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WHITE HOUSE RETREAT - Saint Louis, Missouri

*Through the years, calling, inviting
all to come to know the Lord
and accept His Gift of Peace*

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Captains' Cookout

On May 19 we held our annual Captains' Cookout on the grounds of White House. This is our way of saying "Thanks" to our captains who continue to recruit, register and shepherd so many of our retreatants. Our captains are the backbone of the White House recruiting and will continue to be so.

All of us, though, are the "evangelists" of White House. We need each retreatant to reach out to

someone, to invite a friend or relative to come to White House. There is no greater recruiting tool than the personal testimony of a White House retreatant. There is no greater gift retreatants can give to White House than reaching out and bringing "new" retreatants with them.

Let us all help our captains and help White House as we pray that "Each one will reach one!"

Each One Reach One

Come and See



The grounds of White House, while always beautiful, are even more spectacular in the late spring and summer. Come and enjoy the beauty of White House and bring someone with you. Many have never seen White House and do not know the treasure that sits here overlooking the Mississippi. This is another way of introducing White House to a larger audience.

The grounds and the chapel are always open after 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoons during most of the year. Come and see us!

Archdiocesan Priests Retreats

It is a great show of support for White House and a testimony to the regard in which the Church holds this ministry that the priests of the Archdiocese not only come to White House but are also investigating the possibility of more retreats with us. Being available to the priests of our Archdiocese is one of the ways in which we can serve best the Church in our area. Please continue to pray for your priests!

WHITE HOUSE GIFT CERTIFICATES

Have you been wondering how to get a friend, loved one, or co-worker to a White House Retreat? Consider purchasing a White House gift certificate. Gift certificates can be purchased for any amount and can be used to pay for bookstore items, women's retreat registration fees, or for an entire retreat. Certificates can be included with a registration form or can be enclosed in an offering envelope at the end of the retreat. Each certificate has the name of the donor(s), beneficiary's name, and the dollar amount. They are numbered individually, so if a certificate is lost, a replacement can be obtained. Instructions are included with each certificate. Please contact the office for details.

Summer Break

White House will be closed for summer maintenance from June 28th through July 14th. While the office will remain open during this time, due to vacation scheduling it will have a smaller staff to handle any immediate business. If all can hold other business until after the summer break, we will appreciate it.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND RETREAT

Once again we will hold our Labor Day Weekend retreat. This is a great opportunity for those who find it difficult to get away from work or home for our usual three day weekend retreat. This retreat begins on Friday evening, September 3, 2010, and ends after lunch on Sunday, September 5, 2010. This retreat also offers the opportunity for couples who might want to come to a retreat together or those who wish to bring a son or daughter with them to White House since the retreat is open to both women and men. It could even be an annual event for parents and adult children together!

Perhaps there is someone whom you wish to introduce to the experience of a weekend retreat – this is a great opportunity to do this.

Father Jim Burshek, S.J., the director of White House, will preach the annual Labor Day weekend retreat this year. This is a great way to “Come away and rest awhile” with loved ones and friends and still have time to celebrate as family the Labor Day holiday.

As always at White House there is no set charge, only a free will offering which each retreatant makes. Our suggested offering for the weekend is \$200 – but we hope that all interested people will come, whatever their particular financial situation.

Please call the office at 314-416-6400 to get more information and to register.

PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON

Now that the elevator project has been completed and is in full use, we need to move on to less obvious but just as necessary work around White House. One major project on the horizon is the repair and reseating of all the windows in the wonderful Mudd Chapel here at White House. Over the years with the expansion and contraction of the windows through the seasons, many have become bowed and need to be releaded and reseated. These windows are one of the genuine assets and treasures of White House – their maintenance is a part of the stewardship to which we are



called. This is a major project which we will begin as soon as adequate funding is available.

Other projects, again not that showy, are the bringing of our laundry service “in house” and the repair of sidewalks. One retreat group, in referring to our bath towels, asked if we could get new “sand paper!” (Yes, the towels do often come back from the laundry service stiff and rough.) Our hope is not only to save money by bringing this “in house” but also to have better quality control.



Women’s Initiative

A wonderful group of women continues to pursue ways to promote White House retreats in their parishes and among their friends and relatives. Their goals are to inform each parish about the women’s retreats through the identification of a parish representative, to invite retreatants to take their retreat experience back to their parish, and to find more ways to promote these retreats through local Catholic media, esp. the St. Louis Review. We invite all White House retreatants, women and men, to spread the word about White House and the opportunities for women’s retreats. Even after nearly 30 years of offering retreats for women, there are still many times that women say, “I did not know we could come to White House for a retreat.” All of us need to continue to spread the word about these retreats.

Women’s 2010 Retreats

We look forward to having you here for one of the Women’s Retreats in 2010. The atmosphere of quiet and the spirit of prayer with and for others will help bring you closer to the Lord so you may hear what God has to say to you through the Spirit, who is always awaiting you at White House with gifts of peace and joy.

We also want to thank you for your help in promoting White House retreats. There are women who will only make a retreat if

you invite them. Please invite them to share a retreat experience

with you. Our Lord will bless your efforts.

WEEKDAY

- #86 July 19 – 22
- #85 September 13 – 16
- #87 October 4 – 7
- #88 October 18 – 21
- #89 November 15 – 18

WEEKEND

- #22 June 17 – 20 Father’s Day weekend
(men & women in recovery)
- #78 July 22 – 25
- #41 September 3 – 5 Labor Day weekend
(open to men and women)
- #77 November 18 – 21

Director

- Rev. Jim Kubicki, SJ
- Rev. Edward O’Brien, SJ
- Sr. Marie Schwann, CSJ*
- Rev. Dick Hadel, SJ
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- Rev. Robert Hanlon, SJ
- Rev. Dick Hadel, SJ
- Rev. Jim Burshek, SJ
- Rev. Bob Costello, SJ

Private Retreats

The mission statement of White House retreats reads:

White House Retreat, Inc. is a Jesuit Center offering The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in various formats, primarily the three day preached retreat. White House also offers individually directed retreats of various lengths and preached retreats based on a combination of The Spiritual Exercises and the Twelve Steps of AA. White House provides men and women with an atmosphere of peace and prayer, reflection and self-examination and spiritual direction in the Ignatian tradition.

While the “bread and butter” retreat of White House is the three day preached retreat, we continue to offer individually directed retreats throughout the year for those who wish to spend a bit more time with a director who can guide them in their particular prayer and discernment. Ordinarily, these are men and women who have done other retreats, either preached or individually directed, and who now wish to experience a further way of being with the Lord through prayer and meditation.

These retreats, which ordinarily are from 3 to 5 days in duration, are available throughout the year during the times when regular preached retreats are in session.

Call the office for more information – and consider investigating this way of developing your relationship with our Lord.

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Please remember White House Retreat in your wills, trusts and estate planning.

IN MEMORIAM

Remember in your prayers these retreatants who have died. All are remembered in the daily Masses and prayers of thanksgiving at White House.

Date unknown

Robert C. Goldkamp, Sr.
Alan D. Hert

1992

Arthur (Bud) Leahman

June 1993

Earl P. Robert

May 2008

John H. O'Connell

June 2009

Edward W. Higgins, Sr.
Thomas D. O'Brien, DVM

October 2009

Earl J. Wehrheim

December 2009

J. Donald Ferry, Sr., MD

January 2010

Frank J. Beletz
Clifford A. Curtin
Vincent L. Germanese
Don A. Goeke
Dcn. Joseph E. Hercules
Alois G. Holman
Wayne B. Hoover
Michael J. Lewis
William E. Lister
Virginia C. Owens
John Paul Sullivan
Arlean M. Swoboda
William F. Tatlock
Eugene Leo Topolski
Herbert B. Trende

February 2010

Verna C. Beranek
Alfonso M. Bozada
Mary G. Brennan
Elizabeth A. Christman
Brian F. Clancy
Ronald J. Colbert, Sr.
Antoinette S. Donaldson
Patrick J. Dowling
Lester Joseph Eisenbath
Anthony L. Everding, Sr.
Nuncio D. Farace
Josephine W. Keiser
John J. May
Val Meyer
Walter R. Miller
Frank X. Nally
William E. Nix
Allen E. Palmquist, Sr.
John F. Ready
John G. Rowan
Clyde V. Sturgeon

March 2010

William J. Brennan, Sr.
Jeanne Y. Cole
Frank Cracchiolo
Lauren Dauernheim, PhD
Linda C. Eveld
Marie C. Flerlage
Hon. John B. Gray, Sr.
Richard L. Johannesman, Sr.
Earle J. Kennedy
Melburn T. King
Al W. Koke, Sr.

Gerald F. Morrow
Stanley L. Niebur
Richard R. Pelikan, Sr.
Celeste H. Primeau
William J. Quinn
William S. Simokaitis
Lillian S. Stein
David G. Tschannen
Alfred J. Wessels

April 2010

Joseph C. Botz, II
Joseph T. Burton
David M. Giesler
Louis Anthony Guzman
Richard E. Haferkamp
John J. Handley
Donald J. Haynes
Robert A. Heinze
Robert B. Hendrix
Donald C. Jackson
William C. Kincaid, Sr.
Frank J. Knittig, Sr.
Lawrence Lemberger
Mildred Lynch
Robert H. Matt
John J. McGillick
Raymond J. Mueller
Audrey Pestka
Robert L. Ritzie
Geraldine Schmidt
Herman J. Schmoele
Charles J. Strassburger, Sr.
Richard V. Tague
John M. Tracy

Donald J. Ziegemeier

May 2010

Dominick A. Alessi
Joseph M. Carey
Virginia K. Hughes
Susan M. Kuhnert
Lawrence J. Pittaluga

IN GRATITUDE:

The following friends have asked for memorial gifts to White House Retreat in the wake/funeral notice of a loved one. For helping us in this special way, we extend our most grateful appreciation and thanks to:

The Family

On the death January 20, 2010, of
Vincent L. Germanese

The Family

On the death April 8, 2010, of
John J. McGillick

The Family

On the death April 19, 2010, of
Raymond J. Mueller

The Family

On the death January 20, 2010, of
Herbert Trende