

Simple Graces Retreat

October 2-4, 2009

Mathew Kessler, C.Ss.R and Gretchen Schwenker, Ph.D.

This faith-building, preached retreat uses the book, *Simple Graces: Poems for Meditation and Prayer*, to incorporate timeless, thought-provoking poems to examine the role God and his grace play in the stages and events of our lives.

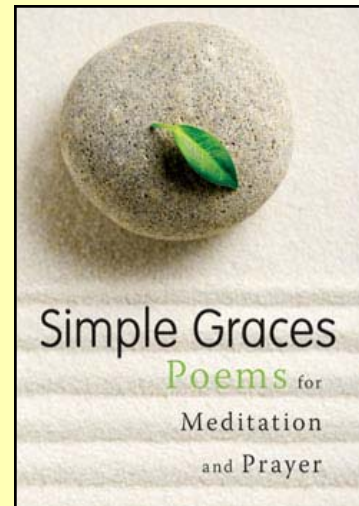
With reflection on faith-filled works from poets including Wendell Berry, Anna Akhmatova, Naomi Shihab Nye, Jessica Powers, Mary Oliver, and Robert Hayden, this retreat allows participants to explore the Catholic tradition while approaching topics such as:

** How can God be totally other and present in the world at the same time?,*

** Our Quest for God: Connecting to the Mystery - How is this Mystery revealed to us through our daily experiences and through our interconnectedness with others?,*

** When the World Fades Away: Revealing Justice and Peace - When all is said and done with the lives that we have been given, what will have happened?*

** How has God's love been revealed to us and how can we reveal God's love to others?*



Presented by Mathew Kessler, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist priest and the President/Publisher of Liguori Publications, and Gretchen Schwenker, PhD, this retreat will use poetry, theology, and literature to reflect upon God's love and the courage he gives us to embrace our lives with hope, no matter what choices we make or what events befall us. Participants are encouraged to attend the full two-night retreat, as there will be time allowed for interaction and group reflection. Retreat fees: \$200.00 for a single room; \$340.00 for a double room, including meals. Day participation is \$150.00, which includes meals. Participants will need a copy of *Simple Graces*, which will be available for purchase at RRC or a copy can be ordered by going to www.liguori.org



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