

2010 DENVER PROVINCE RETREAT FEBRUARY 8-12, 2010

MISSION IN THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

Gospel Insights from Matthew, Mark & Luke on
BEING CALLED & BEING SENT

RETREAT DIRECTORS: BILL PARKER, C.Ss.R. & DICK MEVISSSEN, C.Ss.R.



YOUR RETREAT DIRECTORS

Bill Parker professed his vows as a Redemptorist in 1967, and was ordained a priest in 1973. He did graduate study in Semitic Languages & Biblical Studies at Catholic University of America, and taught Scripture at Mt. St. Alphonsus Seminary in Esopus, NY, and later at St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO. He also has served as: parish priest; pastor; college seminary residence formation director; retreat staff member at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, KS; and in publications ministry at Liguori, MO, including a stint as editor of Liguorian. He continues to write Bible Study materials for Liguorian Publications, and currently serves as director of Desert House of Prayer, across the road from the Redemptorist Renewal Center outside Tucson, AZ.

Dick Mevissen professed his vows as a Redemptorist in 1961, and was ordained a priest in 1966. He did graduate study in Catechetical Theology at Manhattan College, and later in Religious Education at Catholic University of America. He taught Introductory Theology and Education courses at Holy Redeemer College in Waterford, WI as well as short courses at St. Alphonsus College in Suffield, CT. While at Waterford, he also taught adult faith formation classes for teachers and parents. He has served as a parish priest; pastor; director of a college seminary residence; director of Redemptorist Picture Rocks Retreat (as it was then called); chaplain at the IHM Sisters Motherhouse in Monroe, MI; and director of Desert House of Prayer. Over the years, he has been involved in a wide variety of family life ministries: married couples; engaged couples; divorced & widowed (he currently serves on the International Board of Beginning Experience); and gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender Catholics and their families. He currently serves as Provincial Vicar of the Denver Province.

RETREAT LOCATION & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The retreat will be conducted February 8-12, 2010 at Redemptorist Renewal Center at Picture Rocks outside Tucson, AZ, in the uniquely beautiful Sonoran Desert that overlaps northern Mexico and southern Arizona.

On-site registration is scheduled 3:00-5:00 PM Monday afternoon. The retreat will begin with 6:00 PM supper that evening, followed by the opening retreat conference. Two retreat conferences will be offered each day – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Retreatants are welcome to join in daily Morning Meditation and Prayer, as well as Eucharist. The retreat will close with 12:00 noon lunch on Friday.

The Redemptorist discount cost for four nights/five days is \$340.00. Only 40 rooms have been set aside for this retreat. Although it is being sponsored by the Denver Province, invitations also have been sent to the other Redemptorist (Vice) Provinces of North America, so early registration is recommended. Contact the RRC at 520-744-3400 or office@desertrenewal.org. Peter Tran, RRC retreat coordinator, can be contacted at 520-744-3400, ext. 115 or pt@desertrenewal.org.

The desert is calling you for a time of renewal of heart, mind, and body. The retreat theme of MISSION could not be more timely for Redemptorists. The Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are filled with abundant and rich material on this theme. Come.