



## Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center

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Dear Father,

It has been our pleasure in years past to welcome retreatants from your parish to Holy Name Retreat Center for prayer, contemplation, and renewal—thank you for your ardent support in this endeavor. This year our global Passionist Community celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the canonization of our Founder, St. Paul of the Cross, on June 29, 2017. Gaining inspiration from this significant anniversary, our 2017-2018 Catholic Retreat Theme is:

***Ave Crux Spes Unica, meaning, “Hail to the Cross, Our Only Hope.”***

This phrase has its origins in a stanza of an ancient Roman hymn to the True Cross of Christ, dating back to the sixth century: *Vexilla Regis*; The Banner of the King. Incidentally, the expression has been embraced by St. Edith Stein, the Congregation of the Holy Cross and our own Cardinal Daniel DiNardo has adopted this prayerful dictum as his episcopal motto.

As in the past, we have scheduled your parish for a specific weekend during our retreat season, which runs from October 2017 through June 2018. Please see the enclosed retreat schedule and brochure for further details. Communication is coming soon to your designated Parish Captain that will assist their efforts for retreat promotion and registration.

As a reminder, the Retreat Center offers its beautiful grounds and facilities to outside organizations for retreats, days of reflections, workshops, and conferences, either on the weekends or mid-week. Churches, religious orders, schools, lay apostolates, and numerous non-profits have benefitted from our amenities. Please share with your staff and lay apostolates about using our location for their events. For more information on booking the Retreat Center, please contact our Host Program Coordinator, John Chambers, at [jchambers@passionist.org](mailto:jchambers@passionist.org) or by calling (713) 464-0211.

Please pray for us as we remain ever vigilant in our earthly pilgrimage.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

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