

ECHOS



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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*As Jesus hung on the cross, he forgave the soldiers who had crucified him,
and prayed for his mother and friends.
Jesus wanted all of us to be able to live forever with God,
so he gave all he had for us.*



Moving Forward

We hope to be moving forward soon on several projects which will preserve or promote the “White House experience.” As was mentioned in previous issues of *Echoes*, the windows in the chapel at White House stand in need of repair and renovation. This is not an inexpensive task. Thanks to being part of a recent trust, we have the resources to move forward with this important project. Also we now have the resources to begin to bring the “laundry” requirements of our work “in house.” This will not only be a cost saver for us as we move ahead but will also give us more quality control, assuring that our towels feel more like towels and less like “sandpaper” (as some retreatants have humorously(?) commented).

A retreatant has also given us a gift to help us with the renovation and repair of our outdoor stations. This gift of about \$5,500 is meant to be an incentive gift, helping us to attain the total cost of this renovation which is \$11,000. If you are interested in helping us match this gift, please contact our office.

We are blessed with so many who love White House and generously support us. We ask for your continuing generosity.



Father Ed O'Brien, S.J.

As many of you know, the White House Retreat community suffered a great

loss with the death of Fr. Ed O'Brien, S.J., on March 1, 2011. Fr. Ed was a wonderful retreat director, confessor, counselor, friend, priest and Jesuit. Fr. Ed had been a member of the White House Retreat community since 2003, this being his third period of service at White House.

It is difficult to speak too highly of Fr. Ed. He was an inspiring example of prayerfulness, simplicity and generous service. Over the years those whom he served developed a great affection for Fr. Ed, recognizing in him a deep spirituality and a genuine commitment to others. The number of men and women who sought his advice and spiritual direction was almost incalculable. He seemed to always have time for anyone who wanted to talk or wanted someone to listen simply and compassionately. Many people have spoken of what a difference Fr. Ed made in their lives. It seems that after speaking with Fr. Ed people came away realizing more profoundly how deep God's love was for them.

Toward the end of his life, as he was in the hospital or in the Jesuit infirmary, Fr. Ed always asked about White House and most particularly about the men and women who were on retreat. He always said, "Tell them that I am praying for them." We have every confidence that we still have this wonderful advocate, praying for all of us who are privileged to be members of the White House Retreat community.

May he rest in the Lord's peace!



Captains' Cookout

The "engine" which drives everything we are able to do at White House is the Captains organization which recruits and registers retreatants for White House. Without these captains and their work, there is no White House as we know it.

We celebrated the work of our captains this year with our annual Captains Cookout on June 1, 2011. Over 200 people came together – captains, their invited guests, pastors of local parishes, musicians, members of the White House staff. As is our tradition, we feasted on pork steaks, bratwurst, salsiccia and all the fixings prepared by Br. John Fava, Mike Aufmuth, and Bertie Kelly and her dining room staff.

Please continue to help support our captains by helping them recruit others to "come apart and rest awhile" here at White House. There is no volunteer group anywhere that can match our captains. Thank God for them!



Milestones



Ann Flerlage



John Buck



Dr. Russ Weber

Among many long time visitors, awards were recently presented to Ann Flerlage for attending over 30 retreats, to John Buck for attending 55 retreats, and to Dr. Russ Weber for attending 60 retreats.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND RETREAT

For several years now, White House has offered a 2 day weekend retreat that varied somewhat from the usual White House format. This retreat begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon and is open to both women and men. Sometimes couples decide to take the opportunity to attend this retreat together and to introduce a spouse to White House.

Many people, often younger people or those recently beginning a new job or a new family, have told us how difficult it is to begin a retreat on Thursday evening and be away from home or work on Friday. We hope this retreat will help make the White House experience more accessible to these groups.

Fr. Dick Hadel, S.J., will preach the Labor Day 2011 weekend retreat for men and women which will be held from the evening of Friday, September 2, 2011, to about 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 4, 2011.

This retreat does not have Captains to promote it. Please encourage sons, daughters, relatives, friends to consider making this White House retreat. (Of course, we hope you will consider coming also!) The suggested offering for these retreats is \$200, but, as with all White House retreats, the individual offering is whatever the individual freely chooses to make. Call the office (314-416-6400) to receive more information and to register.



Women's Retreats 2011

If you have not had an opportunity to attend a Women's Retreat this year, space is available on the dates shown below. Please share the White House experience by inviting a friend or loved one to join you. For information or reservations, please contact White House Retreat at 314-416-6400, 1-800-643-1003 or visit our web site at www.whretreat.org.

Weekday Retreats

- #86 July 18 – 21
- #85 September 12 – 15
- #87 October 3 – 6
- #88 October 17 – 20 (limited)
- #89 November 14 – 17

Weekend Retreats

- #78 July 21 – 24 (limited)
- #41 September 2 – 4 (2-Day Co-ED)
Labor Day weekend
- #77 November 17 – 20

Director

- Rev. Jack Callahan, SJ
- Rev. Jim Burshek, SJ
- Rev. Mike May, SJ
- Rev. Bob Costello, SJ
- Rev. Joe Damhorst, SJ

Director

- Rev. Jim Harbaugh, SJ
- Rev. Dick Hadel, SJ
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HELP BRING WOMEN TO WHITE HOUSE

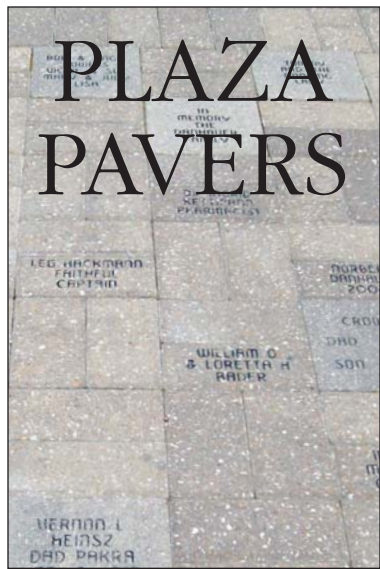
If you are interested in posting periodic announcements of Women's Retreats in your parish bulletin, please contact Cyndi Barton at cyndib@whretreat.org to be added to our email list for updated sample announcements. These announcements have proven to be very effective in bringing new women to White House Retreat.

WOMEN AMBASSADOR SPEAKERS

A group of women, formed by the Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees, is available and eager to speak to any Catholic women's groups about White House Retreat. If you are interested in having our Ambassadors visit your parish or women's group, please contact the White House office for scheduling.

Gift Certificates

White House Gift Certificates are available in any denomination through the office.



Paver bricks for the Plaza opposite Snyder Hall are still available to remember a loved one, fellow retreatant, a retreat group or others in a special way. Donations are \$300.00 for a single brick and \$500.00 for double bricks. Please contact the office for an order form.

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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

Donald Frazier
 Duane E. Olmstead

February 2010

Jason W. Bracy

August 2010

Amy L. Osmoe

October 2010

John T. (JT) Seesing

November 2010

Alfred F. Mengwasser

December 2010

Gerald A. Burton
 Donald W. Vogt, Sr.

January 2011

Lawrence J. Auer, Sr.
 Louis P. (Pete) Bosch
 Stephen B. Brady
 David M. Brennan, Sr.
 William L. Conley, Sr.
 Charles H. Feldmann
 Robert L. Fuchs
 Aloysius W. Gogel
 Helen D. (Betty) Gorla
 S. Gallivan Hunter
 Bonnie M. Kane
 Mildred B. Knapp
 Robert O. Kortkamp
 William B. Kramer, Jr.
 Keith A. Mertens
 Eugene A. Meyer

Margaret J. Miller
 Celeste A. O'Connor
 Donald C. Pashia

Leo G. Pauly
 Alice Sargent
 Kenneth L. Schneider
 Mary Ellen Schwartz

Joseph L. Sears, Sr.
 Edward G. Shinall
 Margaret M. Shinall
 Gilbert H. Stellern

Kenneth L. Stuckenschneider
 Lawrence Tobey
 Joseph Tobias
 Frank Traina

February 2011

Richard A. Bampton
 William B. Byrne
 William E. Cribbin
 Otto C. (Dutch) Hoelscher
 M. Virginia Kelley
 John W. Kinsella
 John C. Kippenberger
 Francis M. Linek
 James L. McGuire
 L. Charles Meyer, DDS
 Alexander A. Pogorzelski
 John M. Ringwald
 Henry J. Rosler
 Paul L. Rothermich
 Vincent Schillizzi
 Mary Grace Sedlak
 Salomon N. Selman
 Donald J. Sheeran

Herman J. Suter
 Charles A. Uxa

March 2011

Norman A. Albers
 Robert E. Barrett
 Edward F. Beeh, Sr.
 Marie M. Bruce
 Laneva A. DeHart
 William J. Ebert
 Carl R. Gaertner
 Richard T. Galbierz
 Mary C. (Cele) Gilmore
 Oliver J. (Jack) Heck, Jr.
 Vincent W. Kloeckner, Sr.
 Lawrence B. Krebs
 Robert L. Krekeler
 Norbert F. Ladd
 Rev. Edward C. O'Brien, SJ
 Jerome A. Osmoe
 Alvin J. Piper
 William J. Rademacher
 Francis R. Slay
 John M. Soell
 Henry F. Suellentrop
 Theodore L. Tryniecki

April 2011

Darrell Beck
 Joan J. Coerver
 Arthur J. Deschler
 E. Warren Dinan, Jr.
 Eugene H. Hagene
 John Kitchin
 John O. McGuire

John A. O'Connell, DDS
 Virginia F. Phillips
 John L. Pudlowski
 Leo W. Reiniger, Jr.
 Hubert J. Schlafly, Jr.
 Thomas S. Sheehan, III
 Ferrell L. Shelton
 James A. Siebelts
 Charles P. Stanley, II
 Weldon J. Zoellner

May 2011

Louis Altemeyer
 James A. Auffenberg, Sr.
 Donald P. Belgeri, Sr.
 Eugene A. Bene, Sr.
 Barbara A. Borgmeyer
 Jacqueline M. Buckley
 Michael J. Corrigan
 Clement P. Donnelly
 Gerard O. Ganz
 Donald J. Groebl, Sr.
 Robert J. Kargus
 Vernon H. Knobbe
 Eugene E. Koncki, Sr.
 Andrew M. Luh, MD
 Dr. Joseph F. Lutkewitte
 Bernard H. Mangelsdorf
 Delphine McClellan
 Thomas R. McNeil, Sr.
 Dorothy Jane Muldoon
 Delberta L. (Happi) Schulz
 Gary A. Stelzer
 Emil A. Ullrich

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 Jan. 28, 2011, of
Stephen B. Brady

The Family

On the death May 4, 2011, of
Clement P. Donnelly

The Family

On the death May 14, 2011, of
Vernon H. Knobbe

The Family

On the death March 1, 2011, of
Rev. Edward C. O'Brien, SJ

The Family

On the death April 15, 2011, of
John L. Pudlowski

The Family

On the death May 17, 2011, of
Delberta (Happi) Schulz

The Family

On the death Jan. 25, 2011, of
Joseph L. Sears

The Family

On the death May 3, 2011, of
Gary A. Stelzer