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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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*There is an appointed time
for everything,
and a time for every affair
under the heavens.*

Advent Prayer Days

The women and men of White House have enjoyed the seasonal days of prayer in preparation for the major feasts of the Church year. White House Retreat is happy, therefore, to offer once again two days of prayer during the Advent season in preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity. This is a chance to take some time for peace and quiet reflection on the mystery of the Word made flesh, the unimaginable love of God revealed in Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Besides the chance for personal spiritual preparation for Christmas, these days provide an opportunity to introduce new people to White House. Please come and bring some friends with you!

Fr. Jim Burshek, S.J., will lead the Day of Prayer on Monday, December 5 and on Monday, December 12. The same reflections will be presented on both days.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The first presentation will begin at 9:15 a.m. The day will close with the celebration of the Eucharist and end by 2:30 p.m. There will be two morning reflections, lunch, and an afternoon reflection before the Eucharist. There will be a number of priests available during the day for those who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.

To register please send your name(s), phone number and e-mail address to White House Retreat, 7400 Christopher Drive, St Louis, MO 63129. Please include your non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00 per person.

For future planning: Lenten Prayer Days will be offered on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012 and Monday of Holy Week, April 2, 2013.

God go with you, dear friend!

At the end of August one of the dearest members of our White House staff retired – **Mrs. Alberta Kelley!** Most of us knew her simply as “Bertie” and appreciated her warmth, her dedication and her genuine care for all of our retreatants. Bertie worked with us over 21 years and served as our Food Service Manager for over 11 years. We always promised our retreatants that “Bertie will take good care of you” and she never let us down. We will miss her expertise and her smiling face here at White House. We all pray she



will have a wonderful time during her retirement and will come back to see us often. God bless you, Bertie!



At the same time, we are proud to present **Lisa Auer** as our new Food Service Manager. Lisa has been with us for many years and knows our kitchen, our operation and our retreatants well. We can promise that the long-standing White House tradition of excellent meals and excellent service will continue!

How Can We Better Serve the Lord?

This question comes to us through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. When we realize the overwhelming love God has for each of us, we seek to respond always as well as we can. We want to serve the Lord our God as well as we can. For this reason, we are never complacent or self-satisfied in our service.

In this context, then, the White House Board of Trustees has recently entered into a visioning and strategic planning process, looking at ways we can better serve our Lord through White House Retreat. Our hope is that we can build on and strengthen our wonderful programs and traditions, while continuing to investigate what we need to do to insure our future service here at White House. The Lord has given us so many gifts here at White House. Our task is to use these as well as we can in response to God’s goodness and for the benefit of His body, the Church.

A Gift to White House— Which Costs Nothing!

Each One Reach One

So often when we think of what we can give to White House, we may think of some financial gift that we might make. Of course, White House both needs and deeply appreciates those who remember us in their monetary gifts and through their remembering us in their wills and trusts – we cannot maintain the high standards all expect of us at White House without these generous gifts!

But there is another gift and another legacy which people can leave which is completely free! That gift is the gift of inviting and bringing men and women to White House. Almost every retreatant is here because someone **like you** made an invitation to “Come with me to White House!”

No matter what someone’s financial means may be, **all are able to give this gift.** Please be our ambassador and invite someone to come to White House. Many of you are children of our dear departed retreatants – you are their legacy to us! Have you invited your children, your grandchildren to continue this legacy? We need you to do this so that White House will always be filled with men and women like you praying to and being with Our Lord!

A full retreat house is the greatest legacy you can give us!

Milestones

Jim Altadonna and Lee Judd, Sr. have been faithfully attending and bringing men to White House retreats for more than 65 years. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and service.



Jim Altadonna



Lee Judd

**Mark your calendars:
Captains’ Cookout will be
Wednesday, May 30, 2012.
Further details and sign up
information will follow later.**

What's Going On

Thanks to some recent gifts from very generous benefactors, we have begun some projects which had been on hold for some time. The outdoor stations are being renovated and refurbished. This work will not only make them as attractive as they deserve to be but will insure their preservation for years (and retreatants) to come. Also, the complete laundry operation will be brought "in house" in the months ahead. This will not only help us control costs but will also help raise the "quality" of our laundered goods. No longer will we have to hear the somewhat whimsical question from our retreatants concerning the bath towels: "Where can I get another piece of sandpaper?!"



The biggest project being undertaken will be the cleaning and repair of all the windows in the chapel. These windows are a major treasure of White House and our retreatants. This work, though not inexpensive, will preserve this treasure for all of us.

Women's Retreats 2011-2012

2011 Fall Retreats

If you have not had an opportunity to attend a women's retreat this year, please join us this fall and invite a friend to share the unique experience of a White House Retreat. We currently have space available on the following retreats:

Date

#88 October 17 – 20 (space is limited)
#89 November 14 – 17
#77 November 17 - 20

Director

Rev. Bob Costello, S.J.
Rev. Joe Damhorst, S.J.
Rev. Dick Hadel, S.J.

2012 Women's Retreats

Registration letters will be mailed in early January. We will begin taking reservations on Monday, January 23, 2012. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 must accompany registration forms for Women's retreats.

Midweek Retreats

#82 April 16 – 19
#83 May 7 – 10
#85 September 10 – 13
#87 October 1 – 4
#88 October 15 – 18
#89 November 12 – 15

Weekend Retreats

#79 May 24– 27 Memorial Day weekend
#23 June 1 – 3 *Two Day Co-ed*
#22 June 14 – 17 Father's Day weekend
(Men & Women in recovery)
#41 August 17 – 19 *Two Day Co-ed*
#78 July 19 – 22
#77 November 15 – 18

Archdiocesan Priests Retreat

Once again, White House is honored and blessed by many of the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis who will be making their retreat here on November 6 – 10, 2011. Please remember to pray for these wonderful men who continue to serve the Lord and His Church so faithfully.



***“Remember, Lord,
those who have died
and have gone
before us...”***

“May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those who have made White House retreats, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.”

Those words echo through our dining room here at White House at the end of each meal.

The Church has the cherished tradition of remembering our departed in a special way during the month of November. Together with the Church, the Jesuit community of White House invites you to join us and those on retreat during November in this tradition. This “All Souls’ Remembrance” is a way for each of us to pray that those who have gone before us now share in the resurrection of Jesus.

Please include the names of your deceased family members and friends in the blank space on the back of this panel. Cut it off and mail it back to us. The names of your loved ones will be placed in a basket in the Chapel of the Jesuit Martyrs of North America, where they will be remembered at each Mass.

Please do not send an offering. This is a small token of our appreciation for all you do for us.

May God bless you and your family.

**The Jesuit Community
of White House Retreat**

Dear Fathers:

Please remember these departed loved ones in your Masses during the month of November.



**May They Rest
In Peace**

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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.

August 2008

John F. Forgy

Richard A. Dohle

Henry J. Dussold

Andrew T. Esker

Violet M. Gillick

Richard E. Jaudes

Charlene A. (Schatzi)

Moylan

Robert J. O'Neil, Jr.

Francis H. Peirick

Merlin A. Schneider

Mary Jane Schrader

William R. Smith

George T. Thomas

Chester A. Vlasak

Raymond L. Smith

Della L. Wagener

August 2011

Richard H. Benedick

Bernard J. Callanan

Brendon P. Carmody, II

Thomas Cerneka

James T. Cuddihee

Rev. William B. Faherty, SJ

Suzanne E. Godfrey

Henry F. Hendel

Kenneth W. Horan

Cecil S. Koechner

Robert A. Koetting, OD

Raymond H. Mertens

Alice L. Moore

William G. (Jerry) Morrissey

David E. Murray

John J. Niehaus

Anthony Palazzolo

Eugenia (Gene) M. Schmitt

Donald G. Wilhelm

September 2011

Jean Bentz

Jerome J. Krus, Sr.

Gertrude L. Selover

Gregory L. Sommer

January 2010

Clement O. Scheffer, Jr.

March 2010

Donald Frazier

December 2010

James O. Cripps

February 2011

Robert J. Bevins

March 2011

Thaddeus W. Krzeczowski

April 2011

Rudolphe L. Motard

May 2011

Robert A. Killoren

John H. McCord

June 2011

William E. Alexander

Stanley G. Apprill

Charles Barbaglia

Leonard W. Beckring, Sr.

Albert F. Benz

Raymond P. Brune

Eleanor J. Caffrey

Timothy J. Crowe

July 2011

James J. Bohn

Donald G. Conley

Nicholas A. Damico

George B. Desloge

Edwin S. Gibson, Jr.

Edward J. Grigaitis

John E. Guignon, Jr.

Gerald C. Hemann, Sr.

Frank B. Hoormann

Edward J. Konarzewski

Donald L. Mangelsdorf

George Hugh McCartney

James J. McGauley

Norman E. Patrick

James K. Richter

Edward B. Schmittgens

Leroy Senters

William J. Shannahan

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 April 27, 2011,
of

Arthur J. Deschler

Clip and enclose in an envelope addressed to:

**All Souls Remembrance
White House Retreat**
7400 Christopher Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63129

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