



Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center

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Portrait of Christ: Encountering The Truth

Dear Father,

Blessed be the HOLY NAME of Jesus! I humbly take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the new Director of Ministry at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center. Since 1947, the Retreat Center has been offering Catholic preached retreats for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, in the spirit of our founder, St. Paul of the Cross. Conducting retreats has been the apostolate of the Passionists for 300 years.

Your parishioners are nourished spiritually by an experienced and joyful preaching team of Passionists religious, other diligent clerics, and educated lay women and men who have a zeal for souls. Rest assured that the prayer lives and general safety of your parishioners are the fundamental priorities of the caring Retreat Center Staff. The Retreat Center provides for the well-being of all your parishioners from the moment they arrive on Friday to their peaceful departure on Sunday.

Portrait of Christ: Encountering The Truth is our 2021-2022 Retreat Season theme focusing on the writings and personal encounters of St. Paul the Apostle and St. Paul of The Cross. The faithful who will attend a retreat this season will gain a deeper appreciation capturing the reverence, excitement, and newness of an encounter with the Truth, what is to say with Christ Himself, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, particularly in modern society plagued by a cancel culture and relativism. The Preaching Team and Retreatants will be given a unique opportunity to “paint a portrait” of Christ through exploring various encounters with Him and with others in their lives as experienced through the Scriptures, at home, in their parish communities, and out in the world.

This year’s Retreat Season is extra special for it falls within the 300th Anniversary of the Passionist Congregation. Your Parishioners will get the opportunity to participate in the prayerful and festive spirit of this Tricentennial Jubilee.

We thank you for your support of our mission and ask humbly of you as the shepherd of your parish, to encourage the faithful to make a retreat in this unique and challenging year. I ask that you provide the necessary affirmation and encouragement to the dedicated retreat captains from your parish. Being a pastor in times of a pandemic has been demanding but also an opportunity to use all of your God-given talents and creativity. A retreat experience like no other, in a year like no other, could assist you with own efforts of pastoral care.

May the Passion of Jesus Christ and the Sorrows of Mary, our Mother, be always in our hearts!

Yours prayerfully and ever grateful,

Rev. Nicholas M. Divine, C.P.
Director of Ministry