

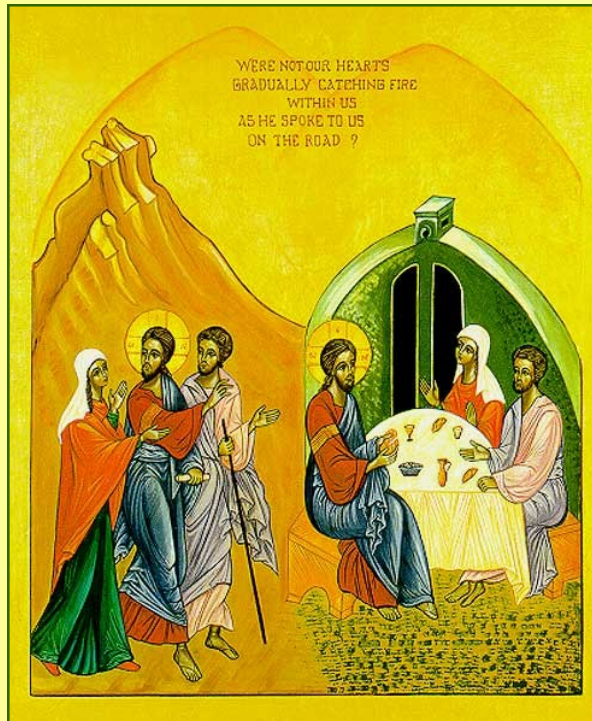

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Presents

**The Second Annual
 Contemplative Retreat**

*People of Pilgrimage:
 The Gift of Sabbath*



**An Ecumenical Gathering of Pilgrims
 on Oblate Hill**

2:30 PM Sunday, Mar.27
 to
 Noon, Thursday, Mar 31, 2011

*Open to all who share a desire for a Spirit-led life
 and companionship on the journey.*

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People of Pilgrimage: The Gift of Sabbath
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Time is the locus of God's activity. But for most of us it has become a cruel task master. Our retreat will explore time as a gift of the Spirit. We will think widely about the concept of Sabbath and there will be practical suggestions about ways of "making Sabbath."

Our teacher for this retreat is Bonnie Thurston.



Photo by Jane W. Rotch

Bonnie, a native of West Virginia, currently lives in solitude near Wheeling, WV having resigned the William F. Orr Professorship in New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2002. She earned the B.A. in English (First Honors) from Bethany College, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Virginia. Her church affiliations include the Episcopal Church and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She was ordained in 1984 and has served as co-pastor, pastor, or interim of five churches and twice in overseas ministries. She is a spiritual director and retreat speaker. Bonnie has written or edited 16 theological books and over a hundred articles. Her poetry frequently appears in religious periodicals, and she has authored two volumes of verse, both published in Wales. Bonnie is a widow, an avid reader, gardener and cook, enjoys classical music (especially the opera and liturgical music) and loves the West Virginia hills.



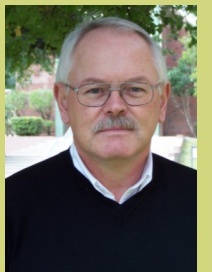
Some retreatants may want to read *Sabbath* by Abraham J. Heschel, available in paperback at Viva! Books and other stores.

Discernment Questions



- ◇ Do you feel drawn to deepen and expand a contemplative stance in your life?
- ◇ Do you thirst for an experience of encountering Great Silence?
- ◇ Do you long for a holy experience of pilgrimage in your daily life?
- ◇ Are you open to a sacred encounter with other Pilgrims?
- ◇ Do you desire to bring a contemplative attitude and presence to your work in ways that will impact the organization?
- ◇ Do you hunger for an encounter with others in your area to share this particular call for prayer?

Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI will also offer a teaching. He is an author, retreat leader, and community builder. He currently is the president of Oblate School of Theology.



Spiritual Conveners of the Journey:

Suzanne Broussard
 Rosalyn Falcon Collier
 Rev. Mary Earle
 Sylvia Maddox

Registration Form



Return, O my soul, to your tranquility, for the Lord has been good to you.

Psalm 116:7



- ◇ Oblate Hill provides a welcome retreat setting and tranquil grounds for quiet walks and contemplation.
- ◇ Healthy, delicious meals are prepared by our gourmet chef and staff.
- ◇ For pilgrims who would prefer to stay overnight at Oblate Renewal Center, private and semi-private accommodations are available.

Local Partners

**Benedictine Sisters
Called Back to the Well at OST
Colonial Hills United Methodist Church
Congregation of Divine Providence
Contemplative Outreach of San Antonio
The Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health**

**Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation
Episcopal Diocese of West Texas,
Department of Christian Education
Eremos, a Center of Contemplative Life,
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St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
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St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word
The S.O.L. Center, University
Presbyterian Church**

**Viva! Bookstore
The Work + Shop**

Registration (including meals): \$350

Early registration:

\$300 if postmarked by Jan. 10, 2011

\$325 if postmarked by Feb. 10, 2011

**For Pilgrimage specific questions:
peopleofpilgrimage@juno.com**

Mail registration to

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Pilgrimage Itinerary

Sunday, Mar. 27

2:00 PM Check in
2:30 PM Pilgrimage gathering
4:00 PM Group intro and reflection
5:00 PM Plenary Session
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM *Time: The Forgotten Spiritual Gift*
8:45 PM Night Prayers

Monday, Mar. 28

7:00 AM Optional Journey Prayer
7:30 AM Resting meditation
8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM *A Sabbath Rest for the People of God*
Noon Lunch
3:00 PM *Making Sabbath*
6:00 PM Dinner
8:00 PM *Re-membling: Time and the Eucharist* and the celebration of Eucharist, followed by our entering into Great Silence

Tuesday and Wednesday, Mar. 29 & 30 in Silence

7:00 AM Optional Journey Prayer
Resting meditation
9:30 AM, 4:00 PM, & 7:00 PM
Optional exercises, and a teaching from Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Thursday, Mar. 31

7:00 AM Great Silence ends
8:00 AM Breakfast
9:30 AM *Thou Shalt Meet Me in a Moment of Time*
11:00 AM Closing Ritual
Noon Lunch and departure

Retreatants attending the entire retreat may receive a certificate of continuing education for 30 clock hours.

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Special needs: _____

Lodging

____ Single Occupancy **\$ 55 per night**

____ Double Occupancy **\$ 35 per night**

____ Commuter

Name of roommate: _____

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__ Mar. 27 __ Mar.28 __ Mar.29 __ Mar. 30

total for lodging\$ _____

____ Registration Fee

____ Lodging

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