



Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center

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Dear Father,

It has been some years since we've had the pleasure of hosting your parish for a Catholic Retreat here at Holy Name Retreat Center. This letter is to bring to your attention our new retreat season starting in October and to invite your parishioners to take part of one of our weekend retreats. On June 29, 2017, our global Passionist Community celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the canonization of our Founder, St. Paul of the Cross. 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.

Thus far, your parish has not been involved in retreat offerings at Holy Name and our Promotions Committee and Staff are eager to have you join our retreat family in the coming season. To get started, we only need one or two individuals that you can identify who can act as a liaison with our promotion committee. We will provide all the tools necessary that will assist their efforts for retreat promotion and registration. Please review the enclosed retreat schedule and brochure for further details.

The Retreat Center also 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. For more information on joining one of our Catholic Retreats or booking the Retreat Center for an event, call (713) 464-0211 to speak to one of our friendly staff.

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

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Barbieri, C.P.

Director of Retreats

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