LIFT OUR WORRIES OR EVEN MOTIVATE OUR OBEDIENCE.

BUT WHEN WE DO BEGIN TO PUT OUR FOCUS ON THE LORD, IT CHANGES EVERYTHING. IT IS WRITTEN IN JEREMIAH 29:11, FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS TO PROSPER AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE. SO WHEN DAILY STRUGGLES AND ISSUES ARISE, WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT GOD IS GOING TO SEE US THROUGH THE PROBLEMS CALLING TO MIND ROMANS 8:31, IF OUR GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US!

YOUR PROBLEMS MAY BE BIG, AND IN SOME CASES BIGGER THAN YOU KNOW,

BUT OUR GOD IS BIGGER AND HIS PROMISES ARE STRONGER

The Life in the Spirit Seminar is built for all levels of faith as an opportunity to be inspired by Christ's love and example. Throughout the weekend there will be opportunities for Adoration, Reconciliation and Holy Mass, as well as praise and worship and many other activities. Come with an eager and open heart ready to experience a new prayer life, and to build relationships with other brothers and sisters in Christ as we are all witnesses to a God who is bigger than all of our problems!!

# WHAT'S GOING ON...

# ADULT WEEKEND RETREAT

## 1ST TALK

THE FIRST SESSION OFFERS A SIMPLE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S LIFE. GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. AND THE ONGOING PERSONAL INVITATION TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. THE FIRST TALK ALSO EXPLAINS THE SEMINAR AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION.

THE SECOND TALK FOCUSES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRIST AND THE GIFT OF SALVATION. JESUS IS SHEPHERD, HEALER, LORD, AND REDEEMER. BEING A CHRISTIAN AND LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS INVOLVES COMMITTING AND RECOMMITTING OURSELVES TO A WAY OF LIFE. THE PRESENTATION EXPLAINS THE BASIC GOSPEL MESSAGE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES IN GOD'S WE ARE PRESENTED WITH THE DAILY CHOICE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL, BETWEEN SIN AND REDEMPTION. THIS IS A SOBERING INVITATION.

THE THIRD TALK CENTERS ON THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE IN JESUS. IT HELPS PARTICIPANTS REALIZE THE GOODNESS OF THE GIFT BEING OFFERED TO THEM. AN EXPLANATION OF HOW JESUS LIVED IN THE SPIRIT IS GIVEN. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS BECOMES OUR MODEL. A WITNESS IS GIVEN ON THE PLACE OF GIFTS, FRUITS, AND CHARISMS OF THE SPIRIT IN DAILY LIFE.

THE FOURTH TALK IS THE PREPARATION FOR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST AND OPENNESS TO THE SPIRIT. THIS IS THE TALK IN WHICH THE PROCESS OF CONVERSATION IS EXPLAINED AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. THIS IS THE TALK IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO REORIENT THEIR LIVES AS NEEDED. THE PRESENTATION EXPLAINS HOW TO TURN TO THE LORD, (REPENTANCE AND FAITH) AND WHAT IS INVOLVED IN BEING BAPTIZED IN THE SPIRIT. IN THE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE FAITH SHARING FACILITATOR AND/OR SPONSOR, THE PEOPLE IN THE SEMINAR CAN WORK OUT ANY PROBLEMS AND RECEIVE PERSONAL HELP.

THE FIFTH TALK IS FOR RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS AND PRAYER FOR BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT. PEOPLE ALSO EXPERIENCE A VARIETY OF GIFTS AND CHARISMS THAT ARE CLOSELY RELATED TO A RELEASE OF THE SPIRIT. THE WHOLE SESSION IS SET ASIDE FOR PRAYER.

THE SIXTH SESSION IS ABOUT PERSEVERING IN OUR BAPTISMAL VOCATION AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS. PARTICIPANTS ARE CHALLENGED TO MAKE THE DECISIONS AND CHANGES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT, WHICH THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED IN SOME WAY. THE FOCUS OF THE PRESENTATION IS ON PRAYER, COMMUNITY, SCRIPTURE, SACRAMENTS, AND SERVICE.

THE SEVENTH SESSION IS THE FINAL SESSION. IT OFFERS A VISION OF BOTH TRANSFORMATION AND MISSION THROUGH THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS AT WORK CHANGING US AND ENABLING US AS CHURCH TO CHANGE THE WORLD. AS WE CHOOSE TO GROW IN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND JOIN OURSELVES EVER MORE CLOSELY TO THE BODY OF JESUS WE WILL BEAR FRUIT. WE MUST PERSEVERE IN THIS WORK DESPITE TRIALS AND DIFFICULTIES.

# MARCH 22ND - 24TH 2024 REGISTRATION BEGINS FRIDAY NIGHT @ 5:30 P.M.

AT THE SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN O 2365 SAINT JOHNS RD

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# **REGISTERATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE** OR YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE:

www.LifeInTheSpirit-Seminar.com FACEBOOK (LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR)



THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC JOINT PRAYER SESSION ON SATURDAY EVENING AT THE SPIRITUAL CENTER. OF MONTEZUMA. VAN TRANSPORTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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REGISTRATION & HOUSING (PLEASE CHECK ONE) \*\*ALL PRICES INCLUDE MEALS

- \$2.10 PRIVATE ROOM WITH PRIVATE BATHROOM (1-FULL BED PER ROOM)
- \$175 PER PERSON TO SHARE A PRIVATE ROOM(1-FULL BED PER ROOM) SHARING ROOM WITH:
- \$ 100 COMMUTING
- \$18 T-SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE......CIRCLE SIZE: 5 M L XL XXL

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SENT OUT AFTER WE RECEIVE YOUR REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD \*\*LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 10TH AN ADDITIONAL \$20 LATE FEE APPLIES

## **RETURN FORM TO:**



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