



Spirit-Driven Renewal

Reflections

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On Earth As It Is In Heaven

by Rick Wagner, Director

A friend recently shared a wonderful story of discernment and affirmation. To the casual observer it would have appeared to be a simple case of a man pursuing a job, and ultimately feeling the disappointment when his goal was not realized.

When the job opened, he was excited. In his mind, the job was a perfect fit --- it would match his skills and his desire to be of service to others with the needs of that particular community. And so he set his sights on getting that job. He prepared in every way he knew how and included his desire in his daily prayers. His family and friends, including myself, knew how much he wanted that job and were supportive and hopeful.

As things worked out, he did not get the job. His friends felt badly for him, many calling to say they were thinking of him. I was one such friend, and when I called him I was taken back a bit by his calm demeanor and sense of peace. I knew he really wanted that job, so I had to ask him why it was that I felt like he was cheering me up rather than the other way around.

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is --- His good, pleasing and perfect will.”

(Romans 12:2)



This is what he had to say:

“When I heard the news, I will admit I was disappointed...so I did spend a little time feeling sorry for myself. But when I went to church that evening my prayer was one of gratitude. The folks doing the hiring were good people and the interview process was affirming. A good man was hired. And all along, my prayers were not that I would get the job, but rather that God's will would be done.

When I got home, my wife met me at the door with a hug --- the kind of hug that tells you you're special and loved. My cell phone rang and my out-of-town daughter wanted to be sure I knew she was thinking of me and hoped I was OK. I later opened an e-mail from my college-age son, who detailed why I meant so much to him. He ended the e-mail by telling me I was his hero. Later that night when my teenage daughter came home, she sat down on the couch next to me and laid her head on my shoulder. She never said a word and didn't have to ---when she finally got up, I kissed her on the cheek and she had tears in her eyes. I have faith that God's will was fulfilled. It wasn't about a job. God's will for me right now is to know His love for me --- as expressed by the absolute love of my family and the incredible affirmation of so many friends who have contacted me since --- and it really becomes quite difficult to feel sorry for myself.”

A valuable lesson --- for him and for me. Might it be that God's will for all of us is simply to feel His love as expressed by those around us? That is indeed a peaceful thought.

The Our Lady of Fatima staff, Board of Advisors and volunteers would like to thank all of those who participated in the 2006 Annual Appeal.

Your generosity allowed us to realize a 26% increase in funds generated in the 2005 Annual Appeal! We truly appreciate your continued prayers and financial support!

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Our Lady of Fatima Advent programs warmed the hearts of many...

Over 200 retreatants took part in programs offered during the Advent season. Here is a sampling of what those folks had to say:

“A wonderful day at Fatima to pray and reflect — along with the special blessing of being with and learning from Fr. John.”

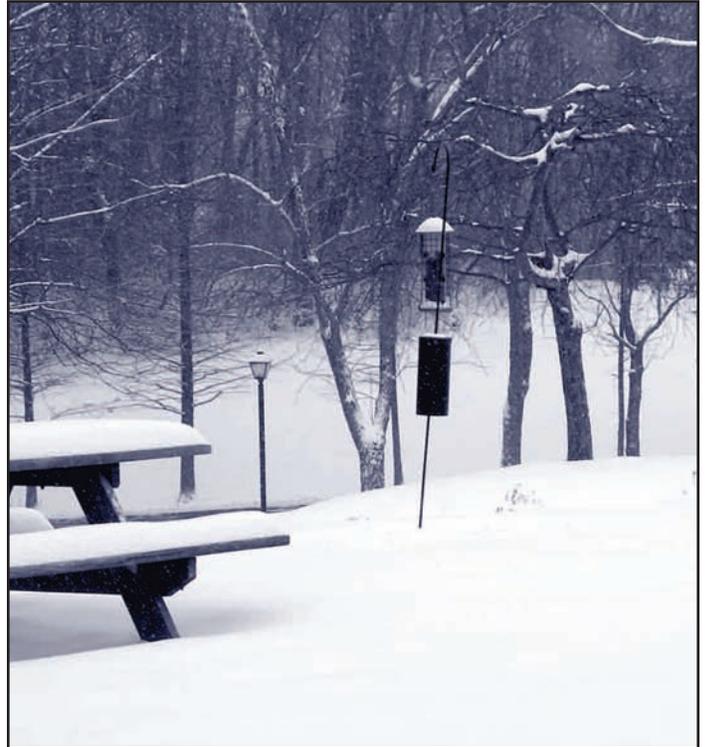
“I enjoyed the insight given by Fr. John, explaining the significance of our Catholic faith...and he has such a down-to-earth, peaceful presence.”

—Fr. John McCaslin's “Recognizing Our Grace-Filled Lives”

“Richard is so gifted — what he says is powerful and invites us to reflection.”

“I enjoyed the silence, being by myself and listening to God.”

—Richard Smith's silent retreat, “What Have You Done With Your Garden?”



Our Lady of Fatima is even beautiful under a foot of snow



“What a beautiful evening. I have been coming to Fatima for years and I can truly say that the spirit of God was alive and well in the retreat house. The beautiful music, the intimacy of the chapel, the sharing of prayer and song...thank you! Please make this an annual event!”

—Dinner and a Concert with Tony Avellana

...and her Lenten retreats prepared us for the joy of Easter!

Nearly 350 people participated in our Lenten programming, beginning with our sold-out Matthew Kelly weekend and ending with the outdoor Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday.

“I feel like I was given a road map with detailed directions to get where I want and need to go with my life.”

“I enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and the chance for deep thought and prayer. It was a great opportunity to get away from the chaos of everyday life...especially at such a beautifully spiritual place.”

—Matthew Kelly's
“What is God's Dream for You?”

Program Guide, April 19, 2007–August 27, 2007

April 19, 2007

“Doing Things The Right Way”

A fund-raising dinner to benefit the Catholic Youth Organization.

In this special evening event emceed by WIBC's Pat Sullivan, enjoy a delicious meal and hear three gifted speakers address the topic of doing things the right way --- and what the right way means. Speakers include Toby McClamroch, attorney, civic leader and friend of the Catholic Youth Organization and the entire Catholic community; Jean Kesterson, head volleyball coach at Cathedral High School and winner of five state titles, including the 4A title in 2006, and three runner-up titles; and Dick Dullaghan, Indiana Football Hall of Fame inductee and former head football coach at Bishop Chatard, Carmel and Ben Davis High Schools, where he guided teams to a record eight state titles.

Social will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m. and our speakers beginning at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Cost is \$40.00 per person or \$300.00 per table of 8.

Call Rick Wagner at 545-7681 or send e-mail to rwagner@archindy.org to reserve your seat(s).

April 20-22, 2007

“Stories of Saints and Sinners”

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Using some images from gospel stories and the lives of various saints, this retreat will provide an opportunity to call to mind the power of God's love revealed in our own lives. The gift of the lives of the saints is to remind us that intimacy with God is possible and through this intimacy, we experience peace and joy even while being challenged to move forward on the road to discipleship. On Saturday, retreatants will be asked to observe silence until the evening.

Check-in begins at 7:00 Friday evening, with the opening conference scheduled for 8:00 pm. Retreat concludes after lunch on Sunday.

Cost is \$175.00 per person and includes all meals and overnight accommodations.

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“Franciscan Spirituality 101”

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Another in our monthly 'Sunday Night 101' series. Franciscan Spirituality has been characterized as a Spirituality giving joy to the world. Drawn from the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare, Franciscan spirituality centers around individual persons with their historical and human limitations, modeled on the human Jesus who was the Christ Incarnate. It is sacramental in that all created things are also seen as signs pointing to God as creator. In Franciscan spirituality, material things are perceived as 'footprints' of the creator -- God is at home on our earth, present at our kitchen table as well as in our churches and chapels. 'Franciscan spirituality provides guidelines for a meaningful life through prayer, community service. Embracing Franciscan spirituality means to view persons as good, the gifts of a loving generous creator, a creator who gives 'joy to the world.'

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“A Marian Feast”

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Program begins with check-in at 7:00 p.m. on Friday concludes after after 4:00 p.m. mass on Saturday.

Cost is \$100.00 per person

Attention husbands, sons and daughters --- this would make a terrific Mother's Day present!

May 13, 2007

“Mother's Day Mass and Brunch”

Bring the whole family to celebrate Mother's Day together on the beautiful grounds of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House! Make it a double celebration as May 13th is also the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima!

Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a buffet-style brunch. After brunch, feel free to spend some time walking the grounds, taking family pictures or just enjoying the day.

Cost is just \$15.00 per person. Children ages 5 and under eat free.

Call 545-7681 or e-mail rwagner@archindy.org to make your reservations.

When we held this event in 2005, we sold out quickly --- make your reservations early!

May 17, 2007

“Mary in My Life”

Rev. Jonathan P. Meyer, Associate Pastor of St. Luke Parish and Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Mary is the model and image of the Church. As members of the Church, how can we more avidly conform ourselves to our Blessed Mother so as to be more perfectly in union with her Son? A day of prayer, reflection and discussion about the role of Mary, the Mother of God, in the life of the Church and in our own personal relationship with Christ. Program begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at approximately 2:30 pm.

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Sneak Peek at Fall 2007

Check our website for information about these upcoming fall programs!

September 9	“Healing Power of Prayer 101” Dr. Timothy Heck
October 2	“Moming for Moms: Parenting with Truth and Grace” Dr. Timothy Heck
October 4	“Annual Volunteer League High Tea”
October 5-7	“Aging Gracefully: A Retreat for 60's and Older” Fr. Noel Mueller, OSB
October 15	“Praying with St. Theodora Guerin” Sr. Marie Kevin Tighe, SP
November 20	“A Special Advent Message” Matthew Kelly
December 5	“An Advent Day of Reflection” Msgr. Joseph Schaedel
December 13	“Dinner and a Concert” Tony Avellana

Support Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House and its ministry of spirit-driven renewal by attending

A Marian Feast



Anne Ryder



Fr. Don Schmidlin

A *Marian Feast* is the primary fund-raising event for Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House.

In addition to a silent auction and door prizes, guests will be treated to...

- cocktails and a fabulous dinner
- music by the Roncalli High School jazz band
- a program that includes a reflection from special guest **Anne Ryder**, celebration of **Fr. Don Schmidlin's** 50th anniversary of ordination and presentation of our 'Spirit-Driven Renewal' Awards

A sampling of door prizes
(chances included in cost for the evening)

- Restaurant gift certificates
- Wine basket
- Jewelry
- Book basket celebrating Indiana authors
- Hand-painted garden chair
- Dessert gift bag

...and much more!

A sampling of silent auction items for you to bid on

- Ladies crystal watch from JS Marten Jewelers
- Original water color and oil paintings
- Carriage ride and dinner downtown
- Served dinner for up to 40 at Our Lady of Fatima
- Chef Tony Hanslits in-home cooking demonstration and dinner for six
- Camp Rancho Framasa week-long campership
- Catered dinner by Dan DuFour

...and much more!

Date: May 3, 2007

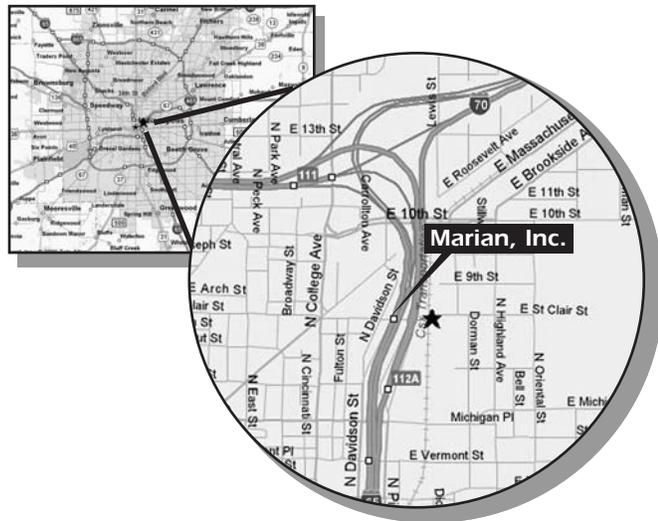
Time: 6:00 Cocktails
Silent auction tables open
7:15 Dinner
8:00 Program
9:00 Evening concludes

Place: Marian, Inc.
1011 E. St. Clair Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Why: To support Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House and its ministry of spirit-driven renewal

Cost: \$100.00 per person includes cocktails, dinner and ten door prize tickets

RSVP by April 20, 2007



CLIP AND MAIL

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Email _____

- I would like to make a reservation for ____ person / people at \$100.00 per person*
- I would like to be recognized as a Table Sponsor by filling a table of eight for \$800.00*
- I (or my group) would like to be recognized as a Community Sponsor by filling a table of eight for \$2,000.00*
- I (or my company) would like to be recognized as a Corporate Sponsor by filling a table of eight for \$5,000.00*
- Please accept my additional gift of \$_____ to help offset the cost of this event
- I will be unable to attend this year's event but please accept my gift of \$_____

Recognition will include a listing in the program, sponsorship signage, and recognition from the podium, as well as mention in the Fall 2007 newsletter.

Please make checks payable to : **Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House**

A portion of your support for this event (\$50.00) is tax deductible in accordance with state and federal laws.



Please mail to: Our Lady Of Fatima Retreat House
5353 E.56th Street ■ Indianapolis, IN 46226

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Our Lady of Fatima Event Registration Form

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amount enclosed</u>
"Doing Things the Right Way"	April 19	\$40 per person \$300 per table of 8	_____
"Stories of Saints and Sinners"	April 20-22	\$175 per person	_____
"Franciscan Spirituality 101"	April 22	FREE!	# of people _____
"A Marian Feast"	May 3	register using the form on page 6	
"How Women Pray"	May 11-12	\$100 per person	_____
"Mother's Day Mass and Brunch"	May 13	\$15 per person	_____
		Total number in your party:	_____
		Number attending ages 6 and older (\$15 each):	_____
		Number attending ages 5 and younger (free):	_____
		#of highchairs needed: _____ booster seats needed: _____	
"Mary in My Life"	May 17	\$35 per person	_____
"Labyrinth 201"	June 3	FREE!	# of people _____
"Praying with Father Jim Farrell"	June 11	\$35 per person	_____

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

Full fee required for all programs costing \$100 or less.
A deposit of \$50 required for all programs costing more than \$100.

Call 545-7681 with questions!

Name: _____ Additional donation to OLF _____

Address: _____ City / Zip: _____ Total amount due _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____ Total amount paid _____

I need a first floor room _____ Balance due _____

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Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

2007 Tobit Marriage Preparation weekends

All weekends begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and end at noon on Sunday

- May 18-20
- June 15-17
- July 20-22
- September 14-16
- November 2-4



Our final Morning for Moms for 2007!

October 2
Parenting With Truth and Grace Dr. Tim Heck

Check-in and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Program begins at 9:00 and concludes after lunch at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Cost is just \$25 and includes childcare
Advance registration required! Space in childcare is limited!

Volunteers and Friends Monthly Mass and Social:

Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by continental breakfast and social time

- April 30
- none in May
- June 25
- July 30
- August 27
- September 24
- October 29
- November 26
- none in December

Sunday Night '101' Workshop Series:

From 7:00-9:00 p.m. each night
No cost, but donations welcome
To help prepare for number of participants, advance registration is appreciated

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| April 22 | Franciscan Spirituality 101 | Sr. Norma Rocklage, OSF |
| June 3 | Labyrinth 201 | Bill Coleman |
| August 12 | Dominican Spirituality 101 | Sr. Romona Nowak, OP |
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