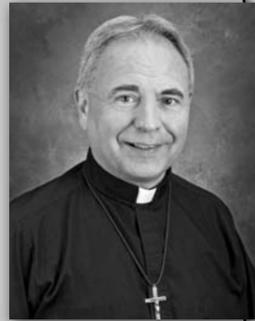


2015 Retreat Programs at King's House

Preached Retreat for Women Religious with Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI: "You shall be my people, and I will be your God!": May 4-10, 2015

What does it mean to be God's people, and just what might it mean for God to indeed be God for us? In what ways does God keep teaching us in order that our "dry bones may come to life"? The most important things that Jesus teaches are taught in the Cross, and they are important things about God. Through his Paschal Mystery, the Spirit of the Risen Lord has been given to us that "we may live and move and have our being" not in ourselves but in God.



Weekend Retreat with Fr. Joe Nassal, CPPS: May 15-17, 2015

Role Models: Mentors for Mission

There are several incidents in the gospels when Jesus encounters people along the way whose faith is so astounding that they become models of discipleship. Some are named, like the blind beggar Bartimaeus or the Roman Centurion Jairus, but most are known only by their faithful witness—the Syro-Phoenician mother who only wanted healing for her daughter, the widow whose mite became a mighty example, and the unnamed woman who anoints Jesus as a gesture of hospitality and hospice. This retreat will explore these minor characters with major impact along with some modern day mentors who motivate and inspire our own journey of faith.



Art and Spirituality Weekend Retreat with Fr. Mark Dean, OMI, and the King's House staff: June 19-21, 2015



Retreat with Paula D'Arcy "The Mystery and Power of Being Here": July 20-26, 2015

Truly being here, in every way, is a powerful choice. It implies our willingness to understand what it means to be a human being, and how to embrace life itself.

Weekend Retreat with Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI: July 10-12, 2015

Listening for the Heartbeat of God: Discipleship in John's Gospel

The Gospel of John was written much later than the other Gospels and is much more mystical than many other parts of scripture. For John, discipleship consists in listening to the heartbeat of God. How do we do that? What are the signs that we are listening? How do we become "the beloved disciple" who hears Christ's heartbeat? This retreat will try to unpack John's mystical description of discipleship. As Evagrius of Pontus, in the 4th Century, put it: *Breast of the Lord, Kingdom of God: Who rests against it, a theologian shall be.*



New Year's Eve Retreat

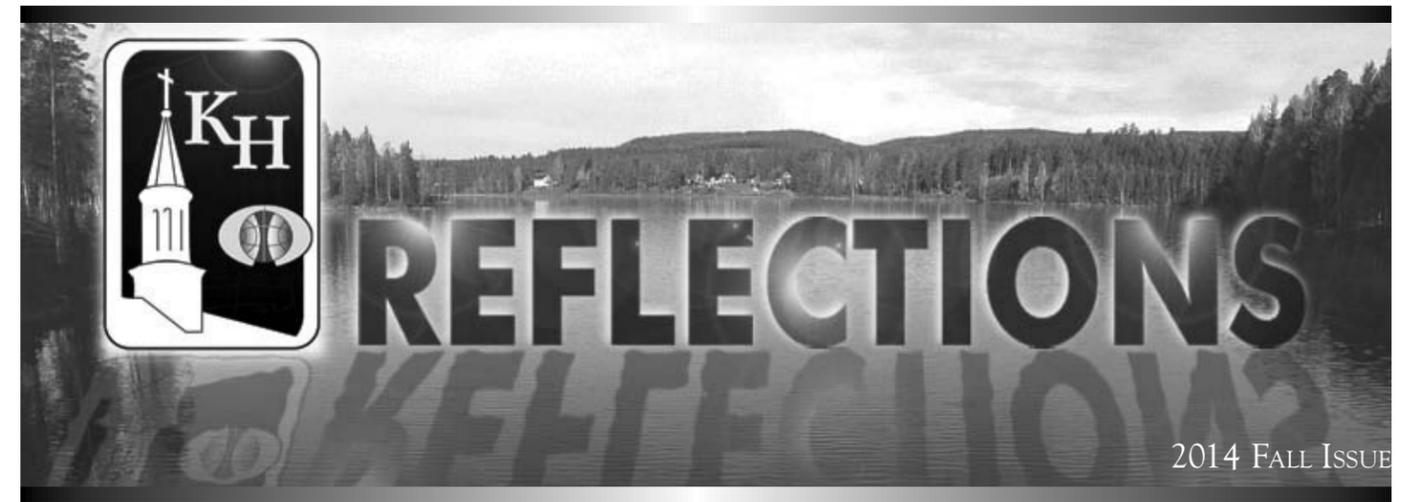
"Creating a Field of Compassion":

December 31, 2014 - January 1, 2015

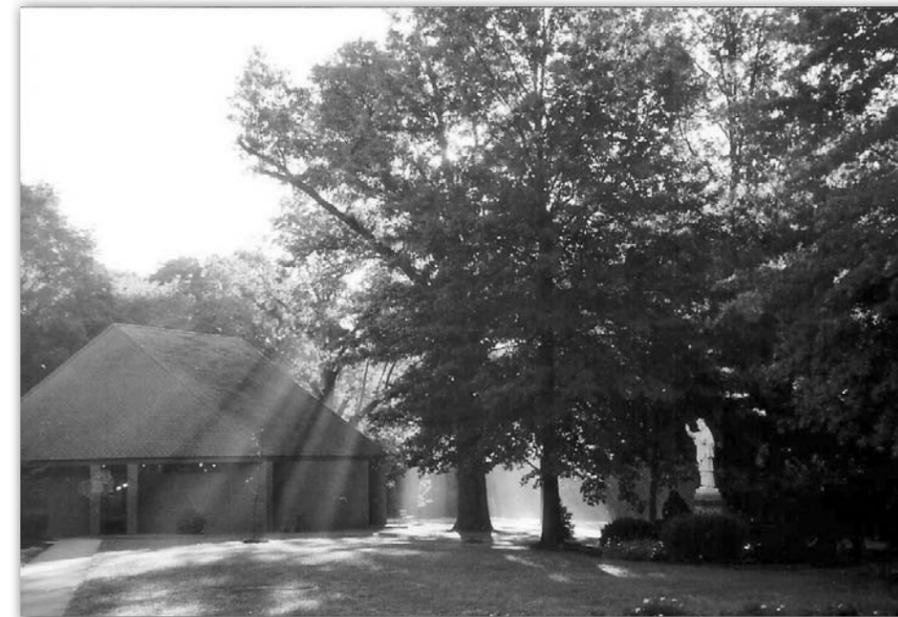
As our calendar turns the page to a New Year, join Charlene Zeisset, SSND, M.D. and Marilyn Wussler, SSND/ M.S. in an exploration of science and faith. Incorporating the latest developments of the wonders of the macrocosm (universe/planets/stars/person) and the microcosm (field, quantum entanglement and interactions) this program interfaces science with the faith tradition that invites to us wholeness and compassion. Understandings from the presentations will be augmented by reflective and shared process work.

Summer Directed Retreats: June 22-29 and July 13-20, 2015

Contact King's House today to reserve your spot! Visit us online at www.KingsRetreatCenter.org, call us at (800) 779-7909, or stop by King's House for a pick-me-up cup of coffee, cookie, and make your reservation in person.



KING'S HOUSE IS HOLY GROUND



Lots of praying goes on at King's House. Our guests come with the intention to pray – to set aside the clutter and distractions of life, to clear a path for God's presence – and holy things happen. This holiness shows up in many ways: in golden leaves rustling in the trees; in eyes welled up with tears; during a quiet moment in the chapel; in a delicious bowl of warm soup; through the gentle strains of a hymn; and in the wise counsel of a spiritual companion. All these moments of grace, and more, happen on the holy ground of King's House.

Now, more than ever, we need the sacred space of King's House. We're bombarded with news and opinions on the TV and online, not to mention our hopes and concerns for those we love. We need this

holy ground to clear our minds, calm our hearts, and rest our souls in God's quiet presence.

This year, King's House has welcomed over 2,000 guests to our retreats and day and evening programs. Nearly 3,000 more have rented our space for their own high school retreats, campus ministry programs, and other retreat groups. There are few hours of rest for the King's House staff, with most days spent preparing comfy rooms and delicious meals for our next group, or hosting a gathering in progress. We all know what "home" feels like, and we want this to be a "home away from home" for all our guests. And most of all, the perfect place to pray.

Perhaps you journeyed to King's House before. And if you've never been, consider this your invitation. Please visit, bring a friend, and grace this holy ground.

Advent Candlelight Vespers Service and Open House Friday, December 12, 2014

Open House 5:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Vespers Service 6:30 p.m.

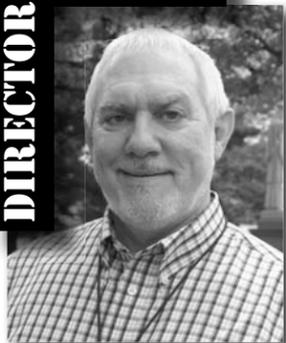
Our prayer service will be held in our chapel, and the open house will be by the hearth in the large conference room.



Please RSVP to King's House:
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DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Br. Pat McGee, OMI

I pray that everyone gets/ makes the opportunity to come to King's House and make a retreat. Like so many people, my life can be overly busy and things fall apart. I have come alone and with friends, and have never felt alone, more like a welcoming home where I can rest, reflect, and refresh. We are so blessed to have this sanctuary! You are invited!

- Susan K. Kulka

Susan's words say what so many people have experienced on the holy ground of King's House—a place of sanctuary and renewal. Every year, King's House presents dozens of quiet retreats, days of prayer, directed retreats, book discussions, and other programs, ministering to over 2,000 people from 5 Catholic dioceses. In addition to the programs we sponsor, nearly 3,000 more host their retreat programs at our house. This vital retreat ministry continues in large part through the support of folks like you: those who've experienced King's House and want others to be blessed by it, too.

For over 60 years, King's House remains faithful in its retreat ministry in the Midwest. The age of our facilities and the rising expenses of hosting our programs, however, have resulted in a deficit spending situation in recent years. While the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, United States Province, continue to support our ministry, we need to create new opportunities for a sustainable future for King's House.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Please consider becoming a Sustaining Friend of King's House. For just \$20 a month, your gift will help us continue to sponsor and host the vital retreat and spiritual renewal programs our guests value. All of our Sustaining Friends will receive a DVD by Ron Rolheiser, OMI, as our gift of appreciation. Our fundraising goal is to increase our annual revenues by \$120,000 to support our operating expenses and necessary maintenance on our facility. We're asking 500 friends to make this commitment; won't you join us in taking care of this hidden gem, King's House?

In the near future you will receive a mailing regarding our Sustaining Friends campaign. Or you can make your pledge online (www.KingsRetreatCenter.org), or by phone by calling 800-779-7909, or stop by King's House for a pick-me-up cup of coffee, cookie, and make your gift in person.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

The King's House staff is delighted to introduce our newly established Advisory Council! The council is composed of friends, retreatants, and Oblates who share a deep commitment to the mission and ministry of King's House. Their purpose:

The King's House Advisory Council promotes and enhances Oblate retreat ministry through Advocacy, Program Development, Community Outreach, and Financial Development to support and sustain the mission of King's House. Sustained by their connection to King's House and its mission, council members will advise the staff, and assist in initiatives where appropriate.

The council has met three times in 2014 for prayer, discussion, and committee work facilitated by Geri Boyer, president of Kaskaskia Engineering Group in Belleville and a long-time quiet retreat co-presenter at King's House. The council membership includes:

Doug Boyer	Tom Hayes, OMI	Tom Ovalle, OMI	Mary Dahm-Schell
Michael Durbin	Bruce Holland	Tina Saunders	Tom Singer, OMI
Barbara Calandro	Bette Meyer	Bishop Stanley Schlarman	Alicia Von Stamwitz
Rainey Fahey	Carol Oldendorf	Bill Schless	Joan Marie Voss, ASC

At their recent meeting, our committees identified initiatives for 2015:

- **Advocacy:** Create a King's House Speakers Bureau to promote King's House in parishes
- **Program Development:** Create online retreat and prayer programs
- **Community Outreach:** Contact area colleges to promote King's House as a site for campus ministry retreats
- **Financial Development:** Invite Advisory Council members to make a financial contribution to King's House, particularly a monthly donation through our new online payment system

We are grateful to our Advisory Council members for their support of King's House. To find out more about any of the above initiatives, or to volunteer your skills, time, or donations to help us meet our goals, please contact Maria at King's House: MRO@KingsRetreatCenter.org

FIND JOY IN THE JOURNEY IN 2015 AT KING'S HOUSE

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. John 15: 9, 11-12

Our Ministry Team has heeded the call of Pope Francis to share the Good News with happy hearts! Our retreat will celebrate God's love in our lives, and the complete joy that Jesus Christ invites us to know. This joy is not one that depends on the world, but rather on our ever-deepening relationship with God. Despite life's trials, we can find joy in the midst of the challenges.

Our retreat will feature insights from Pope Francis' teachings, including the apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*, and *The Holy Longing* by Ron Rolheiser, OMI. And, of course, we'll have reflective prayer and Eucharist, delicious meals, cozy private rooms, and the glorious seasons of the year displayed on the holy ground of King's House. Visit our website for dates, retreat details, and to make your reservation now!

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June	Anthony Kuenstler Stan Gezella Ruth Kirkpatrick Marjorie Hines Madeleine Ortman	Sept.	Conchita Ongjoco Harriet Breen Lloyd Pritchett Theresa Lilly Lorene Rehkemper
		Oct.	Mike Tiernan Dean Heneghan Sue Polis Dorothy & David Denzer

WEBSITE

The King's House website has been updated to make it easier to discover all the great retreats and programs we offer. Among the additions are galleries of King's House photos, and an online payment link to register for programs or make a donation using a credit card. **Visit www.KingsRetreatCenter.org and take a look!**

While you're there, sign up for our electronic newsletter. As King's House goes green, we're using less paper and more online communications to keep in touch with our friends. In the coming year, we'll begin to limit our paper mailings, and using electronic communications for those who provide their email address. On the home page of the website, scroll down to the lower right corner to sign up!