



Association of Benedictine Retreat Centers

Biennial Conference August 22-25, 2013

St. Benedict's Retreat Center, Benet Lake, Wisconsin

“All Are Welcome: Extending Hospitality to Those on the Margins”

Thursday, August 22

- 2:00—5:00 p.m. Registration
- 5:00 p.m. Social — Retreat Center Dining Room
- 5:30 p.m. Supper — Retreat Center Dining Room
- 6:30 p.m. Welcome — Monte Cassino
- “Lesbian and Gay Catholics: What Does the Church Say About Them?” by Fr. Bob Pierson
- Evening Prayer — Abbey Church

Friday, August 23

- 6:30 a.m. Vigils — Abbey Church (optional)
- 7:30 a.m. Lauds/Morning Prayer — Abbey Church
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast — Retreat Center Dining Room
- 9:15 a.m. “Retreat Centers as Wildlife Sanctuaries: Safe Shelter for Endangered Spirits”
by Prof. M. Sheila Nelson — Monte Cassino Room
- 10:00 a.m. Silent Reflection Time
- 10:30 a.m. Panel with Questions and Answers
- 11:45 p.m. Break
- 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer — Abbey Church
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch — Retreat Center Dining Room
- Personal Time
- 2:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions
(further exploring hospitality on the margins)
- Insights from Prison Ministry with S. Kathleen Atkinson OSB
 - Personal Testimony from the Margins with Fred, Carol, and Michael John Weber:
A Loving Gay Relationship
 - Ministry to Non-present Young Adults:
Exploring Lessons from Taizé with Sam Rahberg
- 3:45 p.m. Break
- 4:00 p.m. Best Ideas I
- 5:15 p.m. Break
- 5:30 p.m. Supper — Retreat Center Dining Room
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Monte Cassino Room
- Social — Pavilion

Saturday, August 24

- 6:30 a.m. Vigils — Abbey Church (optional)
- 7:30 a.m. Lauds/Morning Prayer — Abbey Church
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast — Retreat Center Dining Room
- 9:15 a.m. “Marriage and Remarriage: A Pastoral Response” by Rev. Charles Schramm
— Monte Cassino Room
- 10:00 a.m. Silent Reflection Time [Refreshments available]
- 10:30 a.m. Panel with Questions and Answers
- 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer — Abbey Church
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch — Retreat Center Dining Room
Personal Time
- 2:00 p.m. Best Ideas II
- 3:45 p.m. Business meeting — Monte Cassino Room
- 5:30 p.m. Eucharistic celebration (Sunday liturgy) — Retreat Center Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Closing Banquet (Turkey Dinner in Retreat Center Dining Room)

Sunday, August 25—Travel Day

Continental breakfast available — Retreat Center Dining Room

Bon Voyage!